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Jarawa Facts

The Andaman Trunk Road, which cuts through the Jarawa's forest, brings poachers, settlers and tourists into the heart of their land. The Supreme Court of India in 2002 ordered that the road must be closed, but it has never been complied with.

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.

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

People's Voice

Andaman mein Electricity Department doobne wala hai aur Nicobar mein toh doobne chuka hai lagta ...

- A Citizen



He is our party's CM face!

Three-day Induction Training Prog. for Newly Elected Representatives of A&N Islands Gets Underway

About 13,000 vacant posts in different Departments will be filled up in a time bound manner: CS

Port Blair, Nov. 30: A three-day induction training programme for the newly elected representatives of A&N Islands organized by the State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC), Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, A&N Administration under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj, GoI got underway today in the auditorium of DBRAIT here. The training was inaugurated by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS by lighting the lamp.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary said that for the first time such an induction programme has

been devised by the A&N Administration for the benefit of the three tier-Panchayati Raj Institutions to create more awareness regarding their roles, duties and responsibilities as PRI members. He said, the training will enlighten elected PRIs on how to effectively implement various schemes of GoI for the benefit of people at grassroot level.

The Chief Secretary said that the PRIs and the Officers of A&N Administration should understand the problems of an area and work in co-ordination to solve the issues in rural areas thereby providing much relief to the rural populace.



He said, we can attain number one position in implementing all the flagship programmes of the Central Govt. as the population in A&N Islands is

less. It's a golden opportunity for the PRIs as well as the officers to achieve this goal by working in unison for the betterment of the rural residents, he said.

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Member of Parliament Highlights Grievances of employees of Government Saw Mill Betapur & Chatham Saw Mill

Port Blair, Nov. 30: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today called on the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) and highlighted some genuine grievances of employees of Government Saw Mill Betapur, Middle Andaman Forest Division & Chatham Saw Mill.

During the meeting the Member of Parliament



informed the PCCF that during his visit to

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Power Supply Situation Worst in Central Nicobars, Jolly Takes Up the Issue with Chief Secretary

Port Blair, Nov. 30: Shri Vishal Jolly National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP-ANI has written a letter to Chief Secretary A&N Administration for issues pertaining to power supply, street light, non-availability of generator etc. which are seriously affecting the lives of people belonging to Katchal, Teressa, Chowra & Nancowry group

of Islands after concluding his tour to Nancowry Group of Islands.

In his letter he raises following genuine facts regarding appalling condition of services rendered by the Department of Electricity at Katchal, Teressa, Chowra & Nancowry group of Islands, which requires immediate intervention.

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Complaints Against CRC, Brookshabad: D Ayyappan Takes Stock of the Situation

Port Blair, Nov. 30: On getting complaints of shortage of Faculty and staff, Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee visited the Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Brookshabad, Port Blair

today (30.11.2022) and discussed the issue with the Resident Nodal Officer of the Centre.

It was noticed that although 365 Children with Special Needs have registered with the Centre, only 40 - 45 are attending the Centre. It was found that the important posts of

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LG Calls Upon Vice President of India



Port Blair, Nov. 30: Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), called on Hon'ble Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today at New Delhi. Briefed about various ongoing/forthcoming mega infrastructure, Tourism and developmental projects in A&N Islands under the aegis of Islands Development Agency.

Dr Sivaperuman Presents Book on Biodiversity to Chief Secretary



Port Blair, Nov. 30: The Chief Secretary, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, A&N Administration being presented a book published jointly by the Department of Environment of Forests and Zoological Survey of India titled 'Biodiversity Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park' by Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer In-charge, ANRC/ZSI, Port Blair on 30.11.2022.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Time for Change

After three years of living under the world's most stringent pandemic restrictions, thousands of people in China have taken to the streets in many cities, calling for an end to lockdowns and the "zero-COVID" policy. The ruling Communist Party of China would do well to listen. The unprecedented protests, on a scale not seen since 1989, reflect public weariness towards a policy that appears out of date. The lockdowns, mass testing and quarantining of infected cases and close contacts formed a strategy that helped China emerge faster than any other country out of the first COVID-19 wave, avoiding mass deaths seen in the rest of the world. The emergence of more transmissible but milder variants has, however, rendered that approach increasingly obsolete, particularly when vaccines are enabling countries to live with the virus. To deal with new variants, China's lockdowns have grown harsher. In March, Shanghai was placed under a brutal two month-long lockdown that saw food and medicine shortages. It is no surprise that one of the biggest protests took place in China's largest city. What will concern the leadership is that the call to end lockdowns from the mostly young protesters will have resonance, as the economic and social costs of zero-COVID grow. The trigger for the protests was an apartment fire in Urumqi that claimed 10 lives. The slow emergency response was widely seen as a result of lockdown measures.

