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Jarawa Facts

The 950 odd - strong Jarawa, 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 Oceanic Giant Wheel: How does the complex web of life in the sea sustain itself? Who eats what? What happens when plants and animals die?

Marine plants convert the inorganic nutrients available in the sea into organic matter and store it. These are eaten by the vegetarian forms of life, which in turn are eaten by the carnivores. When they die, the plants and animals of the sunlight zone start sinking down towards the ocean floor. They gradually decomposed along the way. Nutrients locked away in their body tissues are released.

Some remains of dead plants and animals reach the deeper oceans and are fed on by the scavenger animals (like the deep water sharks) living there. Even wastes from animals in the surface waters provide nutrients for the animals living in the deep sea.

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

People's Voice

Aur kitna rok lagaoge Media par Andaman Administration ... Sab ka Time aayega ...

- A Citizen



Not cold... he must be a candidate who lost the polls!

Hon'ble High Court Imposes a Cost of Rs. 1.25 Lakhs on A&N Administration for Adopting Dilatory Tactics to Deny Benefit of 1/30th of Pay Plus DA to Poor Workers

Port Blair, Dec. 9: In a great blow to the autocratic and anti-working class policies of the BJP-led government at the Centre and its Administration in A&N Islands, the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta on 2nd December 2022 has imposed a cost of Rs. 1.25 lakh on the A&N Administration to be paid to the CITU-affiliated Andaman Sarvajanic Nirman Vibhag Mazdoor Sangh (ASNVMs) within one week for the dilatory tactics adopted

by the Govt of India and A&N Administration in pursuing the Appeal filed by them against the judgement dated 13th December 2019, directing the Administration and Govt. of India to extend the financial benefits of 1/30th of pay plus DA Scheme to all the DRM workers from the date of their initial appointment as per the Govt. of India's order of 1988.

Challenging the High Court judgement of 13th

December, 2019, the Govt. of India & A&N Administration filed an Appeal before the Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court in February, 2020. Admitting the Appeal, the Hon'ble High Court had directed the A&N Administration and Govt. of India to file paper books. The Court had subsequently dismissed the appeal, but before signing the order, A&N Administration filed petition

before the Court raising the same issues. The Appeal was listed for re-hearing in March, 2021. The Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court on 18th November, 2021 had imposed a cost of Rs. 51,000/- on the A & N Administration for dilatory tactics adopted by the Administration which was paid to the Union by the Administration promptly.

However, the Administration allowed the

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Member of Parliament Highlights Problems of College Students Regarding Hostel Shortage

Port Blair, Dec. 9: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to open the newly built Girls' Hostel of ANCOL as soon as possible after completing the pending works so that it brings some relief for girl students and to extend the capacity of all Boys' and Girls' hostels of JNRM and ANCOL as well as MGGC, keeping next ten years' demand in mind.

The Member of Parliament informed the Hon'ble Lt. Governor that shortage of Hostel for Boys and Girls has become a major issue for all prominent colleges of Andaman & Nicobar Islands forcing youth children to look for private accommodation, which are not only expensive but also a safety concern.

He added that since the last many years we have been witnessing that hundreds of college students, including

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LG and CS Attend VC on Execution of Events Connected to G20 India



Port Blair, Dec. 9: 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, A&N Administration participated in Video Conference chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi & conducted by Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs & Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah on execution of events connected with G20 India. Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, outlined the highlights of certain raiser Heads of Missions events held from 25-27 November, 2022 in Swaraj Dweep, A&N Islands. Hon'ble Lt Governor in his intervention requested for scheduling of additional G20 events, outlining many unique avenues available only in A&N Islands.

Awareness Programme on 'Adolescence Challenges' Organised at Model School Sitanagar

Girls advised to have high moral values to achieve goals in life

Dilgipur, Dec 9: An awareness programme on 'Adolescence Challenges' was held today at Government Model Senior Secondary School Sitanagar. The invited experts from the different departments expressed their opinion on the topic, stressing upon the important aspects. Addressing the girls, the resource person from the Community Health Centre Diglipur, Dr. Shipra said that Adolescence is a very crucial period in one's life. During this phase the student goes through tremendous emotional turmoil. She said the student should accept the natural physical changes the body goes through during this period.

