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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

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.

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

People's Voice

Tourism theek se chal he nahi raha hai Andaman mein aur Administration ka pachataar kanoon Tour Operators ko pareshaani mein daal raha hai ...

- A Citizen



Not 20G... it is a G20 summit!

Member of Parliament Demands Ship Service from Little Andaman to Transport Students for Combined Recruitment Written Examination

Port Blair, Nov. 16: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Director of Shipping Services to schedule a ship sailing on 18th night of this month from Little Andaman to Port Blair for the students appearing for the Combined Recruitment Written Examination for filling various group 'C' posts.

In a letter addressed to the Director of Shipping Services, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the Combined Recruitment Written Examination for filling various group 'C' posts is scheduled for 20th November 2022.

A lot of aspirants have applied to appear for this exam even from far off places

like Little Andaman, he pointed.

Given the importance of this exam for all the students who need to appear for it from Hut Bay, the Member of Parliament requested the Director of Shipping Services to make a ship sailing.

He added that the night sailing will reduce the expense they might have to

spend on lodging here if they reach Port Blair by the 19th November. Also this will provide the aspirants ample time to prepare and appear for this exam without any stress of travel and lodging.

Chief Secretary Congratulates Vijaya Saigal and Chandra Mallick for Getting Florence Nightingale Award



Port Blair, Nov. 16: Two health professionals from A&N Islands, Smti Vijaya Saigal, Retired Matron, GB Pant Hospital and Smti Chandra Mallick, ANM, GB Pant Hospital were awarded with National Florence Nightingale Awards-2021 for their meritorious services in the field of health services by the President of India, Smti Droupadi Murmu during the award ceremony held at New Delhi recently. At a brief function held

today in the chamber of the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Smti Vijaya Saigal and Smti Chandra Mallick who got the prestigious award were acknowledged by the Chief Secretary, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS for their meritorious service rendered during the COVID pandemic in presence of senior officers of the Administration. The Chief Secretary congratulated them and also bestowed his best wishes to them.

ICAR-CIARI Celebrates 'Agricultural Education Day' Through Series of Programmes



Port Blair, Nov. 16: Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has designated 3rd December, the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India as Agricultural Education Day. In this connection, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair is conducting a series of programmes for school and college students from 15th November to 5th December, 2022.

To begin with, a debate competition was held on 15th

November for school students in which 82 students from 9 schools viz. Ummat Public School, Kamraj English Medium School, Khalsa Public School, Don Bosco School, GSSS, Port Mout, St. Mary's School, Govt. Model Sr. Secondary School, Saraswathi Shishu Mandir and Rabindra Bangla Vidyalaya participated. Two teams from each school debated in favour and against the topic "Whether agriculture, animal

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LG Reviews Proposed World Class Interactive Live Tribal Museum



Port Blair, Nov. 16: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency along with Shri Keshav Chandra, Chief Secretary and other senior officers of Andaman & Nicobar Administration reviewed the setting up of proposed World Class Interactive Live Tribal Museum at Andaman & Nicobar Islands today at Raj Niwas.

Jolly Interacts with Village Leaders of Kakana and Malacca in Car Nicobar



Car Nicobar, Nov. 16: National Executive Member BJP and Former State President BJP, A&N Islands, Shri Vishal Jolly today held a meeting with eminent persons and villagers of Kakana and Malacca village as part of his Three-day tour to Nicobar District.

The meeting was attended by First Captain Mr. N. Paul, Third Captain Mr. L. Heada Thomas of Kakana Village and Third Captain Mr. Milang, Fourth Captain Mr. DN. Benedit of Malacca village. Mr. L. Davidson, Ex-Member Tribal Council & Mr. George Anthur was also present in the meeting.

During the interaction, the villagers put forth their grievances in the meeting and he assured them of making all efforts in fulfilling their aspirations at appropriate level.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Stay Watchful

October's inflation data point to a welcome softening in price gains that should offer some succour to monetary policy authorities, who have been battling to rein in runaway inflation since the beginning of this year. Retail inflation, or price gains based on the Consumer Price Index, slowed to 6.77% last month, from September's 7.41%, aided by an appreciable deceleration in food price inflation. The year-on-year inflation based on the Consumer Food Price Index eased by almost 160 basis points in October, to 7.01%, from the preceding month's 8.60%, helped by a "decline in prices of vegetables, fruits, pulses and oils and fats", the Government said. With the food and beverages sub-index representing almost 46% of the CPI's weight, the slowdown in food price gains understandably steered overall inflation lower even as price gains in three other essential categories, namely clothing and footwear, housing, and health, remained either little changed from September or quickened. Inflation at the wholesale prices level also continued to decelerate, with the headline reading easing into single digits for the first time in 19 months. A favourable base effect along with a distinct cooling in international prices of commodities including crude oil and steel amid gathering uncertainty in advanced economies was largely instrumental in tempering wholesale price gains.