The Chinese leadership has defended zero-COVID, warning that opening up will lead to mass deaths. That is, however, only because a large portion of the elderly population remains unvaccinated. Rather than continue to devote China's considerable state capacity towards enforcing lockdowns, an urgent nationwide effort to vaccinate the vulnerable is long overdue. Data from Hong Kong shows three doses of Chinese vaccines, which are less effective than mRNA shots, work well enough to protect the elderly. The problem is China has dragged its feet on vaccinating its population. As of this month, 68% of the more than 250 million Chinese aged 60 and above had received three shots. For the 30 million Chinese aged 80 and above, only 40% have received three doses. The government fears that opening up with such a large vulnerable population would lead to a collapse of China's health-care system and damage its credibility, with President Xi having personally backed the zero-COVID approach and framed it as a contrast to the West, which has seen mass COVID deaths. Completing the vaccination coverage and simultaneously phasing out the zero-COVID strategy seem the only way out.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Get Back to the Manger..!

It's the beginning of December, the Christmas month, and as I think of the birth of Jesus in a lowly manger, where cows and goats and horses were kept, I find on that exact spot in Bethlehem, a cathedral has been built.

Something, some of our leaders love to talk about today, and rightly so, are their humble beginnings, either as a chaiwallah or autorickshaw driver or other commonplace starting stages. This, to tell the world they know what it is to have been born poor and thus understand how difficult life is.

In Christ's case it was even a bigger contrast: God coming down not to a palace, but a place people would have been loathe to visit. But in that lowly birth springs the very essence of His teaching. In that stable in which a God was born, came the concept of a servant leader, one who had the humility to wash the feet of His followers.

But when a cathedral is built on the spot of lowliness it gives another message, and certainly not what God came down to give. A cathedral speaks of grandeur, of power, and richness and bigness.

Maybe today, the beginning of the Christmas month, we need to hear Jesus whispering to you and me, "Get off the steeple!"

"Why, it's nice to be up here God!"

"Get back into the manger!"



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It's quite a descent from the top of the lofty cathedral to the manger below. We shake our heads, and in that shake, maybe drop the tall hats we've been wearing to impress people all around, "I did not come to awe the people to worship me," He whispers.

The manger is dark and dingy, but suddenly the cows and sheep look at us and their eyes light up, as they seem to be saying, "He's there in that dirty manger, what were you doing searching for Him in the steeple?"

And from that manger He moved to a carpenter's shop, and from there watched the very people He had created. He saw their trials and troubles, watched them cry with grief, and also watched their simple joys, things He would not have been able to do from the top of the cathedral.

Christ, expects us to climb down from the steeples we have heaved ourselves onto, and get back to the manger, where He was born.

As December begins, let us become manger people, not cathedral nobility. Shed our righteousness and double standards, and feel for those who hover around the stable; the poor, the disabled, the grief stricken, the outcasts, and the weary.

Get down from the cathedral! Then wash the feet of all those hovering around the manger..!

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Member of Parliament Highlights Grievances of employees of Government Saw Mill Betapur & Chatham Saw Mill

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Betapur saw mill on 29.11.2022 the employees of the establishment met him and brought some of their genuine grievances in his notice.

He pointed out that a dispensary was functioning within the saw mill for a long time but about two years back the pharmacist posted at the dispensary retired and no substitute has been posted in place of the retired pharmacist till now. Because of this, the dispensary has been kept closed.

In emergency cases for medical care /injuries sustained during duty hours the needy workmen has to

travel about 22 km from sawmill to CHC Rangat or 12 Km to the PHC Billiground.

The Member of Parliament demanded immediate arrangements to post a pharmacist in the saw mill and revoke the function of the dispensary of Betapur Saw mill.

