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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

**Life in the ocean:** From the shores or from a boat, the sea looks like a huge mass of uniform, inky blue water. It is not so actually. Life in the sea is amazingly different at different depths. From the surface to a few feet below, the ocean is a sunlit world, that changes from day to night. Below this, the ocean becomes cold, dim, and unchanging. And thousands of meters below the surface, the ocean is a region of near-freezing temperatures, crushing pressure, and complete darkness.

Most marine plants and animals are adapted to living in one of three regions- the sunlight, twilight, or midnight zone. These zones are defined by the presence (or absence) of light. They differ from one another in temperature, amount of pressure, and nutrient supply. We will mainly focus here on the sunlight zone where most of the familiar animals and plants are present.

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

## People's Voice

Sahi shuruwaat hua hai fir se Life ka Andaman mein. Kahi ye naya Variant rukaawat na daal de ...

- A Citizen



**Not work from home... he has been suspended from the House!**

## Member of Parliament Demands to Complete ATR Up-gradation and Repair Works During the Dry Spell

**Port Blair, Dec. 1:** The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to direct the NHIDCL to complete the ATR up-gradation and repair works during the dry spell between December 2021 to April 2022 in full swing, so that before 2022 monsoon the Andaman Trunk Road becomes fit for all kind of transport.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament today said that he is receiving dozens of calls from residents of North & Middle Andaman on daily basis regarding the pathetic condition of Andaman Trunk Road in North & Middle Andaman, which is causing innumerable problems to the residents.

He pointed out that travelling in Andaman

Trunk Road in North & Middle Andaman has become difficult for the general public and the worst hit are senior citizens and children.

The Member of Parliament added that the patients, who are referred to Port Blair from North & Middle Andaman via Andaman Trunk Road, suffer heavily due to the bad road and uneven surface of Andaman Trunk Road.

He added that according to the public, their vehicles are also getting severely damaged because of the poor condition of the ATR.

He mentioned that Andaman Trunk Road is the lifeline of South Andaman as well as N & M Andaman and if the ATR remains fit for smooth transportation it will ensure the socio-economic prosperity of these far-flung Islands.

## Tighter Curbs Prove Costly to Travellers

**New Delhi, Dec. 1:** As stricter testing norms at airports for international arrivals kicked in from Wednesday, passengers from "at-risk" countries had to brace for massive queues, long waiting time for test results and missed connecting flights. Their only way out though is to pay for an expensive rapid RT-PCR test that costs up to ₹4,500 — nearly nine times the regular test.

"I reached Delhi on Wednesday morning from Spain via Amsterdam. The Delhi airport was a complete mayhem. I had booked an RT-PCR test online, but I still had to stand in a long queue at the airport and then I was



told that I would have to wait up to 48 hours for the test result," a young woman passenger told The Hindu. She ultimately opted for the rapid PCR test for which results take only one hour and paid ₹3,900. Yet, it took her two hours to complete various formalities and exit the airport.

"What a money-making racket. If the report can be delivered in one hour, why six hours for others," she asked.

Ministry guidelines

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## Why Should we Apologise, ask 12 Suspended MPs



**New Delhi, Dec. 1:** The impasse between the Opposition and the government over the suspension of 12 MPs from the Rajya Sabha continued as neither side was willing to concede any space. The government wants the "errant" MPs to unconditionally apologise on the floor of the House. On the first day of the sit-in at the Mahatma Gandhi statue on Parliament premises, the MPs said it was for the government to apologise for undermining parliamentary democracy.

The Rajya Sabha saw four adjournments on Wednesday, each time after Opposition

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## With You Observes World AIDS Day

**Port Blair, Dec. 1:** On the occasion of World AIDS Day on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 with the theme: "End Inequalities. End AIDS. End Pandemics", an orientation programme was organized by CHC Bambooflat in association with WITH YOU (NGO) at the conference hall of the NGO. Ms. V.K. Mariyam Bibi, President of WITH YOU was the chief guest on the occasion.

Rangoli and Games competition were conducted among the general public of Bambooflat Jurisdiction and First 03 (Three) winners were awarded cash prizes.



