

# Jarawa Facts

The 950 odd - strong Jaraw a, along with the other Andaman tribes the Sentinelese, the Onge and the Great Andamanese, were the sole inhabitants of the Andaman Islands until the British and then the Indians arrived. Their ancestors are thought to have been part of the first successful migrations out of Africa.

## Your Nature Guide

**The Sunlight Zone:** This zone is the oceans garden where sunlight streams through. Plants grow here, produce food through photosynthesis, and support animals life. This layer where air meets water is home to many species of animals important to us economically and ecologically. Here you find animals in various stages of their life cycles-eggs, larvae, juveniles, and adults.

**Plankton:** this is a term used to describe the small, free floating plants and animals, which just drift along with the winds and currents. Some plankton have a limited swimming ability and can migrate daily in a vertical direction. Plankton are an important source of food for many sea animals.

There are two types of plankton Phytoplankton, which are microscopic plant plankton,

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

## People's Voice

Gorment I slanders ko bharat ka hissa maane toh ja kar ke kuch Development hoga na ...  
Warna bheek maangte raho I slanders aur unke neta ...

- A Citizen



**You got 'U' certificate for your movie? Not enough, you should also take 'yes' certificate from our leader!**

## Member of Parliament Demands Transmission of Vividh Bharati FM Port Blair (100.9) in all Remote Islands of A&N

**Port Blair, Jan 8:** The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India to start transmission of Vividh Bharati FM Port Blair (100.9) in all the remote Islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In a letter addressed to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, the Member of Parliament mentioned that FM 100.9 MHz being broadcast

from AIR Port Blair has been declared as the 42<sup>nd</sup> FM Station of Vividh Bharati Network by Prasar Bharati. Accordingly, two hours of local programmes are being broadcasted from VB FM Port Blair in the morning and evening hours from 26.01.2019, the day when it was inaugurated.

In very short span of time the service has become immensely popular among the residents of a major part of South Andaman region

but sadly the transmission of Vividh Bharati FM Port Blair (100.9) does not reach to other Islands, where such service is needed very badly for entertainment of public and also to overcome the feeling of remoteness and isolation.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that availability of Vividh Bharati FM Port Blair (100.9) in all Islands will not only become a source of entertainment for Islanders but also it can save lives during any natural disaster

by providing one additional communication mode to remotest corners of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which falls under Zone V of Seismic Map.

Hence the Member of Parliament requested the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India to increase the transmission capacity of Vividh Bharati FM Port Blair (100.9) and install receiving station/ repeated at various

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## Anchipaka Inaugurates Maternity Home at GB Pant Hospital

**Port Blair, Jan. 7:** The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman/Chairman, District Health Society (SA), Shri Suneel Anchipaka today inaugurated the Maternity Home at campus of the G. B Pant Hospital, Port Blair in the presence of Shri Rahul D. Boora, IAS (P). The Director of Health Services, Director of ANIIMS, Joint MD-UTHM, MS-GBPH and other Officials from NHM, Health & APWD Department were also present.

In his address, the DC (SA) informed that this concept is the second initiative in A & N Islands and the Maternity Home has been constructed through the District Health Society (SA) under National



Health Mission to provide accommodation at minimal fee to the poor pregnant women of Inter Island for better health care services. It was also informed that this initiative has been inspired from Nicobari Birth Home, the idea of Maternity Home incorporates Traditional Gyan with Post Modern

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## Diglipur Police Arrests a Lady with Illicit Ganja from Her Possession

**Mayabunder, Jan. 7:** Police Station Diglipur has once again shown their mettle by acting tough against drug peddlers. Keeping sharp vigil over the antisocial activities under the jurisdiction and based on reliable information received on Jan. 6 that a lady is in possession of illicit ganja, the raiding team headed by Inspr Vikash Singh, SHO PS Diglipur trapped the lady namely Pratima Mondal, W/o Shri Inderjit Mondal, R/o Madhupur at Subashgram, Diglipur and recovered 513 gram of illicit ganja from her possession.

A case under appropriate section of NDPS Act was registered. The dedication and hard work of the raiding team of PS Diglipur resulted in

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## Special Camp to Issue Islander Cards at Carnic

**Car Nicobar, Jan. 8:** The District Administration of Nicobar is in the process of issuing Islander Identity Card to the general public of Nicobar District through a Special Camp to be organized from tomorrow (Jan. 9) during office hours. In this regard, the general public have been appealed to contact the Local Revenue Office to avail the facility.

