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INDIAN COAST GUARD CONDUCTS MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE WORKSHOP



Port Blair, Sept. :

Indian Coast Guard Region (A&N) conducted a Maritime Search and Rescue Workshop through video conferencing on 16 Sep 21.

The workshop was inaugurated by Deputy Inspector General P Pradeep Kumar, Chief Staff Officer (Operation), CGRHQ (A&N). Mercantile Marine Department,

DGCA/AAI, Directorate of Shipping Services, Port Management Board, State Disaster Management, Department of Fisheries, INCOIS, BSNL

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HRS Entertainment & Rishabh Puri Presents Jo Tu Na Mila.... Song



Port Blair: The most awaited and the first ever Island's romantic heartbreak music video from the label 'HSR Entertainment' will be released in the month of

September. The song is written, sung and acted by Zayed Khan - a local born Islander of A & N Islands, and a well known face to the entertainment industry of our islands..

Zayed has been working for the event industry since 2006 and have been performing as a singer on stage since then in our

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No positive case detected during test conducted on flight & inter island bound passengers: Director (IP&T)

Port Blair, Sept.19

The Director (IP&T), Shri Alok Kumar briefing media persons on COVID-19 in the conference hall of IP&T here this evening disclosed that during the RT-PCR test conducted on 1196 passengers who arrived here yesterday, all were found negative. Today, 9 flights with 1257 passengers arrived and the RT-PCR test was conducted and the reports are awaited. He further disclosed that RAT was conducted on 322 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj and all were found negative. Apart from this, 275

passengers travelling to different destinations were tested at Phoenix Bay Jetty and all were found negative.

The Director further said that today till 3 pm, 83 beneficiaries were administered vaccines, out of which, 50 were in the age group of 18-44.

The Director (ANIIMS) Dr. AK Mandal stated that 7 corona patients are undergoing treatment at GB Pant Hospital.

The Deputy Director, GB Pant Hospital, Dr. Amitabha De said that no patients are there in COVID Care Centres.

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP- 2021 ON 18 SEP 2021



Port Blair, 18 Sep 21.

Indian Coast Guard, A&N Region organized a coastal cleanship drive on the occasion of International Coastal Cleanup Day-2021 on 18 Sep 21 at Corbyn's Cove Beach, Port Blair as part of "Swatch Sagar Abhiyan" and in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's appeal for mass cleanliness and sanitation campaign, through "Swachhta Hi Seva". Owing to COVID related safety protocol which is in place, the event was limited to participation of ICG person-

nel only.

The International Coastal Clean-up day is observed across the globe on the third Saturday of September, every year, under the aegis of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP). To augment the global efforts, Coast Guard has also been coordinating this event nationwide since 2006. Inspector General Dinesh Rajaputhran, TM, Commander Coast

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EDITORIAL

Punjab: The Congress gamble

By making it untenable for Captain Amarinder Singh to continue as Punjab's chief minister (CM), and now picking Charanjeet Singh Channi as the next CM, the Congress leadership appears to believe it has warded off anti-incumbency, ended the internal factional battle between Mr Singh and state party president Navjot Singh Sidhu, and strengthened the party in the run-up to the 2022 polls. Appointing Mr Channi, a Dalit leader, as CM is indeed smart political symbolism — he will be the first Dalit CM in a state with 31% Dalits. But this does not take away from the Congress's poor management of the Punjab crisis, which has potentially jeopardised its electoral prospects and enhanced the trust deficit between senior party leaders and the Nehru-Gandhi family nationally.

Captain Amarinder Singh led the party to a win in Punjab in 2017. He is also a rare national figure in the party who is respected for his military service, politics of moderation, and personal temperament. It is indeed true that his popularity had dipped in recent years, and this needed correction. But working with the CM, rather than against him, would have been far more productive. After all, the Congress has lived with CMs with a less-than-impressive track record, and allowed them the opportunity to test their credentials in elections. But the fact that the leadership did not do so stems from Captain being far more autonomous than the party leadership in Delhi (particularly Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi) was comfortable with. Instead, the encouragement to Mr Sidhu, a recent recruit to the party who was openly undermining a party leader; his elevation as party president; and possible signals to party legislators against Mr Singh contributed to undermining the CM's authority.

