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## Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa resisted contact with the growing numbers of Indian settlers on their islands until 1998. Now, they are under serious threat. Poachers are camping for days at a time in their forest, hunting the animals they depend on and bringing disease, violence and exploitation.

## 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. This entire downward movement of organic debris recycles the nutrients that are gradually carried back to the surface to be used by the plants there to make food. Water is pushed upward by a process called upwelling and carries nutrients with it. So one way to look at how life in the ocean works is to think of the entries system as a sort of giant wheel: what goes down must come up again, only to go down to come up....!!

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

## People's Voice

Pollution Check toh theek hai magar ye log sochte kyon nahi ki kitna Harassment ho raha hai Public ko ...

- A Citizen



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## Member of Parliament Demands One Time Relaxation of 5 years to all Candidates who have Crossed Age Limit for Government Jobs

**Port Blair, Dec. 30:** The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to grant one time relaxation of five years to all candidates, who have crossed the age limit for government jobs so that they can also apply for various posts, to be advertised in coming days.

In a letter, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the recent direction of the

Hon'ble Lt. Governor to all the Departments to expedite recruitment of all vacant posts in a time-bound manner, particularly Group B (NG) and Group C posts, has brought a lot of hope to local youths.

He said that if thousands of vacant posts are filled up in a time-bound manner thousands of families in Andaman & Nicobar Islands will be benefitted and for this, Hon'ble Lt. Governor's contribution for filling up these posts will be always remembered by the

people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The Member of Parliament also pointed out that although this move has brought a great deal of excitement among eligible local youths, thousands of other youths, who have just crossed the age limit of entering in Government Jobs, are now demanding Hon'ble Lt. Governor's especial attention.

He pointed out that since the last several years, sufficient numbers of vacancies have not been

filled in various departments for different reasons, because of which thousands of youths have crossed the age limit for a government job.

On this issue, the Member of Parliament requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to grant a one-time relaxation of five years to all the candidates, who have crossed the age limit for government jobs, so that they can also apply for various posts, to be advertised in coming days.

## Directorate of Shipping Services Helps Overcome Crisis Situation in Spite of all Constraints

**Port Blair, Dec. 30:** Owing to the outbreak of COVID 19 since 2020, the Directorate of Shipping Services had experienced severe difficulties in operation and maintenance of the vessels in the fleet. Due to insufficient manpower, non-availability of stores/spares, utilisation of drydock and completion of inspection and surveys the operational availability of vessels were very low in percentage. However, with such severe constraints, the Directorate took up various initiatives and action to address all such issues by liaising with various agencies

and authorities and brought the situation under control.

Even with the depleted operational status of the vessels, the Directorate put its best efforts in maintaining essential services in all sectors with limited resources. Taking corrective measures towards repair plan, drydocking plan and other required action, the Directorate now has sufficient number of operational vessels for the use in all sectors. Accordingly Shipping Directorate has deployed vessel to handle tourist requirement both for Swaraj Dweep as well as for Shaheed Dweep.

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## FAN and Other Organisations Observe First Flag Hoisting of Independent India by Netaji

**Port Blair, Dec. 30:** Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was and will always remain one of the brightest shining stars of India's independence movement.

At a time when the likes of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru advocated for peaceful means of protests, Bose popularly known as Netaji took matters into his own hand and went ahead with an aggressive push for free India, even setting up a government in exile.

On this day in the year 1943, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose hoisted the



National Flag for the first time at the Gymkhana Ground (present Netaji Stadium) in Port Blair. He also announced the Islands, the first Indian Territory freed from the British rule.

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## PBGKR Celebrates New Year with Specially Abled Kids and Inmates of Old Age Home



**Port Blair, Dec. 30:** To begin the New Year, the team Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi organized a celebration with Specially Abled Kids along with the Children residing in Child Card Institute and the inmates of Old Age Home at Ferrargunj.

Freshly prepared Biryani along with Sweets were served to all. Team PBGKR had lunch with all the kids and elderly.

Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR has wished all the kids and took blessings from the residents of old age home. Grewal expressed that we are a big family and like families meet on special occasions to celebrate, the PBGKR team has also attempted to make the children and elders feel loved.

## COVID-19 Status in A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Dec. 30:** During the RT-PCR test conducted on 466 passengers who arrived here yesterday, no positive case has been detected. Today, 12 flights with 2022 passengers arrived, out of which, 1626 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 396 passengers (includes 24 international travellers) and the reports are awaited.