He also demanded to replace all machineries which are in use in the GSM Betapur with new ones to avoid mishaps during its operation by the employees of the saw mill.

While pointing out the need of filling up the vacant posts of Betapur saw mill and Chatham Saw Mill, he

informed that there are many vacant posts like Mechanical Fitter, Assistant Fitter, Sawyer, Assistant Sawyer, Grader, Carpenter, Assistant Carpenter, Dogger, Assistant saw filer, Grinder and Mazdoor in these two Saw Mills.

He requested to fill up the posts as soon as possible.

The Member of Parliament also demanded to repair and repaint all the five labour barracks of Haddo as soon as possible.

He demanded to provide a mini RO plant in the premises of the saw mill to cater the need of drinking water to the workmen and other staff of the saw mill.



HEPATITIS B

Transmission from Mother-to-child is major route

- All pregnant women should get tested for Hepatitis B at healthcare facilities.
- All pregnant women tested positive for Hepatitis B to deliver at a healthcare facility.

All newborns should receive:

- Birth dose Hepatitis B vaccine, preferably within 24 hours.
- Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG) if born to mothers tested positive with Hepatitis B along with birth dose vaccine.

Testing, vaccine and HBIG are available free of cost at designated Government healthcare facilities.



राष्ट्रीय वायरल हेपेटाइटिस नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम
NATIONAL VIRAL HEPATITIS CONTROL PROGRAMME
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NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION
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PORT BLAIR, A & N ISLANDS

World AIDS Day: Chief Secretary to Flag Off Rally from Netaji Stadium Today

Port Blair, Nov. 30: World AIDS Day is observed on December 1 every year. It is a day of solidarity for people around the world who are affected by HIV. 'Equalize' is the theme to observe World AIDS Day 2022. To keep everyone safe, to protect everyone's health, we need to Equalize. To mark the day, a rally of school and college students will be held tomorrow (Dec.1) at 7.30 am from Netaji Stadium. More than 500 students are expected to take part in the rally. Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration will be the chief guest and flag off the rally at 7.30 am from Netaji Stadium. Officials from Health and various Departments will also grace

the occasion. The rally will pass through Clock Tower, Model School, Bengali Club, Co-operative Bank and culminate at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Auditorium, PBMC.

At Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Auditorium, folk performance with the message on HIV & AIDS will be presented by Balakrishna Nritya Academy and Dance Nritya Academy followed by prize distribution of various competitions held as part of the day. Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) will be the chief guest for the prize distribution function while Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Health) will be the guest of honour.

The month-long activities conducted as part of World AIDS Day 2022 observance are Inter-School Drawing/Painting competition; State level Red Ribbon Club (RRC) Quiz Competition for the youth of Colleges and Youth Clubs. The folk performance with the message on HIV & AIDS began from on Nov.29. 60 folk performances will be performed by Balakrishna Nritya Academy, Dance Nritya Academy and Jhumurr (Shastriya - Lok) Nrityangan in municipal and rural areas of South Andaman District. The folk team will be accompanied by Information Education and Communication (IEC) Van for disseminating audio messages on HIV & AIDS throughout its route.

Three-day Induction Training Prog. for Newly Elected Representatives

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The Chief Secretary further remarked that the Administration with its limited resources is working tirelessly to improve the road and power sector so as to provide relief to the Islanders. He mentioned that due to the collective effort of all, A&N Islands achieved the distinction of first 'Swachh Sujal Pradesh' in the country. Stating that Indore City in Madhya Pradesh which is continuously receiving the 'Cleanest City of the Country Annual Award', the Chief Secretary encouraged the Islanders to put in their mite to keep the islands spic & span, so that the Islands can also achieve this distinction in the days to come. The onus to achieve this distinction lies with the PRIs and the Officers of A&N Administration, the Chief Secretary said adding that with collective efforts, we can achieve this. The Chief Secretary informed that the shortage of Safai Karamcharis will be sorted out very soon both for the rural & urban areas. There cannot be a better achievement than making A&N Islands as the cleanest Islands of the Country, the Chief Secretary said.