Earlier, Shri G. Venkateswar Rao, Counsellor, ICTC delivered the inaugural speech and explained about significance of the day. He highlighted this year theme- "End Inequalities. End AIDS. End Pandemics". He also stated that AIDS is a raging global issue and India ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in

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## Inclement Weather May Cause Disruption in Sailings

**Port Blair, Dec. 1:** Due to prevailing inclement weather conditions, considering the safety of the passengers and the vessel, the announced sailing programme on all sectors on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2021 may get disrupted leading to suspension or cancellations. The sailings will be reviewed/ confirmed 02 hours prior to the sailing of the vessel. Passengers and tourists have been advised to plan their journey suitably to avoid any inconvenience.

Similarly, in the prevailing weather conditions, operation of Harbour/ Vehicle ferry services between Chatham, Bambooflat, Phoenix Bay, Dundas Point and Panighat may also get disrupted / suspended in short notice depending upon the weather conditions.

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*Life has no Remote Control. Get up  
and Change it Yourself.*

## Protect, don't pander

The 'heckler's veto' seems to be winning repeatedly against stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqi. Bengaluru has joined the list of cities in which Mr. Faruqi cannot perform because right-wing Hindutva groups routinely threaten to disrupt his shows, wherever they are scheduled to be held. The Bengaluru city police asked the organisers to put off a show on November 28, alleging that allowing it to go on would create law and order problems and disrupt peace and harmony. Mr. Faruqi was unjustly arrested in Indore in January after a BJP functionary's son complained that he was about to denigrate Hindu gods in a planned show. He had to spend 37 days in prison before obtaining bail from the Supreme Court for remarks that had not been made in a show that did not take place. It is this case, in which the police arrested even local organisers and those selling tickets for the show and had nothing to do with the content of his performance, that has been cited by the Bengaluru police while voicing fears about the consequences of allowing the show to be held. Earlier, programmes in which he was due to perform in Raipur, Mumbai, Surat, Ahmedabad and Vadodara were called off for the same reason. It is a telling commentary on the state of free speech in the country that anyone can be silenced anywhere by the threats posed by violent and vociferous groups that no regime in the country seems to be able to rein in.

In a despairing reaction, Mr. Faruqi has said, "Goodbye! I'm done", indicating that he has no further hope that he would be allowed to exercise his constitutional right to express himself. This is reminiscent of Tamil writer Perumal Murugan declaring his own "death" in a literary sense after being silenced by conservative and religious groups. In Mr. Murugan's case, he was fortunate that the Madras High Court resurrected the author in him with a stirring verdict underscoring the duty of the state to protect free speech and to preserve law and order, instead of placating those who threaten to take the law into their own hands. It is a pity that the police authorities perfunctorily advise authors, speakers and artists to remain silent rather than take proactive steps to protect their fundamental rights. It is true that whenever such issues go before a court of law, the resulting judgments are speech-protective, but the proclivity of the authorities to pander to chauvinist groups is posing a serious threat to free expression in society. The Supreme Court's observation in S. Rangarajan etc. vs P. Jagjivan Ram (1989) that suppressing free speech in response to a threat of demonstration or protest "would be tantamount to negation of the rule of law and a surrender to blackmail and intimidation" seems to have few takers among those in positions of power.

## BOB'S BANTER

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### Just a Gate..!

Many years ago in the Land of Andhor, there lived a mighty king who loved to do pleasing things for his subjects the people of Andhor! One day while holding court there came to him many wise men from his kingdom who pleaded with him that bandits and other robbers of bad repute jumped over the walls of his kingdom and played havoc with the people living inside, "Oh mighty king," they prayed, "build us walls to keep away these bandits!"

The king rode to the outskirts of his city and saw for himself that what his subjects said was true, "No expense will be spared," he roared out of his white beard, "to protect you!"

The next day his subjects looked with joy as labourers and craftsmen, the best in the kingdom of Andhor came to the outskirts of the city where the city walls were to be constructed and started their work.