All the village Captains and PRIs members have been requested to extend cooperation and ensure wide publicity amongst their people for the Special Camp. The facility will be continued beyond scheduled dates also for benefit of the general public. For any queries/ assistance, the general public may contact phone numbers: 03193-265241 & 03193-265999.

# Ayushman Bharat – PMJAY Worlds Largest Health Assurance Program

**Port Blair, Jan. 8:** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has launched the world's largest health assurance program named Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in the year 2018. The scheme has successfully completed 4 years of its implementation on 23rd September, 2022.

Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY aims to provide a cashless treatment worth Rs 5 lakh per family per year against secondary and tertiary hospitalization care. Presently, 12,848 families (40,465 members) have registered under the AB-PMJAY scheme in this UT and are entitled

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## MSME Loan Mela on Jan 10

**Port Blair, Jan. 8:** Br. MSME-DFO, Port Blair will be organizing MSME Loan Mela on Jan. 10 from 10 am to 12 noon at Br. MSME-DFO office, Industrial Estate, Dollygunj to create awareness among MSMEs/Individuals on proper procedure & documentation for availing loans, availability of various loan facilities for self-employment, one to one interaction etc. A similar mela will also be organized at Gram Panchayat Office Wimberlygunj on Jan. 12 from 10 am to 12 noon.

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*Success is not an activity but a process ...*

**A Brief Respite**

Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision to observe a 36-hour ceasefire on the front line in Ukraine comes at a time when his troops are struggling to cope with a series of battlefield setbacks and mounting casualties. The Kremlin's version is that it ordered the ceasefire, from Friday noon till Saturday midnight, as Orthodox Christians in both countries celebrate Christmas on January 7. Ukraine has questioned Russia's sincerity, saying the Kremlin would use the pause in fighting to replenish and rearm its forces and move more soldiers to the line of contact. Yet, if observed by both sides, this would be the first ceasefire on the entire front line since the war began on February 24 last year. Mr. Putin's move appears more like a sign of weakness than any serious push for peace. On New Year's day, Russia lost at least 89 soldiers when Ukraine targeted the eastern city of Makiivka where hundreds of troops were temporarily stationed. In Bakhmut, the eastern city that has been under attack for six months, Ukraine says its troops pushed back the Russians.

Russia, which made some territorial gains in the early phase of the war, has been struggling to build battlefield momentum ever since Ukraine, armed and bankrolled by the collective West, started its counter-offensive in late August. Ukraine recaptured swathes of territories from Russia, including much of the Kharkiv Oblast in the north-east and Kherson city in the south. Faced with battlefield setbacks, Gen. Sergey Surovikin, the new commander for the war, changed strategy — he redirected the offensive focus towards Donetsk, started building stronger defence lines across the vast front line, and launched a heavy bombardment campaign targeting Ukraine's critical energy infrastructure. The air strikes have partially damaged Ukraine's energy grid and disrupted power and water supplies to millions, but they have not changed the ground reality. If Ukraine survives winter, fighting could pick up pace. The U.S. and Germany have already announced that they would send Patriot missile systems to Ukraine. The U.S., France and Germany would also be sending armoured vehicles, to better prepare Kyiv for the coming land war. Cornered in the war theatre, Mr. Putin might come under enhanced pressure to escalate the conflict. But continuing this war will be costly for all sides. If the ceasefire holds for 36 hours, Mr. Putin should extend it further and seek dialogue, without preconditions, with both Ukraine and its backers in the West. The temporary truce should be the beginning of a lasting one.

**BOB'S BANTER**

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



**Glimpses of the Divine..!**

Though I have visited and holidayed with family in quite a few of the hill stations, the visit I remember so well was the Rohtang Pass in Kulu Manali. The sudden appearance of the mighty Himalayas, peak after peak after peak, like old sages of wisdom, grouped together, not concerned with petty problems below, quiet and solid and reassuring. "Don't worry Bob," they seemed to say without looking in my direction, "there's nothing to worry about that can't be handled higher up!"

Down south I have visited the virgin hills of Yercaud. The friendly taxi driver took us to all the points and finally we rested at the House Of Peace. Coonoor on the Nilgiri hillside was also equally beautiful though a bit crowded. I remember the spread of colour in the parks and gardens and also lovely evenings at the Coonoor Club where we stayed.