As the Bharatiya Janata Party showed in Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Gujarat, it has the ability to change CMs without a major backlash — largely due to Narendra Modi's authority and a culture of organisational discipline. The Congress is attempting to replicate the same pattern of control, except that its party leadership does not carry the same credibility, given its depleted ability to win votes. Mr Singh's sense of hurt, and fierce criticism of both Delhi and Mr Sidhu, will cost the Congress in terms of both optics and votes in Punjab; it will also lead to deeper unease among other senior leaders about the direction of the party; and Mr Channi's elevation could well sow the seeds of a new power conflict for leadership in the state unit. Instead of resolving a crisis, the Congress may have created another one.

Govt yet to take call on 68 names sent by SC collegium for appointment as HC judges

PTI: The government is yet to take a call on the recommendations made by the Supreme Court collegium on appointing a total of 68 judicial officers and advocates as judges of various high courts, sources aware of the procedure for appointment to the higher judiciary have said.

Between August 8 and September 1 this year, the apex court collegium had processed over 100 names recommended by various high courts and had finally sent 68 names to the government for appointment as judges to 12 high courts.

The government is yet to take a call on the names recommended by the SC collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, the

sources said.

Out of the 68 names, two from Karnataka and one from Jammu and Kashmir have been sent for a third time, while 10 others have been recommended for a second time. The rest are fresh recommendations.

Prior to these recommendations, in a historic decision on August 17, the SC collegium had sent nine names, including three women, for elevation as judges of the Supreme Court.

The names were cleared with significant pace by the government leading to their swearing-in as apex court judges on August 31.

On Friday, the Supreme Court collegium is learnt to

have recommended eight names of judges, including acting chief justice of Calcutta High Court Justice Rajesh Bindal, for their elevation as chief justices of different high courts.

Besides, the marathon collegium meetings on Thursday and Friday have led to recommendations of transfer of five high court chief justices, including Tripura High Court Chief Justice Akil Kureshi, and 28 other high courts judges.

The combined sanctioned strength of the 25 high courts of the country is 1,098 judges. As of September 1, there were 465 vacancies, according to data put in the public domain by the Law Ministry.

MP demands more Vehicle Ferry Vessels between Chatham and Bambooflat and more normal Ferry between Marine and Bambooflat

Port Blair, Sept:

Highlighting the problems being faced by people of Bambooflat, Wimberlygunj, Hope Town, Stewartgunj, Shore Point, Panighat, Mannarghat, Wright Myo, Shoal Bay and nearby areas, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has demanded more Vehicle Ferry Vessels between Chatham and Bambooflat and more normal Ferry between Marine and Bambooflat.

In a letter sent to the Chief Secretary the Member of

Parliament mentioned that a large population of the South Andaman region resides in Bambooflat, Wimberlygunj, Hope Town, Stewartgunj, Shore Point, Panighat, Mannarghat, Wright Myo, Shoal Bay and nearby areas and for them vehicle ferry vessels are the shortest mean to reach Port Blair city with their vehicles for various purposes like Office works, Education, Medical needs, day-to-day works etc.

But presently due to shortage of vehicle ferry vessels, now the sailings of vehicle ferry vessels between Chatham and Bambooflat have been reduced considerably.

The MP added that although in peak hours services of two vehicle-ferry vessels have been provided but in the daytime, only one vehicle ferry is being operated between Bambooflat and Chatham. Moreover, transfer of four-wheelers on vehicle ferry has been totally prohibited for reason unknown, which is causing huge inconvenience to daily commuters.