Still, a closer look at sequential trends in retail inflation, especially in food items, flag the imperative for policymakers to remain watchful. While year-on-year inflation in vegetable prices slowed sharply to 7.77% last month, from September's breathless 18% pace, the month-on-month gains accelerated to a four-month high of 4.1% and point to concerns that the supply disruptions caused by unseasonal rains in vegetable-growing regions as well as logistical difficulties posed by monsoon flooding may continue to keep prices volatile, at least in the near term. Prices of staple cereals including rice and wheat also remain an object of concern, notwithstanding the Government's concerted efforts to cool volatility using export control measures. While inflation in the largest weight in the food basket ticked up to 12.1% in October, from the previous month's 11.5%, sequentially, price gains came in at 1%, moderating in pace from September. Reports of paddy crops being submerged or affected by heavy rains in different parts of the country coupled with the shortages of wheat and flour that have pushed up their prices all signal more volatility ahead in cereal prices. With S&P Global's latest Business Outlook survey pointing to an intensification of wage pressures and producer pass-through of costs, authorities can ill-afford to drop their guard in the fight against inflation.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Doing Right and Being Wrong..!

A teacher pointed out a young child to me, "She's good," said the teacher, "she knows all the answers but hesitates to put up her hand!"

"Why?" I asked bewildered.

"She's scared to be wrong!" said the teacher.

A humorous story has it that a newly appointed young clergy person was contacted by a local funeral director to hold a graveside service at a small country cemetery in Iowa. There was to be no funeral, just the committal, because the deceased had no family or friends left in the state.

The young pastor started early to cemetery, but soon became lost. After making several wrong turns, he finally arrived a half-hour late. The hearse was nowhere in sight and cemetery workers were relaxing under a near-by tree, eating their lunch.

The pastor went to the open grave and found that the vault lid was already in place. He took out his book and read the service. As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the

workers say, "Maybe we'd better tell him it's a septic tank."

The young pastor came home and told his wife what had happened. She laughed and then gave him a hug.



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"Why the hug?" he asked her.

"So that you won't stop doing what is right even if found out you were wrong," she said. "Husband," she said, "when you found the open grave with no one around you could have gone home and no one would have been the wiser, but your thoughts were the duty you had been called to perform and you did what you had to do!"

"Yes," said the pastor thoughtfully.

"You did right!" said his wife, then laughed and hugged her husband again.

Sometimes we make our biggest mistakes in public don't we? Says former hockey goalie Jacques Plante, "as a goalie whenever I make a mistake, a big, red light goes on and 18,000 people boo?" But that doesn't stop me from trying to save another goal even if I make a fool of myself!"

We should never give up our right to be wrong.

Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from previous incidents of bad judgment. It is your right to be wrong. "No one ever became great or good except through many and great mistakes," said William Gladstone. "Great mistakes are opportunities for great learning. And great learning makes for great living."

You have a right to be wrong. And if you are to build a great life, you have a duty to make great mistakes. If possible, laugh at them. Always learn from them. And try to make sure your next mistake is one you haven't made before.

But continue doing right even if it means being wrong..!

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Public Hearing on Draft ICRZ Today

Port Blair, Nov. 16: The public hearing for preparation of Draft Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) Plan for South Andaman scheduled on

17.11.2022 at 11 AM in the Auditorium of Tagore Govt. College, Port Blair has been postponed due to administrative reasons. The fresh date and time for

the public hearing will be published/broadcasted for the information of the general public and stakeholders.