Kodaikanal was divine and had an aura of mystery in the sudden appearance of an old colonial bungalow and tiny church through mist and fog. Johnson, my taxi driver, took me higher and higher to colder and more lush green places where the view of the lake below was bewitching.



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Closer home for me has been Mahabaleshwar and Matheran. Once upon a time it was a yearly trek up to Matheran. We dimbed in the middle of monsoon and sang away enjoying the physical exertion. I doubt I'd be able to do it now with my pair of eternally stiff legs and equally aging muscles, though I wouldn't mind a try.

Mahabaleshwar has always been our favourite family holiday haunt, though it was in Lonavala that I built a bungalow for the family, during my days in business but sold it when I got into full time writing. I loved the drive and the different cars I have driven have never let me down except a Tata Estate, but that's another tale!

India has a charm that needs no visit to the outside world, though there's one place outside that I must tell you about. It was a small stream flowing somewhere in the mountains of Austria, close to where 'The Sound of Music' was shot. Like I said it was a tiny stream that flowed pleasantly down the slope. I sat by it's side and lowered a leg into the calm waters. I closed my eyes and felt the Psalmist whispering into my year, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want, he makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul."

I believe these oasis of peace and tranquility we visit to get rid of the cares of the everyday world are mountain top experiences to give us a glimpse of the Divine. Take a deep breath up there and let those divine moments live on as we come back to the ordinary below..!

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remote Islands so that the transmission of Vividh Bharati FM Port Blair (100.9) can reach to ever remote

Islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands viz. Diglipur, Mayabunder, Billiground, Rangat, Kadamtala, Baratang,

Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Nancowry Group of Islands and Great Nicobar Island.

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Technologies. He also informed that the motto of this initiative is to reduce the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), which could improve the health indicators of A & N Islands.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director of Health Services appreciated the role of District Administration and the officials of the National Health Mission for such innovative idea. The Health Department could monitor

the high risk poor pregnant women and refer them well in advance from Inter Islands to Port Blair to avoid any pregnancy related complications. Earlier, many poor residents avoided coming to Port Blair for advanced treatment due to financial constraints and accommodation.

The District Programme Manager, DHS (SA) informed that this Maternity Home has a capacity of 6 pregnant women with one

attender each. He also informed that another 10 bedded Maternity Home was also constructed at CHC Bambooflat and both Maternity Home will be managed by the Directorate of Health Services in coordination with the District Hospital & District Administration, South Andaman to provide allotment of accommodations at affordable fee to the pregnant women.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Happy Birthday Yash: For Newly-Minted Fans, KGF Star's 6 Must-Watch Movies

**January 8:** Yash has become a household name across the country. He is among the elite group of self-made superstars. Like Shah Rukh Khan, Yash also began his journey in show business through television serials. After a few years in television, he became a lead actor with Moggina Manasu in 2008. None would have guessed that Yash would go on to achieve what he did in such a short span.

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It is touted to be one of the most underrated movies in Yash's career. The film follows a group of young men, who come from broken families and grow up in tough neighbourhoods. To become rich quickly, the group of young men indulge in criminal activities and end up paying the price for it. It has a strong message for society. Besides Yash, the Sowmya Sathyan N. R also stars Prakash Raj, Chetan Chandra, Sathya and Umashree.

The influence of SS Rajamouli's Magadheera is undeniable in Gajakesari. The film follows the theme of reincarnation. A young man learns about his past life and he continues to fulfill his destiny in his present life. There is also a sequence where Yash's character named

Baahubali single-handedly takes on an army, which is reminiscent of a fight sequence from Magadheera. Directed by S. Krishna, the film also stars Amulya and Anant Nag in pivotal roles.

It's a breezy romantic entertainer that is completely shouldered by Yash's screen presence. Written and directed by Pavan Wadeyar, the film also stars Kriti Kharbanda, Ananth Nag and Sadhu Kokila in key roles.

Another worthy addition to your Yash movielist. It's a playful, romantic-comedy, about the pains and pleasures of youth. Based on Simbu's Tamil film Vaalu, the film is written and directed by Mahesh Rao. It also stars Radhika Pandit, Shaam, Sneha Acharya, Devaraj and Anant Nag.

This film boasts one of the best performances by Yash. It's the official remake of the Tamil hit Sundarapandian and Yash stepped into the shoes of Sasikumar. Set against the rural backdrop, the film follows a group of friends who try to kill each other as they are all attracted to the same woman. Directed by Guru Deshpande, the movie also stars Meghana Raj, Chikkanna and Charan Raj.