The MP pointed out that people of Bambooflat, Wimberlygunj, Hope Town, Stewartgunj, Shore Point, Panighat, Mannarghat, Wright Myo, Shoal Bay and nearby areas, with four-wheelers, who have to come to Port Blair for urgent works are now unable to reach Port Blair by vehicle ferry and hence they have to take the longer road-route, which is not only time consuming but also painful, because of horrible road conditions. Adding to this the normal ferry

service between Marine and Bambooflat has also been reduced considerably causing hardship for office going staffs, people who are working in private business houses and shops.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma mentioned that now to avail ordinary ferry these people have to come all the way to Chatham from Aberdeen Bazaar area, which is again both, time-consuming and expensive.

Considering all these problems being faced by people of Bambooflat, Wimberlygunj, Hope Town, Stewartgunj, Shore Point, Panighat, Mannarghat, Wright Myo, Shoal Bay and nearby areas, the Member of Parliament requested the CS to provide more vehicle ferry vessels from early morning to late night between Chatham and Bambooflat and also I request you to kindly increase the number of normal ferry vessels between Marine and Bambooflat, especially during the starting and closing of business hours, so that the daily earners, who are working in shops, hotels, restaurants, construction sites etc. can avail ferry for Bambooflat from Marine Jetty.

The MP also requested the CS to issue necessary directions to the Directorate of Shipping Services to repair all the vehicle ferry vessels, which are non-operational for a long time for minor faults and to keep these vehicle ferry vessels on stand-by for emergency deployment.

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Member of Parliament demands early release of pension for old age, widow, specially-abled and destitute people

Port Blair, Sept:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has demanded early release of pension for the new cases of old age, widow, specially-abled and destitute people.

On Friday the Member of Parliament met the Director of Social Welfare Department and mentioned that nearly 700 old age, widow, specially-abled and destitute people, who are eligible for monthly pension

under various schemes of Government of India, have already applied for the same, in Social Welfare Department.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma during the meeting mentioned that some of the people under this category belong from extremely poor backgrounds and are in urgent need of financial support. There are many who urgently need financial support for various reasons and release of pension will be a huge support for them.

Considering the

adverse social and economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the Member of Parliament demanded early release of pension for these new cases of old age, widow, specially-abled and destitute people.

During the meeting, the Director of Social Welfare Department assured the Member of Parliament that the pension for all new cases of old age, widow, specially-abled and destitute people will be released soon.

Committee on Government Assurances Lok Sabha holds discussion with representatives of Ministry of Communications (DoT), BSNL & A&N Administration and representatives of Department of Financial Services & Banks

Port Blair, Sept. 18

The Committee on Government Assurances (2021) Lok Sabha headed by its Chairman, Shri Rajendra Agarwal currently on visit to these Islands held informal discussion with the representatives of the Ministry of Communications (DoT), BSNL & A&N Administration regarding ‘BSNL Towers in villages at Welcom Hotel (Bay Island) today. The other Members of the Committee present in the discussion included Shri Nihal Chand Chauhan, Shri Kaushalendra Kumar, Shri Ramesh Chandra Kaushik, Shri Santosh Pandey, Shri M.K Raghavan and Dr. Bharatiiben Dhirubhai Shiyal.

The Deputy Director General, USOF, Department of Telecommunications, New Delhi, Shri Kamal Bhagat, the Secre-



tary (IT), A&N Administration, Shri Pankaj Kumar and the CGM, BSNL, A&N Telecom Circle, Shri G. Raja Ram Mohan also attended the discussion.

The Committee Members headed by its Chairman also held informal discussion with the representatives of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services), State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Central Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, Punjab

& Sind Bank, Indian Overseas Bank and UCO Bank regarding ‘Bank employees wage settlement’.

The Director, Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Financial Services), Shri S.R. Mehar, the Deputy Managing Director (CDO), SBI, Corporate Centre Mumbai, Shri Om Prakash Mishra and other officials/representatives of different banks were present during the discussion.

‘Rashtriya Poshan Maah’: Awareness prog. & drawing competition organized at Webi

Mayabunder, Sept. 18

An informative awareness programme and a drawing competition on ‘Rashtriya Poshan Maah’ 2021 was organized by AYUSH Unit, Dr. R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder for children focusing on the importance of

nutrition for healthy life today in the premises of Lugyi Memorial Hall, Webi, Mayabunder.