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Ministry of Food Processing Industries Organises 'Andaman Food Processing Conclave'

Conclave Aims at Understanding the in-situ Issues Hindering the Growth of Food Processing Sector

Port Blair, Dec.9: The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India with the support of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata and Directorate of Industries, Andaman & Nicobar Administration organized 'Andaman Food Processing Conclave' on 8th December, 2022 at Megapode Nest here. Agriculture and Food Processing is one of the major sectors of the Indian economy in view of its large potential for growth and likely socio-economic impact specifically on employment, wealth and income creation. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India is taking initiatives to promote investment, Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises



(PMFME) Scheme and awareness for up-gradation of technology in the food processing industries sector in Andaman through this Seminar where all important stakeholders will meet and discuss critical issues pertaining towards development of industry in food processing sector.

The programme was aimed at understanding in-situ issues that are hindering the growth of Food processing sector and interventions required from Govt. of India towards promoting industrialization by addressing core issues hindering the growth of the Food Processing Industries in the Islands. Considering the potential of

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Winning Formula: On BJP's Strategy

The Bharatiya Janata Party's victory in Gujarat eclipses its loss in Himachal Pradesh: not only is Gujarat a bigger State, but the scale of the party's sweep in the western State also overshadows its narrow loss in the hill State. For the Congress, its victory in Himachal Pradesh is meagre consolation against the backdrop of its decimation in Gujarat where it had to be content with 17 of the 182 Assembly seats, as compared to 77 in 2017. With another five-year term now, the BJP will rule Gujarat for 32 years, almost matching the Left Front's 34-year rule in West Bengal that ended in 2011. The BJP increased its vote share, from 49% in 2017 to 53% now. AAP finished a distant third in Gujarat, but its furious foray into the State gained it a 13% voteshare, and also national party status. AAP's entry triangulated the Gujarat contest, which worked to the BJP's advantage. The BJP made inroads into tribal regions and rural constituencies which constituted patches of the Congress's strength, after AAP's generous promise of welfare schemes succeeded in seeding a new kind of class politics in the State. It was Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the campaign all the way for the BJP, and his popularity, which was unlinked to the performance of the State government, helped power the BJP to a historic victory.

The Himachal Pradesh outcome is instructive of the latent anti-incumbency that the BJP faces, and the Opposition's occasional capacity to harness it. The Congress ran a sedate campaign in both States. In Gujarat it did not work at all for the party, but in Himachal Pradesh, it did because of the anti-incumbency factor. In Gujarat, the combined vote share of Congress and AAP hovers around 40% — less than the Congress's alone in 2017. In Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Modi's extensive campaigning was not enough. In Gujarat, the BJP had pulled out all the stops after it faced setbacks in 2017, while the Congress has lost steam since then. With renewed vigour, AAP will now try expanding to new territories, potentially muddying the waters for the Opposition, and aligning with the BJP's Hindutva ideology. The outcomes of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh demonstrate that the BJP's status as the hegemon remains unchallenged in Indian politics, Mr. Modi is more popular than his party, and the Opposition is unable to create the politics or programmes that can challenge the BJP. While the BJP has a universal formula that is largely successful across regions, the opposition to it can sustain only with State-specific strategies.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Decide, Just Decide..!

Very often we go through life hoping a problem will go away without making any decision, because we are scared of doing the wrong thing. But I do feel that even a wrong decision is better than not deciding at all.

There is this little joke about a little girl talking to her mother:

"Mommy, what happens when a car gets too old and banged up to run?" she asks.

"Well," her mother says, "someone sells it to your father."

Ha, ha, ha. Here's a father who always decided on the wrong kind of car!

I think I have bought a couple of cars like that! Like most people, my life is punctuated by decisions that did not turn out the way I'd hoped. But we cannot always be expected to make the best decisions. Sometimes we simply don't have enough information. And other times, there just isn't a good decision anywhere to be found! All we can really do is make decisions the best way we know how and act on them. Things change only when decisions are made.