Heavy Rain Forecast Over A&N Islands

Port Blair, Nov. 16: As per Indian Meteorological Department's weather forecast, heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on Nov. 17. For

further enquiries/ information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at

Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

ENTERTAINMENT

I Want to Evolve as an Actor: Sudigali Sudheer



November 16: HYDERABAD: Sudigali Sudheer is a star and a household name to reckon with on the small screen! He was part of several films in supporting cast and debuted as lead actor with Software. The actor says that his upcoming film, Galodu, is a fresh take on a love story, and exudes confidence that the film will enthrall the audience. "What distinguishes the film is its treatment; we decided to give the love story a complete makeover so that it appeals to all sections of the audience," he says. At a time

when the audience flocking theatres is in jeopardy, isn't it risky to take the filmy plunge, we ask Sudheer?

"More pains, more gains," he replies, adding that he relishes taking up challenges and pushing the limits. "I believe what makes our film a cut-out for theatres is its narrative style. Moreover, my rugged avatar and the mass appeal I carry in the film definitely suits the galleries. Also, as a kid I grew up watching Chirajeevi sir and Rajinikanth sir's films. The emotion and high the audience get in the theatres

is at a different level," explains Sudheer, about the P Rajasekhara Reddy direct Galodu is about a guy who migrates to the city from a village to solve a problem. But in the process he encounters more problems. And for his part, Sudheer had gone for a makeover. On small screen Sudheer aces comic timing with his comedy skits, but films demand more to showcase. "I want to evolve as an actor and don't want to restrict myself to just comic skits," believes the actor.

My Journey has Been Fulfilling: Shanvi Srivastava

November 16: Shanvi Srivastava might have started her career in Telugu in 2012 with the film Lovely, but with time she had later expanded her horizons and ventured into Kannada, Malayalam and Marathi films. She describes her decade journey as 'very enriching.' "The best aspect of learning was that I could meet people from various cultures. That itself was very enriching to know because just like how cinema reaches out to every nook and corner, we get to work with people from the smallest of towns,"



shares Shanvi. Having been part of more than 20 films in a decade long career, Shanvi says she always did films at her own pace. "I was never in a hurry for work because you should fit into the role naturally," says the actress, adding that playing different roles gave her a lot of work

satisfaction and confidence. Working in multiple industries, according to her, is recognition of work. "When filmmakers from other languages approach you, it's a validation of your hard work. Also, it's always exciting to work in a new language because of the opportunity to connect with a new audience," she says.

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Health, Science /Tech

Amazon Reportedly Begins Mass Layoffs; Alexa and Cloud Gaming Divisions Most Impacted



November 16: Amazon has begun the process of laying off thousands of employees. The Washington Post and CNBC are reporting that some workers are being asked to find another job in the company soon or accept a severance package. Neither outlets confirm how many employees were affected by the move.

New York Times Monday broke the story that Amazon will begin mass layoffs this week, mostly in retail, devices and cloud gaming division. The e-commerce giant is planning to hand over pink slips to as many as 10,000 employees in corporate and technology divisions. Amazon's cuts will reportedly affect thousands of employees working in the device's unit, which houses voice-assistant Alexa, as well as its retail division and human resources. According to the WSJ, the Alexa business has posted annual losses of \$5 billion a year. Indianexpress.com has reached out to Amazon India for comment.

As of December 31, Amazon had about 1.6 million full-time employees and part-time employees and the reported cuts would represent 3 per cent of Amazon's corporate workforce and less than 1 per cent of its global workforce. Amazon founder Jeff Bezos had recently indicated that the US economy is either in or heading towards a recession.

Amazon, the world's largest retailer, is the latest among the big technology companies to sack thousands of employees. Last week, Facebook's parent Meta platforms said it would lay off more than 13 per cent of its staff or 11,000 employees. Twitter, which is now owned by Elon Musk, has roughly cut around 3700 jobs or half of its 7500 workforce.

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AATO Delegation Raise Issues Pertaining to Facilities at Haddo Jetty and Concerns of Parasailing Operators Before CPA

Port Blair, Nov. 16: A delegation of AATO comprising of its President, Shri. M. Vinod, General Secretary Shri. K. Hamza and Joint Secretary, Shri. Saikat Biswas met the Chief Port Administrator today. The delegation appraised CPA of the problems being faced by the tour operators and tourists at Haddo Jetty. The CPA was requested to either waive off or simplify the parking fee collection

procedure for tourist vehicles, which otherwise is resulting in traffic congestion in front of the main gate. Vinod also requested CPA to deploy additional CISF staff to expedite the checking, scanning, and frisking procedure during busy morning hours.