During the programme, Dr. Priyanka Iqbal (Ayurveda), GDMO (Ayurveda), Dr. R. P. Hospital, Mayabunder urged the chil-

dren to follow a healthy lifestyle with nutritional supplements which helps in the enhancement of proper growth and development during childhood, a press release from AYUSH Unit, Dr. R.P. Hospital said.

Beach Cleaning Drive by Member of Parliament



A massive beach cleaning drive was organized by the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma in the morning on 19 Sept.2021 near the coastal belt of Hornbill Nest Resort, Port Blair.

A large number of youths, especially ladies participated in the said drive.

The Member of Parliament appreciated all the participants for showing tremendous responsibility towards the ecology and responsibility towards Andaman beaches.

Seekho Aur Kamao (Learn & Earn) scheme

Port Blair, Sept. 19

The Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI is implementing the Central Sector Scheme- Seekho Aur Kamao (Learn & Earn) for Skill Development of Minorities. The scheme aims at upgrading the skills of the minority youth in various modern/traditional vocations depending upon their educational qualification, present economic trends and the market potential, which can earn them a suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self employment.

The scheme is implemented through selected expert Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). It ensures placement of minimum 75% trainees, out of which, at least 50% placement is in organized sector. The eligible trainees/ beneficiaries should belong to minority community, should be between 14-

35 years of age, should be at least Class V. In case seat for reserved categories as prescribed under this scheme remain vacant, these vacant seats may be treated as unreserved. Monthly stipend for local Non-Residential Trainees would be Rs. 2,000/- per month and Residential Trainees would be Rs. 1,000/- per month. Post Placement Support (PPS) to all placed candidates would be given Rs. 2,000/- per month for two months.

Interested institutes/ organization have been requested to visit the URL <http://seekhoaurkamao-moma.gov.in> or visit website of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India for Guidelines and more details / various components of the scheme, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

Member of Parliament demands filling up of all vacant posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Head Masters and Teachers

Port Blair, Sept:

The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today (16.09.2021) met the Director of Education Department and demanded filling up of all vacant posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Head Masters and Teachers in the Department.

During the meeting, the Member of Parliament added that almost all schools are running without a Principal and many schools are running without Vice Principal

and Head Master, which is adversely impacting the entire education system and also the management of all schools.

Such vacancies have also become a major hindrance for the promotion and professional growth of the teachers, who shoulder the crucial responsibilities of educating our next generation.

The Member of Parliament added that he has been informed that there are a huge number of vacant posts of teachers in the Education De-

partment while thousands of qualified youths in Andaman are waiting for years for these jobs.

Not only this, the shortage of teachers in various schools will certainly impact the quality of education, for which students of these islands will suffer greatly.

Pointing out all these issues, the Member of Parliament demanded immediate filling up of all vacant posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Head Masters and teachers.

PRESS RELEASE

Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President & Core-Committee Member, BJP A & N Islands & Member, Home Ministry Advisory Committee, GoI wrote a letter to Chief Secretary, A & N Administration demanded filling up of all academic and non-academic posts in the Department of Education, A & N Islands.



In his letter Mr. Jolly wrote that the development work in the Islands has come to a standstill due to COVID-19 pandemic it has had a great impact on the common people of these Islands. But with the cooperation of the Administration and the Islanders we have been able to control the pandemic completely and draw the attention towards the difficulties being faced by un-employed educated youth of this territory

He further added that due to COVID-19 since last 2019 to till now there are many youth whose age have been crossed and over age to compete the Govt. Jobs, at the same time there are number of youths who are on the verge of over age. But still they are hoping to get an opportunity to get Government job under this UT Administration.

He further pointed out that according to the reliable source approximate 800 posts are lying vacant in the Academic and Non-academic category in the Department of Education, such as Post Graduate Teacher (PGT), Graduate Trained Teacher (GTT), Primary school Teacher (PST), Physical Education Teacher (PET) Craft Instructor Gr. I, Librarian Gr. II, Librarian Gr. III & Laboratory Assistant etc. since long back.