Before his rise to political fame, Maryland Congressman Kweisi Mfume walked a path of self-destruction. He dropped out of high school. A few years later, he robbed a pedestrian in order to join a street gang. Mfume spent the following years drinking and troublemaking with the gang.

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A turning point came one summer night when he abruptly decided he could no longer continue on his present course. He decided to earn his high school equivalency certificate and later graduated magna cum laude from Morgan State University in Baltimore. He then went on to earn a graduate degree at Johns Hopkins University.

When Mfume ran for Congress in 1986, his opponents tried to use his old mistakes against him. But his achievements since he left a troubled past behind captivated an electorate who voted him into office by an overwhelming 87 percent. He was on a collision course with total failure until he made a decision and people respected him for his decision to change his life and voted him their leader.

What changes your life is not learning more, though education is important. What changes your life is making decisions — the best decisions you can make — and acting on them. It's been accurately said: "Your decisions determine your direction, and your direction determines your destiny." Or put another way, "The decisions you make ... make you..!"

Today as the sensex rises and shares go up, I keep hearing these words, "I wish I had invested in shares a few months ago, I would have been a millionaire!"

"Why don't you invest today?" I ask.

"I don't know whether I should!" they say hesitantly, and nobody needs to go farther to find out why they are not millionaires!

Whatever you face today, decide, just decide. It may be about changing a habit, changing a situation that is draining you; whatever: Just decide..!

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Hon'ble High Court Imposes a Cost of Rs. 1.25 Lakhs on A&N Administration

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Appeal to continue to stagnate and failed to take any steps to get the appeal heard. Again, the Hon'ble High Court on 22nd August 2022 had imposed a cost of Rs. 1 lakh on the A&N Administration to be paid to the Union for delaying the appeal filed by the Administration against the judgement of the High Court on 13th December, 2022. The costs were to be paid within two weeks from the date of the order and the Learned Registrar of the Circuit Bench was requested to assist the Administration in disbursing the costs among the respondent Union/petitioners. The order of the Hon'ble High Court dated 22nd

August 2022 further directed that if the Administration fails to comply with the direction within two weeks, the appeal, being M.A 09 of 2020 would be dismissed without any further reference to the court.

Despite such order of the Hon'ble High Court, the Administration did not disburse the cost of Rs. 1 lakh to the Union and as such on failure to disburse the cost as directed by the Hon'ble High Court, the appeal filed by the Govt. of India and A&N Administration naturally stood dismissed on 6th / 7th September 2022. Instead, the A & N Administration on 19th September 2022 has filed an

application before the Hon'ble High Court to recall the order passed by the Court to disburse the cost of Rs. 1 lakh without any valid reason. The Hon'ble High Court, however, restored the Appeal and posted it to hear on 12th December 2022 and increased the cost from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 1.25 lakh on the Administration to be paid to the Union.

The BJP-led central government with a view to deny the benefit of 1/30th of pay plus DA to the poor workers has been engaging the Additional Solicitor General of India to defend this case. However, the Union is represented by Ld. Advocate Shri Gopala Binu Kumar.

ENTERTAINMENT

Maja Ma: Bollywood Comes Out and How

December 9: “Everything works out if your intentions are pure”, says Pallavi Patel played brilliantly by Madhuri Dixit at the start of Maja Ma. And boy, the movie, released on Amazon Prime, indeed espouses the same thought throughout.

Pallavi Patel is your next-door middle-class (of course of Bollywood standards) housewife for whom her family means everything. She and her husband Manohar (Gajraj Rao) are getting ready to welcome their NRI son who believe in truth only when validated by a lie detector test. Her son Tejas (Ritiwik Bhowmik) has already gone through one. Her daughter Srishti Shrivastav (Tara Patel) is into a long-distance marriage and is an LGBT activist.

Hell breaks loose on this seemingly perfect family when it is discovered that Pallavi, who is the ideal wife, a doting mother, the ideal neighbourhood aunty, is a lesbian.