The Chief Secretary said about 13,000 vacant posts in different Departments will be filled up in a time bound manner. In this series, recently, the exams were conducted to fill up the post of 'Group C' employees. Accordingly, till September 2023, all the 13,000 posts will be filled, so as to meet the staff shortages, he said.

Referring to his recent visit to North & Middle Andaman, the Chief Secretary said he himself saw the dilapidated condition of some of the school buildings which needed immediate attention. He said, survey and mapping of these structures has been done for taking up immediate repair work. A priority wise repairing work of school building has been prepared and the work has commenced, the Chief Secretary disclosed. The Chief Secretary also stated that the Administration is committed to the welfare of the Islanders and putting its best efforts for timely completion of various projects.

The Chief Secretary also released compendium and brochures brought out by State Panchayat Resource Centre, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat.

In her opening remarks, the Commissioner-cum-

Secretary (RD/Panchayats), Smti Nandini Paliwal remarked that after the Panchayat election in A&N Islands, a large number of newly elected members were elected to the three-tier Panchayat Raj System and this training will acquaint them with the functioning of the system. She further requested the newly Elected Representatives and functionaries of Panchayats to attain more knowledge during the training and improve their capabilities so as to discharge their responsibilities effectively and efficiently. All the PRIs should familiarize themselves with schemes pertaining to Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, Skill Development and Livelihood, Social Sector Schemes of Health, Education etc. so that they can ensure that these schemes percolate down to beneficiaries and bring about changes in their lives, she said.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Secretary (RD), Shri Suneel Anchipaka stated that the RD Department has organized this three day 'Induction Training Program' for the newly elected Representatives of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He said, the Panchayati Raj is a system of governance in which Gram Panchayat is the basic unit of Administration. The Panchayats are playing an important role in rural development in Isles. This training schedule has been structured in a systematic and scientific manner, so as to present right direction to PRIs and RD Office. Further, the sessions chalked out in this training programme will help in gaining knowledge in different fields and will also provide support to perform the designated roles and responsibilities effectively, he added. The Secretary further stated that the content of this three-day training programme has been designed based on intensive stakeholder consultations with PRI members.

In her address, the Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, N&M Andaman, Smti Elizabeth expressed her gratitude to the Administration and the RD Department for conducting the training for the benefit of the PRIs throughout the Islands. She said, after the training, the newly elected PRI members will be able to solve the issues of the rural areas in a more appropriate manner.

In his address, the Up-Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri Abdul Basheer said, for the first time, the A&N Administration has organized such a training programme for the PRIs from Diglipur to Campbell Bay. He urged the RD Department to devise more such training programmes at regular intervals to update the knowledge of the PRIs.

The inaugural programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Director, RD, Shri RS Meena.

Power Supply Situation Worst in Central Nicobars, Jolly Takes Up the Issue with Chief Secretary

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DERING ISLAND

• In Dering Island, since past 4 months there is complete blackout as there is no power supply at all since then. People of this island are forced to face such a situation due to absolute failure of the Electricity Department's inability to provide services.

• It was further reported & observed that the power Generator has been brought to Port Blair for causing repair and since past several months, the same is kept at Port Blair for repair.

KATCHAL ISLAND

• In the village namely Sola Tekri, there are around 60-70 families residing and there are hardly 3-4 houses which does have the power supply. All the rest of the houses does not have any power supply.

• No street lights are available in this village.

• Likewise, in Meenakshi Ram Nagar village as well as E-Wall village also there is no street light.

TERESSA ISLAND

• In the entire Teresa Island, there were two power generators and one is non-functional since past more than 2 years. The other

generator is being managed by using it for merely for a period of 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM and thereafter from 6.00 PM to 5.00 AM. Rest of the period remains completely black out and if this generator also stops working for any reasons, then the entire island will face complete black out.

CHOWRA ISLAND

• In this Island also the situation is identical like that of Teresa. There is only one DG set presently installed for the entire Island and the same hardly supplies electricity for 16 to 17 hours. Another DG set of the capacity of 125 KV would seriously be required for uninterrupted proper supply of electricity.

CHAMPION ISLAND

• No street light in any village.

• Power supply is mostly provided only during school functioning hours and on weekends i.e. Saturdays and Sundays, no power supply is given, when the schools are not functional. Apart from that, the power supply is made for a period of 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM and thereafter from 6.00 PM to 5.00 AM.