This was the biggest blockbuster in Yash's career until KGF. Yash plays a die-hard fan of matinee idol Vishnuvardhan in this simple love story, which follows a conventional arc of storytelling. Written and directed by Santosh Anandram, the film also stars Radhika Pandit, Srinath, Achyuth Kumar and Malavika Avinash.

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## Health, Science /Tech

### Old NASA Satellite Falling from Sky this Weekend



**January 8:** A 38-year-old retired NASA satellite is about to fall from the sky. NASA said Friday the chance of wreckage falling on anybody is "very low." Most of the 5,400-pound (2,450-kilogram) satellite will burn up upon reentry, according to NASA. But some pieces are expected to survive. The space agency put the odds of injury from falling debris at about 1-in-9,400.

The science satellite is expected to come down Sunday night, give or take 17 hours, according to the Defense Department. The California-based Aerospace Corp., however is targeting Monday morning, give or take 13 hours, along a track passing over Africa, Asia the Middle East and the westernmost areas of North and South America.

The Earth Radiation Budget Satellite, known as ERBS, was launched in 1984 aboard space shuttle Challenger. Although its expected working lifetime was two years, the satellite kept making ozone and other atmospheric measurements until its retirement in 2005. The satellite studied how Earth absorbed and radiated energy from the sun.

The satellite got a special sendoff from Challenger. America's first woman in space, Sally Ride, released the satellite into orbit using the shuttle's robot arm. That same mission also featured the first spacewalk by a U.S. woman: Kathryn Sullivan. It was the first time two female astronauts flew in space together. It was the second and final spaceflight for Ride, who died in 2012.

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## Amit Shah: BJP Will Make India Naxal-Free by 2024 Polls January 8: RAIPUR:

Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday indicated that the Maoist menace in the country will be completely eradicated before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Shah said that the territories under Maoist influence have shrunk considerably and the incidents of Naxal violence have come down drastically due to the actions taken by the Narendra Modi government.

He said that the country had witnessed 2,258 incidents related to Naxal violence in 2009, which have sharply declined to 519 in 2021.

The twin strategies of the Modi government, which include undertaking developmental works in the Maoist-infected areas as well as firm action against the Naxals, have yielded dividends in tackling Left-wing extremism in the



country, he added. He said that the Congress government at the Centre had neglected the tribals and added that it was the Modi government at the Centre that focused on the development of the tribals in the country.

An allocation of Rs 21,000 crores was made in the Central budget when the NDA government came to power at the Centre in 2014. The allocation has been increased by almost four times to Rs 83,000 crores in

2022, he said. He also highlighted other programmes undertaken by the Modi government for the development of the tribals.

Shah said that major corruption cases surfaced in the Bhupesh Baghel government in the state and added that action will be taken in the matter.

This was the second tour of Shah to Chhattisgarh in the last six months. He had last visited Chhattisgarh on August 27 last year.

## Diglipur Police Arrests a Lady with Illicit Ganja from Her Possession

**Continued from Page 1** seizure of illicit ganja. The entire trap was conducted under the supervision of Shri Lakshya Pandey, SDPO Diglipur.

The District Police follows a policy of zero tolerance towards any organized crime. The general public

have been requested to pass and share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest police station or over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

## Ayushman Bharat – PMJAY Worlds Largest Health Assurance Program

**Continued from Page 1** for cashless treatment at 28,000 empanelled public and private hospitals across the country. To create awareness among the general public and to identify the unregistered eligible AB – PMJAY beneficiaries various IEC activities are conducted in this UT.

On 4th January, 2023 an AB-PMJAY card generation drive was organized by State Health Agency (SHA),

A&N Islands at Gram Panchayat Office, Mithakhari. A total of 53 people have attended the camp, out of which, 15 new unregistered eligible beneficiaries were identified and cards were created for them. During the camp, the resource person from the State Health Agency also addressed the queries from the public pertaining to Ayushman Bharat – PMJAY scheme and also explained about the eligibility criteria to the public.

## Chintapalli Records 1.5 C, Thin Ice Sheets Forms Over Grasslands

**January 8: Visakhapatnam:** Mercury dipped to 1.5 degrees Celsius in and around Chintapalli mandal under ASR district on Sunday morning. In several places thin ice sheets were seen on grasslands and vehicles that were kept in the open by the visitors. The morning was pleasant and surprised many tourists who have been camping since the new year.