They looked with joy as they heard the sound of hammering and riveting, of blacksmithing and chipping and sighed that their days of anxiety were soon to get over. Knowing the problem was in the safe hands of their majesty they even stopped going to the outskirts of the city to see the progress of the work.

And then one day they heard the sound of drums.

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They knew the sound, the king was arriving to inaugurate the walls. They rushed in large numbers to the outskirts of the city. "My dear subjects!" said the king as he broke a coconut or whatever it was they broke those days in the Kingdom of Andhor, "From today you will be safe!"

The people were silent: There was no wall, but in its stead rose a mighty gate, with gold and silver, and the king's crest of arms painted on to it. With a royal flourish that only men of royalty possess, the king broke the coconut or whatever they broke those days on the mighty gate and opened it for the people and the king went back to rule his kingdom.

A sage passing by, asked, "What use of the gate when there are no walls?"

The people were silent.

"That gate," said the wise sage, "symbolizes many of our leaders! They hug world leaders in far away lands but can't prevent bully neighbouring countries from nibbling away their land, boast about being the fastest growing economy in the world, but have the poor dying on roads in times of disease, build lofty statues and temples but destroy love and unity, pretend to protect women but have rapes and assaults all day long!"

The people listened in silence, till suddenly the silence was broken by the whoops of dacoits as they came over the non-existent walls, and robbed the people of Andhor.

Today, there are many who believe they live in the kingdom of Andhor, with show-off gates but no walls..!

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## With You Observes World AIDS Day

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AIDS cases and stressed upon the participants to disseminate preventive measures, mode of transmission to create awareness in the society and help to make these Island AIDS free zone.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, Ms V. K. Mariyam Bibi informed the gathering that there is no harm in living together with an AIDS patients and she appreciated the villagers/public for participating in the programme. She also thanked the health services for providing in depth knowledge through different sources. She stressed about

more information, education and communication besides awareness camps have to be organized to educate the masses.

Dr. C. Rani, Medical Officer (Homeo), delivered a speech on the theme of this year's AIDS Day. She talked about HIV-TB co-ordination, testing facilities at ICTC, and urged the gathering to disseminate the information they received so that people living in their surrounding would get educated and further spread of this dreaded disease would be controlled.

Smti. K. A. Shahida Bibi, Health Educator on the occasion explained about the

mode of transmission of AIDS, its preventive measures and stressed on the key messages of HIV/AIDS and signs & symptoms. Advised to create awareness among the general public regarding the effects of AIDS in our community and its discriminations and stressed the needs for community participation to achieve the goal of "END INEQUALITIES .END AIDS.END PANDEMICS" and also advised about vasectomy with explanation for all of its methods.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Counsellor of ICTC.



## ENTERTAINMENT

### 'House of Gucci' movie review: Lady Gaga's extraordinary turn as Patrizia Reggiani steals the show

When Patrizia Reggiani (Lady Gaga) devoutly makes the sign of the cross and says "Father, son and House of Gucci," you get a sense of what the luxury fashion brand meant to the working-class girl. Ridley Scott's true crime take on the 100-year-old brand is not so much about couture, catwalks, copious amounts of coke or catatonic models, but about fathers and sons, husbands and wives and squabbling siblings.

The film, based on Sara Gay Forden's 2001 book, *The House of Gucci: A Sensational Story of Murder, Madness, Glamour, and Greed*, tells the story of the downfall of the family-owned business through the lens of the outsider, Patrizia. She marries the Gucci heir, Maurizio (Adam Driver), much to his father, Rodolfo's (Jeremy Irons) dismay.

Rodolfo's brother, Aldo, (Al Pacino) who was responsible for making Gucci a global brand, is more forgiving of Maurizio and invites the young family to work with him in New York. Aldo does not hold out much hope from his son, Paolo (Jared Leto), who he describes as an idiot, but "my idiot".

Maurizio, who was studying law when he met and fell in love with Patrizia, does not have the wherewithal to hustle like her and gives Patrizia free rein in the family business — or is it a rope to hang herself?