Everyone reacts according to their understanding of the issue. Basically, all the reactions are on expected, hypocritical lines. The family is subjected to societal stigma. Pallavi does not find support from anyone except her daughter. The entire family relationship dynamics unravel. Worst, Pallavi is subjected to modern-day ‘agni pariksha’ – the lie detector test. (a ridiculous and horrendous idea, legal aspects apart).

But Maja Ma, written by Sumit Batheja, still works not only on the performance level but on many others. Basically, it's the story and the idea of a closeted parent, a housewife, a mother that holds your attention. The idea was first



explored in Arvind Swamy's ‘Dear Dad’. Here, we have gone a step further and changed the gender and it is this change that makes all the difference.

It's after a long time Madhuri gets a strong, multi-layered character to essay where there is a lot to emote and say. Needless to say, she does not disappoint even for a second. Casting deserves a special mention here as roping in someone like hardcore mainstream actor Madhuri to play a lesbian helps normalise the talk around the tabooed subject. She provides the necessary grace and dignity to the character of Pallavi.

Madhuri debuted on OTT with her Fame Game wherein she plays a mother who finds out that her son is gay. And she supports him. Now, it is reversed.

She drops her fake Gujarati accent early on in the movie. Her voice - sometimes quivering, sometimes sharp - her eyes and body language helps to understand Pallavi's vulnerability and what she goes through when her best-kept secret tumbles out of the closet.

The strength of the 2-hour 14-minute long movie lies in

the choice of the subject and the way it is treated by director Anand Tiwari. There are no awkward moments. In fact, some are even hilarious. He has kept the plot simple and strictly within the acceptable, sanskari confines of Bollywood world which is fast changing.

The journey which had started in 1996 with Deepa Mehta's Fire has come a long way. Bollywood is finally showing signs of doing away with the caricature portrayal of LGBT characters and is depicting them as regular human beings. It's no longer John Abraham and Abhishek Bachchan pretending to be gays in Dostana. Neither is it Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga.

Three decades back if path-breaking Fire showed the way, Maja Ma will further humanise the subject. However, a better back story for Pallavi and an unexpected climax were expected.

We are still eons away from Blue Is the Warmest Colour or Portrait of a Lady on Fire or even Weekend, but slowly and steadily Bollywood is coming out for sure.

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Health, Science /Tech

Cities Globally Warming Nearly 30 Per Cent Faster than Rural Areas: Study

December 9: BEIJING: Cities worldwide are warming by 0.5 degrees Celsius on average per decade, 29 per cent faster than in rural areas,

according to a study which suggests that climate change and urban expansion are accelerating surface temperatures.

Researchers from Nanjing University in China and colleagues noted that planting trees and vegetation in cities — also known as urban greening — is reported to offset about 0.13 degrees Celsius of surface warming per decade in European cities.

People who live in cities experience greater heat exposure during heat wave events than the general population due to the urban heat island effect, in which urban land gets hotter than surrounding rural land, they said. Climate change and population growth in cities are projected to increase the surface urban heat island effect, but many current estimates of future human heat exposure assume equal rates of surface temperature increase between urban and rural areas, the researchers said.

In China and India, they estimated that urban expansion was responsible for over 0.23 degrees Celsius of the observed surface warming in cities per decade. Urban greening is suggested to reduce surface warming, but whether it can slow the accelerating surface urban heat island effect remains unclear, the researchers said.

The study, published recently in the journal Communications Earth & Environment, analysed satellite land surface temperature data for over 2,000 city centers worldwide between 2002 and 2021 and compared them to background rural surface temperatures.

Very large “megacities” such as Abuja in Nigeria, Phoenix in the US, London in the UK, Sao Paulo in Brazil, Beijing in China, and Moscow in Russia were included in the analyses.

The study estimates that cities are warming 29 per cent faster than rural areas, and that megacities are warming even more quickly.

The researchers estimated that climate change is the largest contributor to urban surface warming, increasing land surface temperatures by 0.30 degrees Celsius per decade, on average.