• Only one generator is functional out of two and that too constantly require repairs

and maintenance. The other one has been brought to Port Blair for causing repair and since past more than 2 years the same is reportedly kept at Port Blair for repair.

PILPILLOW

• All street lights require replacement.

• Around 20 kms stretch of power cables are reported to be internally damaged to such an extent that is beyond repair and therefore requires immediate replacements.

• Official vehicles are not working and due to this, the repair and maintenance works are not being carried out.

Further he mentioned that the vision and mission of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Mananiya Narendra Modi Ji that Water, Electricity, Road, Health facilities and every other basic amenities of life reaches every villages and connects with every citizen of our country.

Accordingly, he requested to sort out these issues at the earliest, in the interest of welfare of people and to ensure that people residing in these isolated Islands resides conveniently and without any struggle.

Complaints Against CRC, Brookshabad: D Ayyappan Takes Stock of the Situation

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Speech Therapist, Clinical Psychologist, Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist are lying vacant. Faculty/Special Teachers are posted to the Centre from Chennai by the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan) on contract basis. On completion of the contract period, the services of these Faculty/Special Teachers are not extended by the National

Institute and such Faculty/Special Teachers are returned to mainland, thereby paralyzing the functioning of the Centre.

A number of children who need the services of Speech Therapist are facing problems due to the reason that such Faculty/Special Teachers are reportedly not available in these islands. It was learnt that out of the 14 sanctioned posts of Faculty and staff, only 6 persons are

presently available in the Centre.

Shri Ayyappan met some parents in the Centre and heard their grievances. He assured the parents and the officials in the Centre that the non-availability of sufficient Faculty/Special Teachers will be taken up with the above-mentioned National Institute and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India.



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NABARD A&N Regional Office Organizes UT Level Credit Seminar Launches Potential Linked Credit Plan 2023-24 for A&N Islands

Port Blair, Nov. 30: NABARD Andaman & Nicobar Regional Office, Port Blair organized a UT level Credit Seminar today and launched the Potential Linked Credit Plan (PLP) 2023-24 for U T of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Shri C Arvind, Secretary, Finance was the chief guest on the occasion. Shri Suman Bakshi, RM, SBI was the guest of honour.

Potential for Priority Sector Lending for the financial year 2023-24 was estimated to the tune of Rs. 1032.23 crore. Potential for Farm Credit (including crop production and term loan for agriculture) was assessed at Rs. 234.51 crore, Agriculture Infrastructure at Rs. 14.70 crore, Ancillary Activities at Rs. 26.40 crore, MSME at Rs. 560.29 crore, Export Credit at Rs. 63.75 crore, Education at Rs. 5.85 crore, Housing at Rs. 101.41 crore, Renewable Energy at Rs. 0.62 crore and Social

Infrastructure involving bank credit at Rs.7.08 crore.

The major thrust areas of the PLP are promotion of Hi-tech agriculture, formation and linkage of Farmer

Producer Organizations, doubling of farmers' income, capital formation in agriculture, creation of infrastructure for fisheries, and climate change adaptation.

Shri H Manoj, General Manager/OIC, NABARD, while delivering the special address deliberated upon the objective of preparing the document, its methodology and its utility for the bankers, Administration, Line Departments and the Islanders. He also highlighted NABARD's key interventions during the current FY 22-23 which includes submission of GI application for Nicobari craft and Andaman Coconut



and Rice, etc. SHG bank linkage programme, promotion of FPOs and dissemination of digital literacy awareness in every nook and corner of the Islands, PACS computerization, etc.

A convergence meet was also organized during the seminar to showcase and upscale the successful projects supported by NABARD and implemented by ICAR-CIARI. Scientists made a presentation on their innovative projects viz. Hump Sore Trimodel Therapy, Quail Farming and boosting immunity through growing herbs in urban and peri-urban areas.