As Patrizia becomes increasingly ferocious in her dealings with his family, Maurizio distances himself from her. And this sets the stage for Patrizia to orchestrate the hit on Maurizio



with a little help from Pina (Salma Hayek), a psychic. The film presents the reasons for Patrizia to get Maurizio killed as a mix of hurt, betrayal, ambition and greed.

A movie on a venerable fashion house has to be beautifully-clothed and costume designer Janty Yates does not disappoint. Apparently, the Gucci family allowed access to their archives. Some of the handbags Patrizia carries were originals and kept under lock and key when not on set! Maurizio moves from turtlenecks to three-piece suits as his character evolves to be a Gucci.

Just as the clothes are gorgeous eye candy, the music is an aural treat. From George Michael's 'Faith' during the wedding (the gown is so good) to Donna Summers 'I feel Love' and many others, the songs work as a delightful emotional shorthand. Celebrities, including designer Tom Ford (Reeve Carney), actor Sophia Loren (Mădălina Diana Ghenea) and Vogue editor Anna Wintour (Catherine Walker) breeze

through the film. Saving the best for the last is the acting— Lady Gaga has done an extraordinary turn as Patrizia, wading into her role like a gladiator of old, nailing Patrizia's ferocity and fragility. Driver is equally good as Maurizio showing his transformation in tiny, delicate steps. And what joy to watch Al Pacino do his thing! Leto, under tons of prosthetics had the showiest role while Hayek was almost unrecognisable — almost being the operative word.

After going through a bunch of directors, including Wong Kar-wai, and actors to play Patrizia (Angelina Jolie, Anne Hathaway, Marion Cotillard, Penélope Cruz, Margot Robbie, and Natalie Portman), the final film is just right. Yes, it is rather long, careens wildly in tone between soap operatic and cheerless, and is also not very strict with the truth. The film, however, did not feel bloated as one could float along blissfully on the "name that sounded so sweet... but was a curse, too," as Patrizia succinctly puts it.

House of Gucci is currently running in theatres

### Kamal Haasan has fully recovered from COVID-19, says hospital

**Chennai:** Makkal Needhi Maiam president and actor Kamal Haasan has fully recovered from 'mild' COVID-19 and he would be 'fit' to resume his routine soon, a hospital treating him said here on Wednesday.

Haasan was treated for mild coronavirus and "he has fully recovered but advised to be on isolation until 3rd December 2021. He will be fit to resume his routine work from 4th December 2021," Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre said in a press release. On November 22, Haasan had said that he has

tested positive for COVID-19 and he was admitted to SRMC the same day.

"I had mild cough following my return from the USA. When I tested, the coronavirus infection was confirmed. I have isolated myself in hospital. Everyone should be on guard realising that the COVID-19 spread has not faded," Haasan had tweeted that day.

The 67-year-old actor-politician continues to be involved in film making and television shows as well. A Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial, the upcoming



action film 'Vikram' and the long-awaited 'Indian-2' are the movies he is currently engaged with.

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### Health, Science /Tech

### Space junk forces spacewalk delay, too risky for astronauts



**Cape Canaveral, Florida, Dec 1:** NASA called off a spacewalk on Tuesday because of menacing space junk that could puncture an astronaut's suit or damage the International Space Station.

Two U.S. astronauts were set to replace a bad antenna outside of the space station. But late on Monday night, Mission Control learned that a piece of orbiting debris might come dangerously close. There wasn't enough time to assess the threat so station managers delayed the spacewalk until Thursday.

It's the first time a spacewalk has been canceled because of threat from space junk.

The space station and its crew of seven have been at increased risk from space junk since Russia destroyed a satellite in a missile test two weeks ago.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the object of concern was part of the Russian satellite wreckage. During a news conference on Monday, NASA officials said the November 15 missile test resulted in at least 1,700 satellite pieces big enough to track, and thousands more too small to be observed from the ground but still able to pierce a spacewalker's suit.

NASA officials said astronauts Tom Marshburn and Kayla Barron faced a 7% greater risk of a spacewalk puncture because of the Russian-generated debris. But they said it was still within acceptable limits based on previous experience.

Mr. Marshburn and Ms. Barron arrived at the space station earlier this month.