However, the researchers also found that urban greening in European cities offset 0.13 degrees Celsius of surface warming per decade, indicating the potential of urban vegetation to slow down surface warming in cities.

For example, increased urban greening in Chicago, US was found to decrease the rate of surface warming by about 0.084 degrees Celsius per decade, they added.

Sub-Committee of Panchayat Secretaries formed Under NGO's Association

Port Blair, Dec. 9: A general body meeting of the Panchayat Secretaries working under the Department of RD, PRIs & ULBs was held recently at Port Blair and formed a Sub-Committee under the Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The meeting discussed various long pending issues pertaining to Panchayat Secretaries mainly (i) On Up-gradation of Pay Scale (ii) Creation of Promotional Channel to the Cadre (iii) Necessary amendment in the Recruitment Rules for creation of promotional avenues (iv) Reservation in promotion to the

post of BDO etc. The meeting started with a briefing by the General Secretary of the Association, Shri R. Rajendran on the activities of the Association and the recent struggles being carried out by the Central Government employees at National Level against the anti-employees' policies.

The Asst. General Secretary, Shri S.L. Vinjit while welcoming the Panchayat Secretaries for joining the NGOs' Association explained regarding the role of Association in govt. service

and urged them to be united in the fight for their rights.

Shri EA. Johnson, Finance Secretary of the Association also attended the meeting. The meeting unanimously elected Shri Javed Hameed as Vice President, Shri Edmond Fernandez as Secretary and Shri Mohammed Hanif as Treasurer of the Sub-Committee along with other office bearers and executive members. Shri Vimal Kumar presided the meeting. Shri S. Pradeep, Ms. Shaiba Mohammed, Ms. Lata Rani Mazeumdar etc. also participated in the discussion.

ACCI Delegation Call Upon MOS Shipping

New Delhi, Dec. 9: A Delegation of Andaman Chamber of commerce and industries along with Shri Ajay Bairagi State President BJP A&N Islands met the MOS Shipping Shri Shantanu Thakur

They discussed various issues Discussed regarding improvement of Port infrastructure in different Islands of A&N Islands, Upgradation of cargo handling equipments at the Ports of Port Blair, To Declare Mayabunder , Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay as custom notified Ports.

The Minister after patiently hearing all the issues assured to look into the matter on priority.



CPI (M) Condemns Administration's Decision to Ban Photography & Videography by Media in GB Pant

Port Blair, Dec. 9: The CPI (M) strongly condemns the action on the part of the authorities to ban photography and videography by the media in the GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair from today morning. Media has reported that this was done after the VIP accused person in the gang rape case has been admitted

in the GB Pant Hospital yesterday night.

This action of preventing the media from entering GB Pant Hospital is a direct attack on the freedom of press. Trampling media freedom, suppressing every voice and subjugating the free press have become the policy of the BJP-led government at the centre and it is no surprise that the

same is being implemented in Andaman & Nicobar Islands too. CPI (M) demands that the Administration should immediately lift the restriction imposed on the media banning the photography and videography in GB Pant Hospital and uphold the freedom of press in these Islands.

ANACS Conducts Quality Management System Training and Review Meeting of Facility Level Staffs

Port Blair, Dec. 9: A two-day Quality Management System training and one-day Review Meeting of facility level staff was organized by the Basic Services Division of A&N AIDS Control Society in association with SAATHII, Chennai from 6th -8th Dec. 2022 in the conference hall of Department of Industries, Port Blair.

The program was formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Ruby Thomas, Associate Professor, ANIIMS, A&N Administration by lighting the traditional lamp. In her address, the Chief Guest emphasized on early detection of HIV case by qualitative testing. Now it's 36 years of journey and we are trying our level best to end AIDS by 2030. At this point, we cannot be complacent as there is lot more to be done and it can only happen by working together.