This is for the second time the temperature dipped to such a low in five years. On December 31, 2018, the same temperature was recorded.

Senior scientist at Regional Agriculture Research Station at Chintapalli, Dr M Suresh Kumar said the lowest temperature zero degree Celsius was recorded on January 6, 1992. This was the lowest in 30 years, he said and added that the temperature dipped to 1 degree Celsius on December 30, 1998, January 5, 1999, January 17, 2003 and January 15, 2012.

"Lambasinghi located at 3,000 feet altitude might have recorded 1 degree Celsius. Chintapalli is located at a height of 2,800



feet and Araku Valley 2,700 feet," Dr Suresh Kumar said attributing the fluctuating low temperatures to climate change.

The minimum temperature also dropped in Mimuluru, Paderu, Tajangi and few other localities in ASR district.

IMD officials and weather experts have said the temperature will drop further during the coming days in most parts of the state. People will witness more cold days during the Sankranti festival in

January. Majority of the locals in Chintapalli and other parts of the ASR district have preferred to stay indoors due to bone-biting cold and dense fog whereas the tourists are seen huddling around the bonfires during the morning hours to keep themselves warm.

A teacher in Chintapalli M Rajababu said bonfires were seen in front of every house in the village and the elders remained sleepless throughout the night to keep the children warm.

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## Registration for JNV Entrance Test

**Port Blair, Jan.8:** The online registration of candidates for the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test for admission to Class VI for the next academic year 2023-24 in JNV, Chouldari has already started. The last date for the submission of application online is 31st January, 2023 and the test is tentatively scheduled on 29th April, 2023.

JNVs are progressive Co-educational & residential Vidyalayas run by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti under the Ministry of Education spread over 649 districts across the country, providing quality education especially to the rural talented students. Since the

admissions are purely on the basis of the selection test, eligible and talented students studying in Class V in recognized schools in the district are advised to take the test.

The application forms are to be submitted online only through the Website <http://navodaya.gov.in>. Students should have Aadhaar Card/Residence Certificate and Study Certificate duly signed by the Headmaster, photograph of the candidate, signature of the candidate and the parent for uploading the application. In case of any difficulty in uploading the applications, parents can contact JNV Chouldari over phone to the helpdesk numbers 7018283450, 9580455683 and 8900970775.

## Condolence

The Hindu Rashtra Shakti, ANI has expressed deep condolence over the sad demise of Miss Upashna Mistry, D/o Uttam Kr Mistry, R/o Nayagaon who expired on 08/01/2023. She was student of JNRM.

Shri. Angshuman Roy & Shri Rakeshwar Lall of HRS convey heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the bereaved members of her family. May the departed soul rest in peace.

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1. NIT No. :- 89/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/22-23, Name of work: A Improvement of State Highway No.6 from Shaheed Dweep Jetty to Sitapur for a length of 5.20 KM under CD-I,A.P.W.D., Port Blair. Estimated Cost : Rs. 9,16,99,167/- Earnest Money : ` 18,33,983/-Time of completion:- 12 [Twelve] Months [Tender ID No. 2023\_APWD\_8826\_1]

2. NIT No. :- 90/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/22-23, Name of work: Improvement of Rural Road for a length of 6.630 KM from Kalapathar Beach to Kalapathar Village Ward No. I and II at Swaraj Dweep under CD-I, A.P.W.D., Port Blair Cost : Rs. 7,74,72,325/- Earnest Money : ` 15,49,447/-Time of completion:- 12 [Twelve] Months [Tender ID No. 2022\_APWD\_8827\_1]

Tender should be filled on line upto 3.00 PM on or before 23.01.2023. The tender will be opened on the same day at 03.30 PM in presence of tenderers representative if any.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

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# SPORTS

## He is Just Telling us that Batting is so Easy: Hardik on Surya

**January 8:** India captain Hardik Pandya on Saturday said with each innings the rampaging Suryakumar Yadav has been telling his teammates that "batting is so easy".

The 32-year-old Surya produced yet another scintillating knock an unbeaten 112 off 51 balls as India crushed Sri Lanka by 91 runs in the series-deciding third T20 International here for a 2-1 series win.

"I think he has been surprising everyone every innings that he is batting. He is just telling us that batting is so easy. If I were bowling to him, I'd be disheartened on seeing his batting, with the shot he plays. He has played blinders after blinders," Pandya said at the presentation ceremony.