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## Tighter Curbs Prove Costly to Travellers

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According to the latest guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, all passengers arriving from “at-risk” countries have to undergo an RT-PCR test on arrival and have to wait for the report before exiting the airport and catching a connected flight. Most airports offer passengers RT-PCR tests and rapid PCR tests. While the former costs ₹500 per test, the latter costs ₹3,000 at the Bengaluru airport, ₹3,900 at the Delhi airport and ₹4,500 in the Mumbai airport. The waiting time for the former is up to six hours, which can get extended as per travel rush, and the latter is 1 to

1.5 hours. But the chaotic scenes awaiting international passengers, particularly those from at “risk countries”, mean most are forced to dig deeper into their pockets.

On Wednesday morning, passengers who undertook the costlier test at the Delhi airport were four times those who opted for the cheaper test. “A total of 1,013 passengers from four ‘at-risk’ flights successfully completed arrival formalities due to the availability of the Rapid PCR test along with the RT-PCR test. About 792 passengers decided to take the Rapid PCR Test and 221 opted for the RT-PCR test,”

said the Delhi airport in a tweet.

“I arrived today morning from London and it was a scary and anxious stay at the airport. All they are concerned about is RT-PCR [tests] and absolutely no compliance to general rules like social distancing and ensuring everyone wears a mask. Horrifying,” said Prachi Saraswat on Twitter.

“Flying with KLM from Copenhagen to Kolkata with 5.5 hours gap between arriving in Delhi at 1:10 a.m. and departing at 6:30 a.m. With current RT PCR rule who is going to help me board the connecting flight?” wrote Sravasti on the microblogging site.

## Why Should we Apologise, ask 12 Suspended MPs

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leader Mallikarjun Kharge sought to raise the suspension issue. The Opposition parties held another round of meeting at Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge’s residence in the evening to discuss the strategy ahead. The TMC was invited for the meeting but it didn’t come. According to sources, the suspended MPs would continue their protest at the Gandhi statue and simultaneously the issue would be raised in the House.

Congress MP Syed Naseer Hussain said, “What should we say sorry for? Parliament is meant to raise the issues concerning the people of the country. Parliament is meant for debate, discussion and dialogue. The government has scant respect for democratic traditions of our country. Do you think we need to apologise to the government for asking questions?” He added that at least one dozen MPs every

day moved notices to discuss important issues such as price hike, Indo-China crisis, the farm agitation and so on but none of these notices were admitted.

TMC’s Dola Sen said that the only reason the Opposition was forced to disrupt the proceedings was because they were not allowed to speak and debate the relevant issues in the House. Ms. Sen was suspended in September 2020 when the farm laws were passed in Parliament and then again in the monsoon session.

‘Habitual offenders’

She said, “The government claims we are habitual offenders, but they are the habitual offenders. Narendra Modi brought in demonetisation with the goal of unearthing black money. The black money didn’t come. Instead, 150 persons lost their lives. And then again, he imposed the farm laws against the wishes of people. In the agitation for over a year, 750

persons were martyred. So who is the habitual offender?”

The leaders said the suspension would help the government to bring in more controversial bills. Suspended CPI(M) Rajya Sabha floor leader Elamaram Kareem stated that the BJP government found itself in a tough spot with many of its erstwhile allies and supporting parties deserting them like the Telangana Rashtra Samithi. “Now the Opposition strength is less. That was deliberately done. This suspension has eased some of BJP’s pressure and now they can bring bills and get them passed easily,” he added.