The goal of the training is to provide qualitative services to the clients through the Training module on Overview of Quality Management System; Laboratory diagnosis of HIV



Infection; National HIV Testing strategies; Quality System Essentials; Blood Collection; Storage & transport, Facility and safety; Process control and process improvement; External quality assessment; DBS collection & transportation and ICTC QMS Assessment checklist

The resource person Dr. Monalisa Majumdar, Dr. Sameer Shinde, Mr. Karthick Bharathy from SAATHII and Dr. PK Sikdar from ANACS imparted training and conducted review meeting under the guidance of Dr. Munni Singhania, Vice Chairperson ANACS. The program was technically

supported by Miss Lakshya, Smt. Sheela Kumari, Mr Kaushik Kumar. Halder and John Peter.

A total of 46 numbers of staff were trained. The participants were Lab. Technicians, Counselors, Staff Nurse and Health Workers from 13 SA-ICTC; 24 FICTC; 1 DSRC; 1 FARTC and 1 Blood Bank.

Earlier, the Chief Guest and the dignitaries were given a green welcome. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri S Senthil Nathan, AD (CST) soon after which certificates were distributed to the participants.

Member of Parliament Highlights Problems of College Students Regarding Hostel Shortage

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girl students are not given a hostel which is a major issue for the parents, especially those who hail from far flung Islands.

He pointed out that in many cases more than three students are accommodated in a single room, due to lack of beds, which is again undesirable for the health and concentration of students towards studies.

Pointing out that the Girls' Hostel of ANCOL is 85 percent ready but due to some minor works pending,

the hostel has not been opened till now. He requested the Lt. Governor to open the newly built Girls' Hostel of ANCOL as soon as possible after completing the pending works so that it brings some relief for girl students.

He also requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to extend the capacity of all hostels of JNRM and ANCOL as well as MGGC, keeping next ten years' demand in mind, so that all desiring students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands get proper hostel rooms and they can focus in their studies.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries Organises 'Andaman Food Processing Conclave'

Conclave Aims at Understanding the in-situ Issues Hindering the Growth of Food Processing Sector

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Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Govt. of India and Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata has taken this initiative to promote investment in the food processing industries sector in Andaman Nicobar Islands through Andaman Food Processing Conclave.

The Conclave was inaugurated by Ms. Veditha Reddy, IAS, Secretary (Industries), A&N Administration in the presence Shri G. Sudhakar, IAS, Secretary (Fisheries), A&N Administration. Shri Abhishek Bhukal, Director of Industries, Shri Surendra Prahladka, President, ACCI and Ms. Madhuparna Bhowmic, Director, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata.

In her inaugural speech, Secretary (Ind.) elucidated the scope of Food Processing Sector based on existing Agricultural and Marine resources, the inherent challenges which is inhibiting the sector's growth and emphasized for finding solutions through consultation with stakeholders via Workshop/Seminar/Conclave for policy Intervention. She suggested for organizing similar programme targeting Coconut Industry and Fish Processing Sector separately. The Secretary (Fisheries) also dwelt on the existing gaps in the Fishing sector with respect to resources of A&N Islands and discussed about the areas where intervention from Govt. of India is required.

The Director of Industries outlined about the initiative

of Industries Department to address the Food Processing Sector and deliberated on the challenges for implementation by the Department.

In her address, the Director, Indian Chamber of Commerce highlighted the objective of the Conclave and efforts of MOFPI to promote the FP Sector. The Inaugural session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the President, Andaman Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

This was followed by Technical Session on opportunities in Food Processing Sector with low cost & efficient technology, Food Safety, Quality assurance, modern packing methods and export promotion. The prominent experts and speakers from National Institute of Food technology Entrepreneurship (NIFTEM), Haryana, Central Food technological research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore, Coconut Development Board, Chennai, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), ICAR-Central Islands Agricultural research Institute, NABARD, Invest India, State Bank of India and M/s Reflex Industries Pvt. Ltd. shared their thought and technical insight about the role of different institutions for promoting the Food Processing Sector.

At the end of the programme, the Forum was opened up for Q&A Session where the participants raised many issues and challenges faced in the day to day life for operating the industry. The informal discussion on many technical issues was addressed by the Experts from renowned Institution from mainland and Islands.