The delegation also requested CPA to address the concerns of Parasailing Operators, who are being burdened with excess

manning of the crew due to the classification of parasailing boats as passenger vessels under IV act. Unlike other states like Goa and Karnataka, parasailing boats in Andaman are required to have 4 crew as per IV manning and 3 crew as per NIWS manning.

The CPA has assured to look into the concerns and initiate necessary actions at the earliest.

ANTCC President Demands Regular Bus Services at the Villages of Campbell Bay

Port Blair, Nov. 16: During his visit to Campbell Bay the ANTCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder and Chairman - Campaign Committee ANTCC Shri. G. Bhasker had learnt the problems being faced by the general public in availing the Bus Services at the villages of Campbell Bay. Addressing the concerns raised, Halder wrote

a letter to the Director of Transport, Andaman & Nicobar Administration highlighting the condition of the STS Buses, which is in a very precarious stage making it difficult for the commuters to travel.

He pointed that in the Village of Chingam, the school goes and medical patients have been greatly

affected as there is only one bus operating in morning and evening which isn't sufficient to meet the requirements of the residents.

Halder requested the Director, Transport to replace the old buses with new ones and resolve the issues and grievances of the commuters in Campbell Bay.

Men's Physique Competition 'Body Hunt2' on 19th Nov

Port Blair, Nov. 16: SAMFAR Events will be organising a Men's Physique competition called 'Body Hunt 2'. The aim of the competition is to bring awareness about man physique and encourage health and fitness among the youth of the Islands.

The objective of the competition shall be to bring youth of the Islands to a stage of man physique, thereby opening up opportunities for them in the national stage. The one-day competition is



scheduled to be held on 19th November 2022 guided and judged by professional experts from the sport.

Participation Forms are available with the organiser Sameer Iqbal Bajaj (9933206988)

ANACS and RRC Conducts Blood Donation Camp at ANCOL

Port Blair, Nov. 16: Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) coordinated the Voluntary Blood Donation camp which was organized by Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of Andaman College, ANCOL, Port Blair in coordination with G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair today at ANCOL. A total of 40 units of blood were donated by voluntary donors. The Blood Donation was facilitated by Dr. N. R. Kodhandram, Deputy Director (Blood Safety)/ Medical Officer i/c, Blood Bank, G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair. The donors were examined for



their eligibility to donate blood and briefed the donors

on various aspect and importance of blood donation.

CONDOLENCE

CPI (M) Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee deeply mourn the demise of Smt MG Lalitha, retired Assistant Accounts Officer of Andaman & Nicobar Administration today (16.11.2022) early morning at her home town Guruvayur in Kerala. She was 79 years.

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husbandry and fisheries are promising professional career or not?"

On 16th November, a debate competition was held for college students in which 48 from 6 colleges viz. Pondicherry University, JNRM, Andaman Law College, ANCOL, DIET and TGCE participated. Two teams from each college debated in favour and against the topic "Whether agricultural education in schools is necessary for the Islands under increasing urbanization scenario?". Dr. Pooja Bohra, Scientist along with Shri Alex Praveen Barla, Smt. Asma Bibi, and Smt. Nutan Roy, Technical Assistants, Shri Ali Akbar, Technician, and Shri Saravanan, SSS coordinated the event.

Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist & Nodal officer of the programme briefed about the idea behind the conduct of debate under the aegis of Agriculture Education Day and expressed gratitude to the Principals of participant colleges for deputing their students. He summarized the deliberation of the debate by indicating that, agriculture should be given the status of mainstream subject in schools, resources and infrastructure should be created to establish agricultural college in the Islands for students to pursue agriculture courses

after schooling. Agriculture has to be viewed as a part of Island tourism and should be technology driven to make it more enterprising. Agricultural education will help inspire youth to pursue agricultural profession so as to sustain agriculture in the Islands in spite of burgeoning urbanization. Shri D. Karunakaran, Scientist & Organising Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

In continuation, painting and quiz competitions will be held on 18th and 21st November respectively for school students. On 25th November Dr. Lal Ji Singh, Joint Director & Head, Botanical Survey of India, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre will deliver a Seminar Lecture on "Floral diversity of Andaman & Nicobar Islands". On 28th November, the Garacharma Campus of CIARI will be open for the school students to visit its R&D activities. In addition, students can submit a Concept Paper on "Innovative ideas for agricultural development in the Islands" by 30th November.