The Opposition said the government was not interested in breaking the deadlock. “The way the Leader of Opposition is being disregarded, to put it mildly, by the Chair is unprecedented,” Congress Chief Whip Jairam Ramesh said. The protest also saw a lighter moment. Lok Sabha

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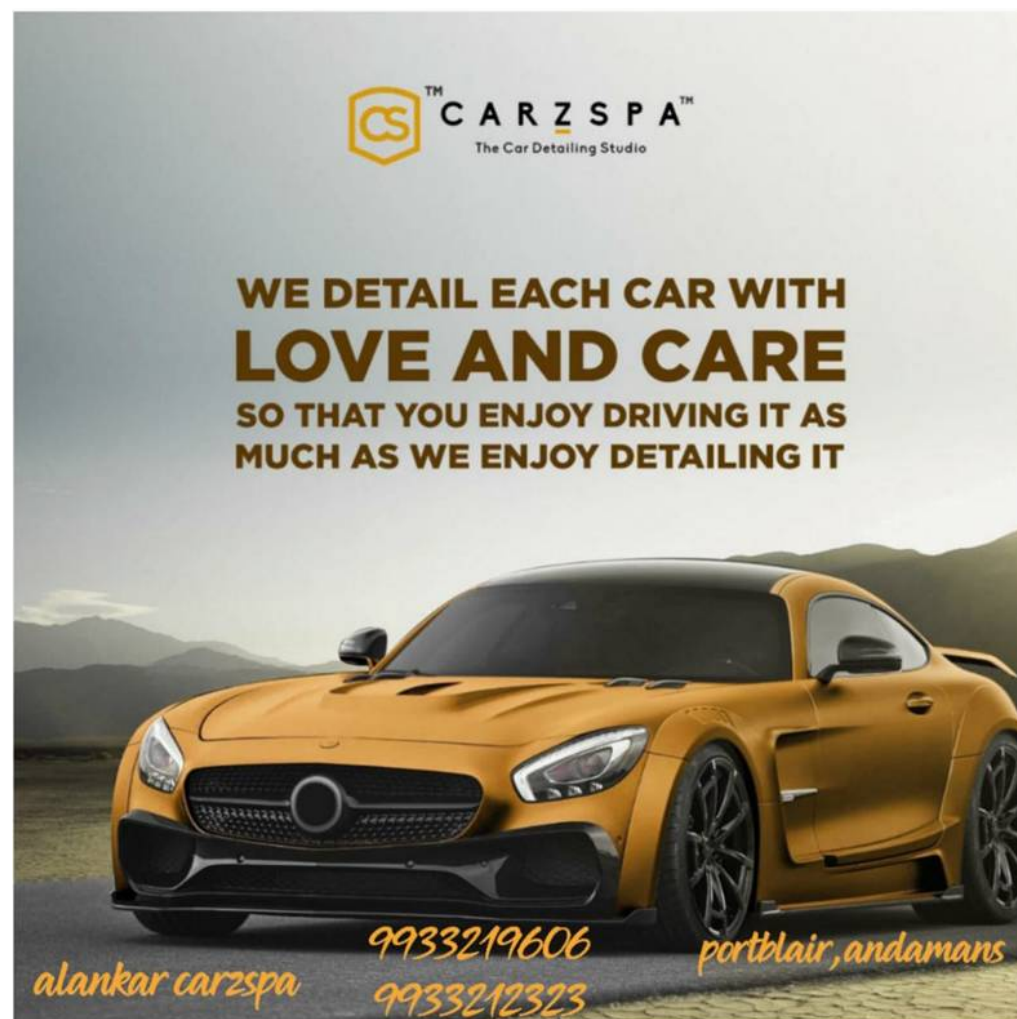
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Speaker Om Birla, who was accompanying a Mongolian delegation around the Parliament showing them the sights and sounds, passed by the protest sites. The opposition MPs did not let go of the opportunity and shouted out greetings to him. Mr. Birla waved

reluctantly at them in response.

Opposition MPs brought in food, tea and toasts for their suspended colleagues who were sitting on dharna. Mr Kharge brought in lunch, while Samajwadi Party's Jaya Bachchan brought candies and chocolates.





## Lok Sabha Passes Bill to Regulate IVF Clinics

**New Delhi, Dec. 1:** The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the The Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2020 that proposes the establishment of a national registry and registration authority for all clinics and medical professionals serving in the field.

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, while moving the Bill for passage, said several suggestions of the Standing Committee have been considered by the Government to improve the legislation. The Bill seeks to regulate and supervise Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics and ART banks, prevent misuse, adopt safe and ethical practice and so on.