Magic Show and Special 3D Show at Science Centre

Port Blair, Dec.9: The Science Centre at Goodwill Estate, Corbyn's Cove Road is organizing a Science Magic show tomorrow (Dec.10) from 5.30 pm to 6.15 pm.

The programme is specially designed to unravel the mysteries behind each magic & its scientific value in a very simple & fun filled way for all age groups. The entry fee for the Show is Rs.10/- per head. Further, there shall be Special 3D Show at 5.00pm. & 6.00 pm. with entry fee of Rs. 20/- per head.

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The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the web site eprocure.andaman.gov.in.

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There is a need to be emotionally balanced to deal with the different situations in life, she said. Calling upon the girls to excel in life, she said they should keep their minds focussed towards achieving their goals, working hard in their studies. Citing her own example, she said she is an alumnus of this rural school and the Institution had played an instrumental role in shaping her life. The Health Officer stressed the need of taking care of their health and hygiene during this growing stage.


The Ayurvedic Physician, Dr. Habiba spoke about the hormonal changes the girls experience during adolescent age. She said they should imbibe healthy moral values to develop



their personalities. This is the age when they should set positive feasible goals for their lives. She said they should learn to respect their own individuality, developing strong will power and belief that they are capable of achieving their goal.

Talking about the threat of Cyber Crime all around, the Police resource person Smti Padma said that they should make use of the internet

APOLLO HOSPITALS CHENNAI



GASTROENTEROLOGY CLINIC

Dr. NIVAS VENKATACHALAPATHI

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carefully and do not let themselves get tempted by the alluring virtual offers. They should develop sound peer groups, which would help them develop their personalities in the right direction. They should beware of the friends who tend to drag them into negativity. They should stick to the high moral values, Smti Padma advised.

The Resource person from ICDS, Smti Shanmuga Thai explained about the importance of the balanced diet at this stage of early adulthood. Sharing her experience, she said many girls become the victims of severe anemia due to carelessness in diet. She

advised the young girls to restrain themselves from fast food culture and include the healthy food items in their diet, which are good to make immunity strong.

A Yoga session was also organised by the expert Smti Siromani, who demonstrated different postures and breathing exercises. Applauding the yoga practising girls, she highlighted the benefits of making yoga a routine in daily life.

Senior Teacher Smti Sibi Richard coordinated the programme, in which around 90 girls of class IX and X participated. The programme was organised by the 'Samagra Shiksha' Abhiyan' UT Mission.

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SPORTS

Identifying Team India's ODI Problems: Who are the Openers, Who is the Finisher and is There an Indian ODI approach at all?

December 9: When the Rahul Dravid-Rohit Sharma combination took charge of the Indian team a year back, there was hope in the air. There was talk of a long-term plan with a feeder system supplying fittalent and clarity over players' roles. The team had no real holes. There was no lack of a genuine No. 4 as was the case at the 2019 ODI World Cup, and a fit-again Hardik Pandya had even ended India's long search for a pace-bowling all-rounder. Instead, there has been chaos and conservative experiments. There are way too many questions that the present team management needs to answer. At the start of last year, they said they were going to focus on the T20 World Cup. That bombed. And now, after the ODI series loss against Bangladesh, Dravid said that, starting from next month, January 2023, they will start focusing on the ODI World Cup. For that to happen, the BCCI and team management need to go into a huddle. With the World Cup at home less than a year away, here are a few questions they need to address at the earliest.

Unlike the rest of the world, India doesn't believe that Tests, ODIs and T20s require different skill-sets. Their star players — Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul, Mohammed Shami, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja, Shreyas Iyer — are seen playing all three formats. The world has moved on. Australia try to fit in their star players in all formats and so does South Africa with Kagiso Rabada — and their bowling has been distinctly affected in big tournaments.