The highlight of this fortnightly programme is the Scientist-Student Interaction, wherein a team of Scientists will visit the schools to create awareness among the students about the "Career opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors" and to inculcate scientific temperament.

Organizing Secretaries Shri D. Karunakaran, @ 9433286866 and Dr. R. Jayakumara Varadan @ 8903974102 can be contacted for further details.

Special Drive to Enrol Children (0-5 yrs) Under Aadhaar

Port Blair, Nov. 16: The Central Government has made Aadhaar mandatory to avail the benefits of all the welfare schemes implemented by the Government of India. For enrolment of all the eligible 0-5 years, the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs along with the other stakeholders are conducting a special drive at Anganwadi Centres in South Andaman District for enrolling left out children in

the age group of 0-5. The date, time & venue of the Aadhaar Camps are detailed below:

1) 17/11/2022 to 18/11/2022 & 21/11/2022 to 24/11/2022 - 9 am to 5 pm: Anganwadi Dairy Farm (1-20)

2) 17/11/2022 to 18/11/2022 & 21/11/2022 to 24/11/2022 - 9 am to 5 pm: Anganwadi Dairy Farm (1-4) & Lamba Line (1-4)

General public have been urged to avail this facility and get their children enrolled at the respective Anganwadi.

Direct Benefit Transfer of Dulari Scheme Made Online

Port Blair, Nov. 16: Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of Dulari Scheme has been successfully completed on online mode in coordination with NIC and DAB. With this, beneficiaries can now avail the services directly by visiting the website <https://eservices.andaman.gov.in/>.

Henceforth, no offline/manual applications shall be entertained for registration under the Scheme.

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Tender documents and other information can be obtained from <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

Last date online Tender filling : 10/12/2022 1530 hrs

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Biden Convenes Emergency Nato Meet as a Russia-Made Missile Falls in Poland

November 16: Nusa Dua (Indonesia): US President Joe Biden convened an “emergency” meeting of the Group of Seven and NATO leaders in Indonesia on Wednesday morning for consultations after NATO ally Poland said a “Russian-made” missile killed two people in the eastern part of its country near the Ukraine border.

Biden, who was awakened overnight by staff with the news of the missile explosion while in Indonesia for the Group of 20 summit, called Polish President Andrzej Duda early on Wednesday to express his “deep condolences” for the loss of lives. Biden promised on Twitter “full US support for and assistance with Poland’s investigation”, and “reaffirmed the United States’ ironclad commitment to NATO”.

Meeting at a large round table in a ballroom in his hotel, the US president hosted the leaders of the G-7, which includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the European Union, along with the president of the European Council and the prime ministers of NATO allies Spain and the Netherlands.

Biden replied “no” to reporters who asked if he would provide an update on the situation in Poland.

A statement from the Polish Foreign Ministry

identified the missile as being made in Russia. But Poland’s president, Duda, was more cautious about its origin, saying that officials did not know for sure who fired it or where it was made.

He said it was “most probably” Russian-made, but that is being still verified. If confirmed, it would be the first time since the invasion of Ukraine that a Russian weapon came down on a NATO country.

The foundation of the NATO alliance is the principle that an attack against one member is an attack on them all.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy decried the strike as “a very significant escalation” of the war. Meanwhile, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg called an emergency meeting of the alliance’s envoys to discuss the events close to the Ukrainian border in Poland.

If Russia had deliberately targeted Poland, it would risk drawing the 30-nation alliance into the conflict at a time when it is already struggling to fend off Ukrainian forces.

Polish media reported that the strike took place in an area where grain was drying in Przewodw, a village near the border with Ukraine.

The Russian Defence Ministry denied being behind “any strikes on targets near the Ukrainian-Polish border” and said in a statement that photos of purported damage “have nothing to do” with Russian weapons.



SPORTS

Kieron Pollard Announces Retirement from IPL, Appointed as Mumbai Indians Batting Coach

November 16: Mumbai Indian superstar Kieron Pollard announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL) on Tuesday. The 35-year-old will continue to be part of the franchise as a batting coach.

In a statement, the West Indian said, "It hasn't been the easiest decision to make as I intend to keep playing for a few more years, but following discussions with Mumbai Indians I have a franchise which has achieved so much that needs to transition and if I'm no longer to play for MI then I cannot see myself playing against MI either. 'Once an MI always an MI'. This is not an emotional goodbye to MI however as I have agreed to take up the role of batting coach in the IPL as well as play with MI Emirates."