Concluding in his letter he mentioned that recently administration has ordered to resume regular classes from class-VI to VII which may attract the same issue of shortage of teachers of the above categories. Keeping in view the above issue necessary direction may kindly issue to take immediate process of filling up of all the existing vacant posts at the earliest.

PRESS RELEASE



The District Health Society, South Andaman has been conducting the Active Tuberculosis Case finding (ATCF) campaign throughout the District since 2nd Sept. 2021 and the campaign will continue till 1st Nov. 2021, at various Health & Wellness Center and vaccination centers of the District.

As per the direction of Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, a team conducted two days Tuberculosis (TB) Active case finding survey cum COVID vaccination drive for migrant labours and auto drivers at Bathubasti, opposite Air force unit, on 15th & 16th Sept. 2021 to make sure all the TB suspect cases are identified, tested, followed up. In case, if any positive is found, treatment has to be initiated in order to achieve the goal of TB eradication by 2025. All together 374 laborers and auto drivers have been screened of which 3 suspects sample have been taken and 66 unvaccinated people have been vaccinated with COVID vaccine on the spot.

The DC (SA) once again urged the general public of South Andaman to cooperate with the field staff during the TB survey and if any, suspected cases may get it tested at nearest health centres to support hand with Administration to eliminate the Tuberculosis. DC added “Let’s join hands to eliminate TB and Covid.”

Applications invited for Skill Development Programme on Computer Education Training

Port Blair, Sept. 18

Applications have been invited by A & N State Cooperative Union from educated unemployed Youth of rural areas of South Andaman for admission to Skill Development course on Computer Education Training.

This 4 month duration programme will be

conducted with the grant assistance of Regional Office, NABARD, and Port Blair for skill development and gainful employment generation in rural areas by leveraging the strength of potential off farm sector activities.

Candidates having entrepreneurial traits and skills in the trade can apply for the

programme. The age should be between 18-35 years with minimum class X Pass. Desiring candidates may apply before 24th September, 2021 in the prescribed application form available in the A & N State Cooperative Union office at Teylerabad, a press release from ANSCU said.

PRESS RELEASE

In order to ensure 100% COVID vaccination to the eligible target populace of South Andaman, the District Administration has been continuously conducting vaccination camps at different places in order to reach each and every person eligible for vaccination.

Today, three camps were conducted at Netaji Club, IDSE and Manglutan Community hall in coordination with Health department and NGOs namely Guru Ki Rasoi, True Vision Foundation, Maha Sagar Fisheries Co-operative Society Ltd. and NGO Pankh. Around 407 people have been administered COVID vaccine in the above camps.

Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman along with Sub Divisional Magistrate and Asst. Commissioner(U/T) visited vaccination camps and urged the people to vaccinate themselves and their near & dears ones to contain the covid contamination. He said 100% vaccination and obeisance of COVID protocol is the effective tool to fight against COVID pandemic.

It was informed that the Active Tuberculosis Case finding (ATCF) campaign is being conducted in South Andaman since 2nd Sept. 2021 and the campaign will continue till 1st Nov. 2021, at various Health & Wellness Centers and vaccination centers of the District.

Further, DC (SA) urged all commercial establishments to ensure 100% vaccination and TB screening of the employees at their nearest health centre to contain the spread of diseases in the community. He also directed the District Health Society to conduct 4 days special TB screening camp from 19th Sept. to 22nd Sept. 2021 at Swaraj Dweep for all employees of the hoteliers and other tourist / commercial establishments to eliminate the Tuberculosis. Support to administration from general public and NGOs is solicited to make these campaign effective and fruitful.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP BY AIR FORCE COMPONENT



Port Blair, Sept:

India is celebrating the 75th year of its independence as “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”. As part of the celebrations, the Air Force Component, Andaman and Nicobar Command organised a blood donation camp at Air Force Station Port Blair on 17 Sep 2021 in collaboration with GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair. A total of 75 Air Warriors volunteered to donate blood and gave the gift of life to the needy.