Since the BCCI can't afford to tell Indian Premier League franchises to rest the India stars, the selectors, if not players themselves, need to take the call. With KL Rahul not opening in the second ODI despite Rohit's injury-triggered absence, it's clear that they now see him as a middle-order option. That leaves Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit at the top. Dhawan has been consistent in the 50-over format and one batsman who understands its soul, but with a year left for the marquee event, doubts do arise, especially about his strike-rate. Rohit's fitness itself is a worry that raises the other concern. Are Shubman Gill,



Rishabh Pant, Ruturaj Gaikwad or Ishan Kishan going to be considered?

They have anointed Rahul. He has shown no signs that he deserves to be given that role. With his personal form itself a touch shaky, to thrust the 'keeping, batting, and captaincy burdens on a man who doesn't seem natural in that role seems like a huge leap of faith. When Mohammed Siraj was losing the plot in the second ODI, a calm word in his ear would have done the settling trick; but Rahul allowed it to drift and get out of control. The selectors appointed Pandya as captain for the New Zealand T20I series, but that was a series when even the head coach had taken a break. Are they sure about Pandya?

Apart from Pandya, will it come down to Jadeja and Washington Sundar to do the job? Or like it was the case with Dinesh Karthik and Pant, there will be a few names tossed up, left unexplored or nailed, until the World Cup looms right in their face and forces them? The 50-over format is also transforming in character just as T20 did right in front of them at home in the IPL; they didn't learn any lessons there with the selection of an unsuitable top order. That a 5-time IPL winner will be left looking rudderless wasn't expected. Now, what will their approach be in ODIs?

The world knows how England plays white-ball cricket, the same is true for Pakistan. But does India have a white-ball blueprint? What is the Indian ODI way? Australia didn't fix their T20 template before the World T20, and were tossing around options right till the end with an out-of-form captain, and paid the price. India are at risk of

following that path now in ODIs. Almost a year left to go of course, but as they found out in T20Is, without clarity, time flies quickly.

Who are the bowlers?

When Bumrah isn't available, the team flounders. Especially, with Rohit and Dravid unwilling to really explore the remaining options. The world showed at the T20 World Cup that a quickish leg-spinner was the way to go; they did explore that option in the run-up and didn't have the confidence to punt on Ravi Bishnoi when in Australia. They didn't even play Yuzvendra Chahal. The IPL gave them Arshdeep Singh, and luckily saved them some blushes. But a good third seamer was forced to mature into a strike bowler right at the World Cup. They banked on Shami after ignoring him for a year only due to injuries. Harshal Patel was groomed — a good candidate for Indian conditions — before they lost confidence in his style in Australia and left him out.

In a few days' time, the team will get a third new chairman of selectors in three years. Of late, the consistency one expects in selection calls has also been missing with players dropped and rotated for reasons best known to the team management. For example, Gill, Sanju Samson and Suryakumar Yadav who are all prime contenders for the World Cup didn't accompany the team to Bangladesh. If the idea was to manage their workload and give them rest, even that isn't happening as these players will feature in the Ranji Trophy for their respective state teams. And although the BCCI has removed the entire selection panel led by Chetan Sharma, it is also worth reminding again that since February there hasn't been a selector from the west zone.

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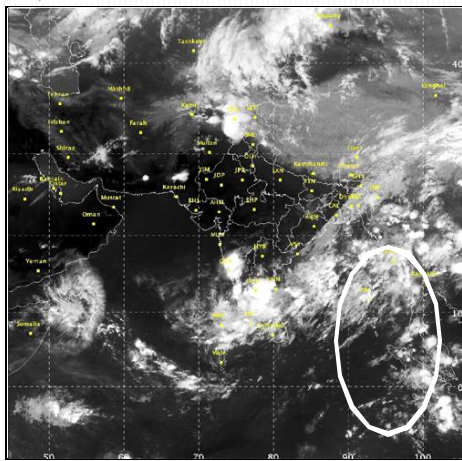
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Max. Temp: 30.8 °C	Min.: 25.2 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77%	1730 Hrs: 83%
Sunrise: 0528 Hrs.	Sunset: 1656 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	010.4 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2584.3 mm

Forecast

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