"This next chapter of my career is genuinely exciting and allows me to transition myself too from playing to coaching," Pollard added.

The 35-year-old further said, "I am immensely proud and honoured and blessed to have

represented the biggest and most successful team in the IPL for the [past 13 seasons. It was always an aspiration to play for this fantastic team and although I will miss the buzz of the IPL you get as a player, I take comfort in knowing that I have been fortunate enough to have played with some of the best players in the world in front of the passionate fans. I have always felt and appreciated their unconditional support both on and off the field. Together, we won the Champions League in 2011 and 2013 and the IPL in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020."

The power-hitter said, "I must give big thanks to the coaches, managers, and the other backroom support staff we had at Mumbai Indians and who I now join. We would not have achieved success over the years without their continuing hard work, dedication and



commitment to creating the best environment and I look forward to emulating their successful approach. In particular, I would like to pay special tribute to my good friend Robin Singh for his sound advice and guidance over the years and whose very shoes I now fill."

"Today I make this step with hope and excitement towards the future knowing that I will be playing a role in an institution whose values align so closely to mine, where 'We are family.'"

Pollard has played 189 IPL games for Mumbai Indians and scored 2316 runs at a strike rate of 147.32. The allrounder picked up 69 wickets.

The big hitter is among the top five six hitters in IPL with 223 sixes.

'It's a Beautiful Country.....let thEm Enjoy Right Now, we'll Talk About the Future Later': Hardik Pandya on the Road Ahead for Team India

November 16: Appointed captain for the three-match T20I series in Ireland, Hardik Pandya believes that it is a chance for young players to make their space into the playing eleven but also added that the roadmap to the next T20 World Cup (2024) starts now, 'it is too fresh'.

"Right now, it is just about making sure that we let the boys enjoy here," Pandya said in a pre-series media interaction. "It's a beautiful country. You get beautiful vibe as well. Yeah, let them enjoy right now, we'll talk about the future later."

"The next T20 World Cup will be in two years time. We have time. Till then a lot of cricket will be played. A lot of people will get enough chances."

The upcoming bilateral will mark India's return to the field following their T20 World Cup exit after a 10-wicket defeat to

England in the semifinal at the Adelaide Oval last week.

"I mean, we all know that there's a disappointment of the World Cup but we are professionals," the India all-rounder said. "We need to cope up with it. How we cope up with our successes, we also cope up with our failures and move forward to get better and rectify the mistakes which we did and just make sure that in this we don't repeat them." On being asked if India had a point to prove going into this series and the criticism that the team had been associated with following the World Cup exit, Pandya said, "Nah, I mean obviously when you don't do well, people will have their opinion, and which we respect. I understand where people are coming from. But no, I think being at the international level we don't have to prove anything. It's a sport. You keep trying. You keep getting

better. And eventually, when the result is supposed to happen, it will happen."

On New Zealand not being the favorites

When asked if India can be considered favorites going into the bilateral series under his captaincy, Pandya denied the same and praised the opposition.

"Not really. Martin (Guptill) did not play in the World Cup as well, still they were there in the semis. We all know that New Zealand have been a fantastic side over the years, who have always come and put up a show and always challenge you as a team."

Following the announcement of Sunrisers Hyderabad deciding not to retain their captain from last season, Kane Williamson, Hardik Pandya responded to questions of his Indian Premier League franchise Gujarat Titans being interested in the New Zealand skipper by stating, "Don't know, too far to think right now."

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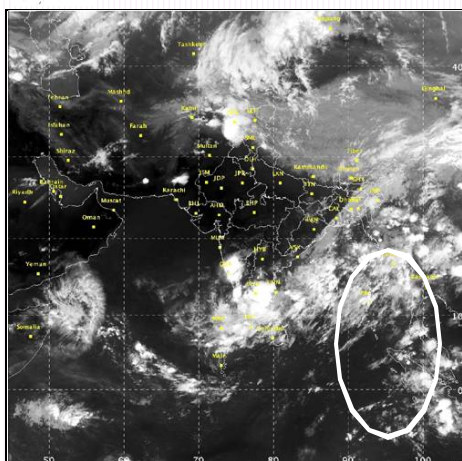
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Weather



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

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain or thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Thursday 17/11/2022.

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