"Many such ART clinics have been running without regulation. A need was felt for regulation of such clinics as there are implications on health of those who undertake the procedure," Mr Mandaviya told the House.

Opening the debate, Congress's Karti Chidambaram said this law is Victorian as it doesn't include lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender people (LGBTQ) or single men for exercising the right. He also urged the Government to consider supporting poor childless parents to take ART's help.



Supporting the Bill, Dr. Heena Gavit of the BJP said the Bill sets minimum standards and codes of conduct for fertility clinics and egg or sperm banks and about 80% of ART clinics are not registered.

"The Bill also has a provision that those involved in trafficking and sale of embryos will be fined ₹ 10 lakh at first instance and in second instance, the person can be imprisoned for up to 12 years," Dr. Gavit said.

Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP, Dr. Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, who is a specialist in the field, said experts should be involved at every level to monitor the Bill's provisions and pointed out "ART banks" should not be there unless it has a proper laboratory.

Dr. Dastidar and BSP's Sangeeta Azad raised the issue of exclusion of single parents and the

LGBTQ community from using this procedure. "They have a right to be parents too," they argued. Welcoming the Bill, NCP's Supriya Sule also talked about the LGBTQ community and single men.

"I think we should not deprive any human being who deserves or wants to have a child. Why do we not put all the bright minds together," Ms. Sule said, adding that there should not be any jail terms for doctors.

RSP's N.K. Premachandran raised a technical point and said, "Surrogacy bill is pending in the Upper House, that has not been passed. How can this House pass a law that is depending upon another law".

The Health Minister said both the Bills would now be taken up in the Upper House together.

## Vaccination Drive in A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Dec. 1:** A total of 5,54,860 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,75,862 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 1346 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands.

1116 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 83 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 210 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 9 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 20 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

## Last Date for IGNOU Admission Extended

**Port Blair, Dec. 1:** The last date for Admission to all UG & PG programmes (except semester based, Certificate/Diploma/PG Diploma programmes) in Indira Gandhi National Open University's for July 2021, is extended upto 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 without any late fees. For Online admission, log on - <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in> and for Offline

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## IGNOU Assignment and Projects Submission Date Extended

**Port Blair, Dec. 1:** The last date for submission of assignments and projects for the TEE December 2021 has been extended till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Students may submit their assignments at their

respective study centre and submit the on-line project/dissertation/internship/field work Journal reports by clicking the online link available at the first page of IGNOU website [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in)

## Power Suspension Notice

It is brought to notice of electricity consumers and general public that due to shifting of 11 KV panel and re-laying of power cables at Phoenix Bay Power House, the power supply will remain suspended on 03.12.2021 (Friday) from 0700 Hrs. to 1400 Hrs. at following area :-

**03.12.2021 (Friday) 0700 Hrs. - 1400 Hrs.:** Part of Junglighat, Vijay Baugh, Dairy Farm complete Marine Hill, Duganabad complete, Round Basti & Netaji Club area.

The time mentioned in the schedule is tentative, if the work completes earlier the feeder will be charged accordingly.

The inconvenience caused is regretted.





# SPORTS

## Six-time Champions Germany, Argentina Enter Junior Hockey World Cup Semifinals

**Bhubaneswar, Dec. 1:** Six-time champions Germany and Argentina earned hard-fought wins over Spain and Netherlands respectively to enter the semifinals of the FIH Junior Men's Hockey World Cup here on Wednesday.

In the first quarterfinal of the day, Germany eked out a narrow 3-1 win over Spain in the shoot-out after both the teams were locked at 2-2 in regulation time, before Argentina beat Netherlands 2-1. Germany took the lead from a penalty stroke through Christopher Kutter in the fifth minute but the lead was shortlived as Ignacio Abajo equalised for Spain from a penalty corner six minutes later.

After two barren quarters, it was Spain who shocked the Germans in the 59th minute when Eduard de Ignacio-Simo scored a fine field goal to give his side the lead.

There was more drama in store as just at the stroke of the hooter, Germany secured a penalty corner and Masi Pfandt stepped up to take the match into shoot-out.