During the event, Group Captain SK Anand, Station Commander AF Station Port Blair in his address to the Air Warriors lauded the volunteers

for donating blood on the occasion be recalled the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters who fought for our independence with their blood, sweat, toil and tears. He emphasised on the responsibility of every citizen towards the society in improving the public health, which a key contributor to Nation building. He congratulated the participants and organisers for the successful conduct of the blood donation camp and expressed his gratitude to the staff of GB Pant Hospital for their valuable guidance and support and felicitated them.

All the events were conducted strictly according to COVID-19 protocol.

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(SKYLO), DMA, CISE, Marine Police, Customs, Andaman Merchant Club and Sports Fishing Club participated in the workshop.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest praised the dedication and commitment of all Maritime SAR stakeholders and resource agencies towards their selfless service. He also highlighted the need to strengthen the Maritime-SAR infrastructure and refine the procedures in light of the planned expansion of the maritime sector in the A&N Islands. He also emphasized on the need to maintain the synergy achieved between all stakeholders to realize a prompt response to any

incident and accident at sea.

The workshop was aimed at ‘Maritime SAR Capacity Building through Effective Co-ordination’ and to provide safer and secure sea to mankind through collective efforts and collaborative approach. All the participants & stakeholders opined that the workshop was beneficial for both the Maritime SAR service provider and for the maritime industry. On conclusion of the workshop, Commandant (JG) Sanjay Anchalwar, Officer-in-Charge, Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre extended thanks to all the distinguished speakers for their excellent presentations.

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL...

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Guard Region(A&N) addressed the gathering and emphasized on the importance of such clean up drives which not only make people aware of the importance of cleaner seas but also helps in conservation of ocean and its biodiversity. He also emphasized on educating the children regarding the importance of keeping the seas

clean.

The coastal cleanup drive was also conducted at Diglipur, Mayabunder, Hut Bay, Kamorta and Campbell Bay. During this drive, a total of 3150 kgs of trash/ garbage comprising of plastic, glass bottles, food wrappers, beverage bottles, tyres etc were collected from different beaches

of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, which was later handed over to Municipal Corporation for further disposal.

Indian Coast Guard is committed to the protection of marine environment and shall continue to organize such drives to educate and motivate the general public on the environmental issues.

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IPL 2021: CSK off to a flying re-start after beating MI by 20 runs



For the first 10 overs, the game followed a predictable script before it changed and shifted towards Chennai Super Kings’ direction. Ruturaj Gaikwad was central to the change, through his classy batting. Then, Deepak Chahar lived up to his Powerplay reputation, taking a couple of crucial wickets, mixing brain with brawn.

Without Rohit Sharma at the top and Hardik Pandya at the death, Mumbai Indians missed the winning mojo. 156/6 posted by CSK wasn’t a winning total. But the degree of difficulty is higher for the batsmen in Dubai, with a bigger outfield and help for the seamers, compared to the venues in India. And once MS Dhoni gets a fighting total, he is a master of defending it. CSK won by 20 runs, restricting MI to 136/8 in 20 overs.

Gaikwad’s classy batting

Gaikwad’s introduction to international cricket a couple months ago in Sri Lanka wasn’t a resounding success.

He made 21 and 14 in the two T20Is he played. But even during those two knocks, his talent was unmissable, a reason why the young opener is rated so highly in the CSK camp. When wickets were falling around him in the beginning, Gaikwad showed composure. He was ready to weather the storm and waited for the spinners to come. Quinton de Kock dropped him on 19 off Rahul Chahar, his only blemish. He beautifully paced his innings. Kieron Pollard’s tactical error played to his advantage, but we would come to that later.

Pollard, the stand-in MI

captain had the advantage of losing the toss on an unknown surface, fresh in nature and greenish in look. Dhoni chose to bat first but CSK were soon on the back foot. The ball swung a touch and seamed. But to start with, it also got stuck on the pitch, which was a little two-paced.