CRC- A&N Islands Conducts Recreational & Sports Activities for Divyangjans

Port Blair, Nov. 30: As a part of 'World Disability Day celebrations 2022', CRC- A&N Islands organised Recreational and Sports activities for Children with Special Needs at CRC, Brookshabad. The main objective of this event was empowering CwSN by

creating inclusive society. About 48 Divyangjans and parents participated. The Divyanjans were grouped according to their ability level and participated in outdoor and indoor sports activities. Smti. Sumithamol, Resident Nodal Officer inaugurated the event. The children with special needs competed in

100mt Race, Shot Put, Relay Race, Ball throwing, Musical Chair, Balloon Race and Biscuit Biting, etc.

During the event, the parents of CwSN and the special educators, professionals & other staff of CRC, A&N-Islands assisted and gave their full support to the Divyanjans.



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MESSAGE

World AIDS Day observed on 1st December every year, gives us an opportunity to unite in the fight against Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), show solidarity for the people living with HIV, and remember those who have lost their lives from HIV-related illness.

World AIDS Day 2022 is being marked under the theme Equalize. The theme "Equalize", is a call to take action to address inequalities that make the lives of many people living with HIV more challenging.

Our firm commitment of ending the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), as a public health threat should continue with persistent zeal and enthusiasm throughout the year. We must make every possible effort to empower communities by awareness and encouraging them to avail HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment and care services without any stigma or discrimination.

On this World AIDS Day, I call upon all government agencies, community organizations, civil society and stakeholders to make relentless efforts and join hands with A&N AIDS Control Society with the ultimate objective to end AIDS as public health threat.

Admiral D K Joshi
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
Lieutenant Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Condolence

Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President BJP, A&N Islands along with all its office bearers express their deepest condolence on the demise of Shri Hari Kishen, Retd. EE APWD, aged 78 years, R/o Babu Lane who breathed his last today.

Bairagi and all leaders pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Condolence

Shri M. Vinod, President, Andaman Association of Tour Operators have deeply mourned the demise of Shri Hari Kishen, Retd. Executive Engineer, APWD, aged 78 years, Resident of Babu Lane early morning today.

I pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Condolence

Mr Rakeshwar Lall, State President & Mr Bishnu Pada Ray, former Member of Lok Sabha along with all members of Hindu Rashtira Shakti have deeply mourned the untimely demises of Hari Kishen, F/o Akash Kishen, R/o Babu Line on 30/11/2022 at 0515 am.

The Hindu Rashtira Shakti prays to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family members to bear the irreparable loss.

IGNOU Term End Exam from Dec. 2

Port Blair, Nov. 30: The term end examination for December, 2022 of Indira Gandhi National Open University will commence from Dec. 2, 2022 and will conclude on Jan. 9, 2023. To facilitate the smooth conduct of TEE in A & N Islands, IGNOU conducts exams at seven locations viz. JNRM, Port Blair (Ph. No.03192-237078), Rangat-0202 (03192-274205), (Hut Bay (03192-284300), Car Nicobar (Ph. No. 03193-265037), Kamorta (03192-263225) Campbell Bay (Ph. No.03193-264307) and Mayabunder (Ph. No. 03193-276462).

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Yuvraj Singh's Name Crossed my Mind After Fifth Six: Ruturaj Gaikwad

November 30: Ruturaj Gaikwad was the talk of town after his astonishing seven sixes in a 43-run over during a Vijay Hazare Trophy quarterfinal.

But the only name that crossed the 25-year-old batter's mind even before he had pulled off the unthinkable feat was that of Yuvraj Singh, the former star India all-rounder most remembered for his six sixes in an over against England's Stuart Broad in the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007. Playing for Maharashtra, Gaikwad on Monday did one better when he smashed Uttar Pradesh left-arm spinner, Shiva Singh, for seven maximums in an over to create a List A world record. He got an extra delivery because of a no-ball. "To be honest, after the fifth six the only one person that crossed my mind was Yuvraj Singh. I had seen him hit six sixes in an over back then when I was very young, in the 2007 (T20) World Cup. "I wanted to be alongside him and that's why I wanted to go for the sixth one. I never thought any day, or in any dream, that I would be hitting six sixes in a row. It's a great pleasure, a great feeling to be alongside him (Yuvraj), just match that hype which is there

around six sixes in an over or seven in an over," Gaikwad told bcci.tv. "I wanted to be alongside him and that's why I wanted to go for the sixth one. I never thought any day, or in any dream, that I would be hitting six sixes in a row. It's a great pleasure, a great feeling to be alongside him (Yuvraj), just match that hype which is there around six sixes in an over or seven in an over," Gaikwad told bcci.tv. Gaikwad achieved the feat in the 49th over of the Maharashtra innings. The bowler conceded a no ball in the fifth delivery of the over which was also smashed over the boundary ropes at the Narendra Modi Stadium B Ground in Ahmedabad. "When I got the sixth one, I thought why not go for the seventh one. I think it was not about hitting six sixes or seven sixes, it was just about trying to maximize that over, make as many runs as possible for the team. That was the basic plan, and thankfully, it happened," Gaikwad said.