In the shoot-out, Paul Smith, Michel Struthoff and Hannes Muller found the back of the net, while Matteo Poljaric missed.

Spain were awful from the one-on-one situation as Abajo, Guilermo Fortuno and de Ignacio-Simo missed while only Gerard Clapes scored.

Germany are the most successful team in the history of the Junior World Cup having won the



tournament six times. The Germans won consecutive titles in 2009 and 2013 in New Delhi, which was their last crown.

Germany secured the bronze medal in the last edition of the tournament in 2016 in Lucknow.

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In the second last-eight round match, it took 24 minutes to break the deadlock when Argentina, the 2005 champions, surged ahead through Joaquin Kruger's field

strike. Kruger positioned himself perfectly at the backpost to tap in a free hit from outside the circle.

But Netherlands responded in no time when Miles Bukkens converted a penalty corner in the very next minute to go into half time locked at 1-1.

Netherlands started on a strong note after the change of ends and secured four penalty corners in quick time but the Argentine defence stood tall to thwart the dangers.

The game eventually turned out to be a heartbreak for Netherlands as an own goal in the 59th minute put paid to their hopes.

Sheldon Schouten was at the wrong end of the proceedings when he deflected in Floris Middendorp's cross from the left flank.

## Injury-plagued Saina Nehwal pulls out of World Championships, expects to resume training mid-December

**New Delhi, Dec 1:** Former world no.1 Saina Nehwal will miss the World Championships for the first time in her international career due to multiple injuries that have derailed her season.

The London Olympics bronze-medallist, who has won a silver and bronze besides eight quarterfinal finishes in the World Championships over the years, is recovering from a groin pull and knee injury.

The big event will be held in Huelva, Spain from December 12 to 19.

"Saina had to withdraw from World Championship as she is still recovering from the groin and a knee injury. She won't be able to regain fitness in time to play the tournament," Saina's husband and fellow shuttler Kashyap told PTI.



Returning to action at the Thomas and Uber Cup Final in Aarhus, Denmark in October, Saina had to retire midway in the round-robin match against Spain's Clara Azurmendi due to a groin niggle.

She played in Denmark but again withdrew midway into the second game of the first round match at French Open.

"She had a tough groin injury in Uber Cup. She was fine in Denmark but it didn't heal properly and again started paining when she was playing in French Open. It

aggravated and became serious," said Kashyap.

"She also had a knee injury in France and had to pull out. She is doing her rehabilitation now. Hopefully, she will be able to get back to training from 10th or 15th of this month." In a stellar career, Saina has never missed the World Championships since making her debut in the 2006 edition.

The 31-year-old from Hyderabad claimed the silver in 2015 when her rampaging run was stopped by Spain's Carolina Marin in the final. She also secured a bronze two years later at Glasgow, Scotland.

In 2018, Saina claimed her second individual gold medal at the Commonwealth Games and also helped the country win its first mixed team title in the quadrennial event.

However, she has been ravaged by injuries for most of the last two years and missed the Tokyo Olympic qualification this year.

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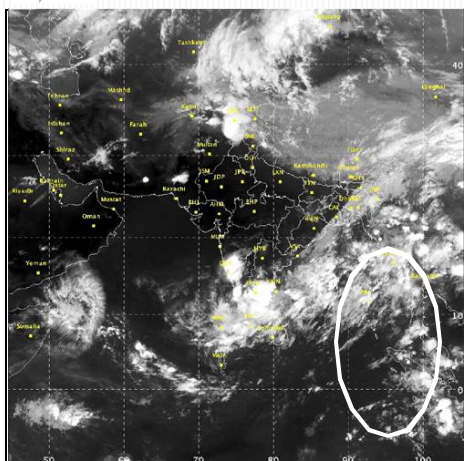
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## Weather



Max. Temp: 28.2 °C	Min.: 23.7 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 97%	1730 Hrs: 77%
Sunrise: 0524 Hrs.	Sunset: 1653 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	001.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3386.3 mm

### Forecast

Light to Moderate Rainfall most likely over Port Blair. Generally cloudy sky. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Thursday 02/12/2021

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