The undercooked CSK batsmen, bereft of game time coming into the second phase of the IPL, expectedly found it difficult. Faf du Plessis sliced a shortish Trent Boult delivery to wide gully in the first over. Moeen Ali toe-ended another short ball from Adam Milne because it arrived late.

A quicker one from Milne landed on Ambati Rayudu’s forearm, forcing him to retire hurt. Through an agricultural four off Boult followed by his dismissal next ball, Suresh Raina never looked comfortable and Dhoni unerringly picked the deep square leg fielder, attempting to pull Milne.

After 10 overs, CSK were 44/4 when Gaikwad rose to the challenge. The pitch offered no assistance to the spinners. Chahar, being a leggie, still managed to push the odd one through, but Krunal Pandya’s finger-spin was easy picking for Gaikwad.

A six and a couple of fours – one by Ravindra Jadeja – triggered an upward surge. His half-century came with a four against Pollard. The sweep off Jasprit Bumrah for a six in the final ball of the innings oozed audacity, easily the shot of the match. Gaikwad’s 88 not out off 58 balls was a match-winning effort. His 81-run fifth-wicket partnership with Jadeja (64 balls) gave Dwayne Bravo the license to swing at the death – 23 off eight balls.

Chahar’s Powerplay bowling

He got the better of de Kock with late swing, the ball coming back and trapping the left-hander plumb in front, confirmed by DRS. The debutant Anmolpreet Singh’s scalp was an excellent piece of cricket. The previous delivery was short and fast, hitting the batsman on the shoulder. A knuckleball came next, with Singh playing early and the off-stump getting disturbed.

To defend the total, CSK needed to take wickets in Powerplay. They took three – Shardul Thakur seeing off Suryakumar Yadav. Chahar finished his first spell with the figures of 3-0-9-2. Towards the end, the medium-pacer suffered a cramp and his team surely would be concerned.

Dhoni’s captaincy was superb. Ishan Kishan’s wicket was a tactical masterstroke. Raina at short cover and Bravo bowling a touch slower outside the off-stump was the plan, knowing Kishan’s inclination to play on the up. The wicketkeeper-batsman fell into the trap. Bringing back Josh Hazlewood after Jadeja looked innocuous in his first over was another example. Hazlewood, expensive in his first spell, trapped Pollard LBW in the first ball of his second spell.

MI miss Rohit

A left knee “discomfort” that surfaced during the Oval Test, kept Rohit out of this game. MI coach Mahela Jayawardene spoke about “precaution”. The defending champions missed Rohit’s batting and captaincy. When they had the chance to grab the game by the lapels, Pollard let it drift. He gave Bumrah only one over upfront and didn’t bring him back readily, when the Gaikwad-Jadeja partnership was getting into the groove.

Brief Scores: Chennai Super Kings: 156 for 6 in 20 overs (R Gaikwad 88 not out, R Jadeja 26, D Bravo 23; A Milne 2/21, J Bumrah 2/33, T Boult 2/35) beat Mumbai Indians: 136 for 8 in 20 overs. (S Tiwary 50 not out, Q de Kock 17; D Bravo 3/25, D Chahar 2/19).

HRS Entertainment....

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islands and he is now an owner of a we’ll know event company of our Island which have managed many big events with lots of Bollywood celebrities (Playback singers, Actors, Comedian etc) in our islands and now here is his new music video with the label which is very first of its kind for an Islander to achieve going to be

released soon this month.

He is a very active social worker which we have seen in these times of pandemic also, this is a very proud moment for our island and we need to support him and bless him for the success of his first single video track which has been totally filmed in our island..

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Head Post Office	03192-232226
The Daily Telegrams(English Daily)	03192-232810
Deputy Commissioner (Andaman)	03192-233089/233253 (R)
Chief Engineer (P.W.D. - Andaman)	03192-230215
Chief Engineer (Electricity)	03192-232404
Director (Panchayat)	03192-232389
Director (Transport)	03192-230225
President (Zilla Parishad)	03192-232074
President (Municipal Council)	03192-232696
Railway Reservation Office	03192-233042
Tourism Police Office	03192-231346
G.B. Pant Hospital	03192-232102
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