Gaikwad first grabbed the limelight in 2021, when he made a staggering 635 runs for IPL title winners Chennai Super Kings.



"I would like to give it (credit) to all my teammates, my family members, people in Maharashtra. To be honest, there is pressure in each and every game I play and obviously, when I know that we have lost two wickets and we also lost another one in the process, I had to take responsibility right till the end. "It's not the first time I am doing it, I am used to doing it, so obviously I knew what I had to do, and I knew what I had to ask from the other players. I got really good support in the middle. Being a senior player, I had to deliver in the crucial stage," he added. Gaikwad carried his bat through the innings for a sensational unbeaten knock of 220 runs in 159 balls, which contained 10 fours and 16 sixes. Thanks to his knock, Maharashtra posted 330 for five after batting first, with his colleagues aggregating only 96 runs. They won the game by 58 runs.

'Whoever Leaked this, it's his Last Day in the National Team': Courtois Slams Reports of Fight Between Eden Hazard, Kevin de Bruyne

November 30: Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois has categorically denied rumours of a rift in his team's camp following their 2-0 defeat against Morocco in the group stage match of the FIFA World Cup 2022.

"There are no problems in the team, it's just an external attempt to create internal problems. Of course, after a defeat, nobody is happy, but it brings us even closer because we know that we will have to give everything on the lawn on Thursday," Courtois was quoted as saying by Walfoot in the press conference on Tuesday.

"I was the first furious after the match, you saw the images (smile). But the problem is that there are too many lies around the group, in the press, on social networks, and everything the world takes for

granted," he asserts. "As a group, we can't let this negativism affect us. Even if certain things have to be said."

Courtois further said if the identity of the one "leaking" the news is out, they will have their "last day" in the Belgium team.

Claiming reports in the media as false, the Belgian goalkeeper also issued a warning to whoever was spreading the stories.

"We said things to each other, and sometimes it feels good. I don't think we missed it, but it's one thing to talk to each other at the table or individually or to talk in a group, to solve everything together. The problem, it's that what's said in the press isn't always the truth. Whoever leaked this? We don't need to know that.

If it gets out, it's his last day in the national team," said Courtois.

Belgium captain Eden Hazard also denied that there is a rift in the squad.

"We had a good talk among the players," Hazard said. "A lot has been said. We talked for an hour about good things and less good things. Now we want to win against Croatia. We now have two days to prepare. We have to be ready."

Hazard denied there was a confrontation in the dressing room after the Morocco loss, and said he had spoken with midfielder Kevin De Bruyne after the latter was quoted as saying the Belgium squad was too old to win the World Cup.

"Nothing happened in the dressing room," Hazard said. "Only the coach (Roberto Martinez) spoke. I spoke to Kevin De Bruyne, he does believe in the group."

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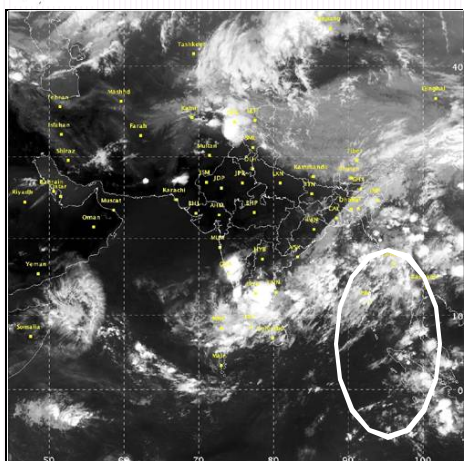
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 24.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77%	1730 Hrs: 82%
Sunrise: 0511 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 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):	2366.7 mm

Forecast

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