Surya took over after Rahul Tripathi blazed away to a 16-ball 35, and Pandya was also full of praise for the latter.

"Special mention to Rahul Tripathi the ball was doing something but he showed great intent. Then SKY did his thing." When asked if he has ever given advice to Surya, Hardik said, "You don't need to tell him anything, he knows what to do. If there is any situation where he is unsure, we have our chats but more often than not, he knows what to do." Thanks to Surya's blazing knock, India posted an imposing 228 for five. The hosts then bowled out Sri Lanka for 137. While left-arm spinning all-rounder Axar Patel went wicketless on Saturday, he played his



part with the bat, scoring 21 off just nine balls.

"I'm really proud of him (Axar), the way he is batting down the order and hitting. This will give a lot of confidence to him and the team as well," Hardik said.

The skipper added, "My motto in life as captain has been that I'll back my players. These are the best T20 cricketers in India and that's why they are here. There is no space for doubting in this format and we're backing the players properly." "The way we played in the series is pleasing, we didn't even play 50 percent of our game in the second game but we still fought well." Player of the Match Surya said he tried to put himself under pressure while preparing for a game.

"It is really important to put pressure on yourself when you are preparing for the game. The more pressure you put, the better you can play. There is a lot of hard work involved. Some quality practice sessions are also involved," Surya said.

He added, "The boundaries (here) behind were 59-60m, so I tried to clear them. There are a few shots that are pre-determined but you have to be ready for other strokes as well.

"Most of the time, I try to find the gap, and use the field to my advantage." While he was disappointed with the overall result, Sri Lanka captain Dasun Shanaka said he is "happy with my own performance".

"Before coming here, I was not in top form, but I am very happy with my own performance. The way boys played the tournament, there were a lot of positives. The players have improved a lot. Good to see them playing well." Asked about not bowling enough, Shanaka said, "Coming into the series, I had a finger injury, so I did not bowl enough.

"Hopefully, will bowl more in the ODIs. I want to keep the boys relaxed on the field, but while batting it is a different game."

## Nehra Made a Big Difference to My Captaincy at GT: Pandya

**January 8:** There has been no looking back for Hardik Pandya since he led Gujarat Titans to an IPL triumph in their maiden appearance last year, and the new Indian T20I skipper credits his franchise coach Ashish Nehra for making "a big difference" to his captaincy. Coming back from a long injury layoff, the premier all-rounder was made the Gujarat skipper in a bold move by the first-timers. But Pandya, who had led only once at senior level in a tour game against Australia, proved his

detractors wrong and led by example. "What has been very important from Gujarat point of view is the kind of coach I worked with. Ashish Nehra made a big difference in my life, because of our mindsets. We might be two different personalities, but we have very similar cricketing thoughts," Pandya said after leading India to a 2-1 series win over Sri Lanka here on Saturday. "Because I was with him, it added value to my captaincy. It helped me to get exactly what I know. It was just about getting that

assurance, once I got that... the awareness of this game I always knew. It was all about knowing and backing what I knew already. It has definitely helped me," he added.

Before the home series against Sri Lanka, the Indian selectors overhauled the side after the Rohit Sharma-led team failed to win the T20I World Cup in Australia, losing to eventual champions England in the semifinal.

Prior to this series, Pandya had led India's T20I side whenever Rohit was unavailable.

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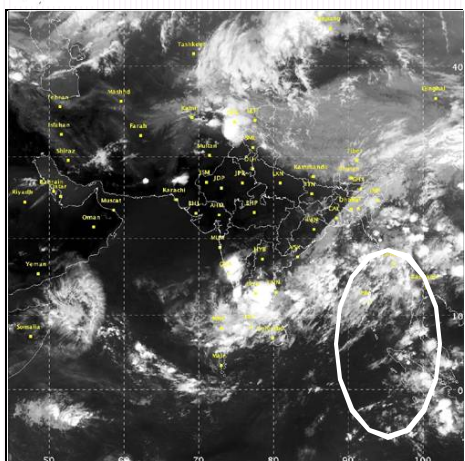
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### Weather



Max. Temp: 30.3 °C	Min.: 23.2 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 70%	1730 Hrs: 72%
Sunrise: 0542 Hrs.	Sunset: 1711 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2023 till date):	003.5 mm

### Forecast

Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Monday 09/01/2023.

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