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

## Maximising the boost

Heralding a new frontier in India's vaccination programme, the apex drug regulator has approved two more vaccines under emergency use authorisation (EUA), and an antiviral drug. Corbevax, by Biological-E, is a protein sub-unit vaccine as is Covovax, to be made by the Serum Institute of India. Both, however, differ in their manufacturing process. Covovax has already been approved by WHO under its Emergency Use Listing and will be available globally as part of the COVAX initiative to ensure that at least 40% of the world is vaccinated on priority. Molnupiravir, which was approved this month by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, on the heels of Paxlovid by Pfizer Inc., is said to be a promising drug for those with mild and moderate disease and easily administered as a pill — its key selling point. Thirteen companies in India are set to make this drug. It has been approved for use under EUA for treating adults with COVID-19 "who have high risk of progression to disease". Having more vaccines in the arsenal bodes well because of the uncertainties that the pandemic brings about. As of today, 90% of India's adults have been inoculated with one dose and 60% with both doses.

The experience with the new variant Omicron is that it is so infectious, it does not discriminate among the vaccinated and the unvaccinated, though severe disease and death is disproportionately among the latter. Here too, those who are above 40 years continue to be the most vulnerable. Despite three vaccines being available, India has overwhelmingly been reliant on Covishield and that is a matter of concern as a new chapter in the vaccination programme unfolds. The new directives say that "precaution doses", which are third doses of the vaccines an individual has already been inoculated with, will be available for health-care and frontline workers and those above 60 with comorbidities. The 15-17 year age group will get only Covaxin from January 3. That several Indians have been exposed to a live infection in the second wave only improves the odds of protection. However, the only study on mixing Covaxin and Covishield — that resulted from a mix-up in Uttar Pradesh — showed that antibody levels were higher than two doses of either vaccine. A combination of Novavax and AstraZeneca (Covishield) was also effective in boosting antibodies, according to the COV-BOOST study in the United Kingdom. India's top medical institutions must immediately test the feasibility of mixing all available vaccines so that these may be made quickly available if needed giving recipients the option of an informed choice. The second wave revealed a treatment fiasco with remdesivir — sans any therapeutic merit — that saw irrational demand and black marketing. While molnupiravir has many more manufacturers, it is important to ensure against hoarding or indiscriminate use given its potential side-effects.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### It's Not Bad, 'tis Good...!

Quite often as a newspaper columnist I forget that instead of concentrating on the dim side of situations, to remind my readers, things are also bright and beautiful!

Yes, they are!

A famous writer was in his study room. He picked up his pen and started writing: 'Last year, I had a surgery and my gall bladder was removed. I had to stay stuck to the bed due to this surgery for a long time. The same year I reached the age of 60 years and had to give up my favourite job. I had spent 30 years of my life in this publishing company.

The same year I experienced the sorrow of the death of my father.

And in the same year my son failed in his medical exam because he had a car accident. He had to stay in bed at hospital with the cast on for several days. The destruction of the car was another loss.'

At the end he wrote: 'Alas! It was such bad year!'

When the writer's wife entered the room, she found her husband looking sad and lost in his thoughts. From behind his back she read what was written on the paper. She left the room silently and came back with another paper and placed it on side of her husband's writing.

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'Last year I finally got rid of my gall bladder due to which I had spent years in pain....

I turned 60 with sound health and got retired from my job. Now I can utilize my time to write something better with more focus and peace....

The same year my father, at the age of 95, without depending on anyone or without any critical condition met his Creator....

The same year, God blessed my son with a new life. My car was destroyed but my son stayed alive without getting any disability!'

At the end she wrote:

'This year was an immense blessing of God and it passed well!'

The writer was indeed happy and amazed at such beautiful and encouraging interpretation of the happenings in his life in that year!

It's not just we writers who don't see the good, it's all of us. As I look back over this year, despite Covid-19, I also see a nation of over a billion people having leadership that has tackled the pandemic situation well. It could have been a lot worse looking at the magnitude of the task, but India had men and women who rose to the occasion, and for that we are thankful.

Today, on the last day of the year, look back and maybe, put a brighter bulb to many a dismal situation we thought we went through the past year, and like the writer's wife, realize, it's not bad, 'tis good..!

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## Jolly Puts Forth Grievances of N&M Residents Before Chief Secretary

**Port Blair, Dec. 30:** Former State President, BJP-A&N islands, Shri Vishal Jolly met the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration today to put forth the grievances raised by the people of Middle Andaman during his recent visit to Middle Andaman.

1. Immediately posting of Gynaecologist and a General Surgeon at Mayabunder District Hospital.

2. Strengthening the Rangat Primary Health Centre by providing medical

facilities and strengthening the doctor's team.

3. Speeding up the construction work of NH on ATR for seamless road connectivity.

4. Providing boat service from Rangat to Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep and vice versa thrice a week.

The above mentioned boat service was in place on pre-covid time and now the service is not operational since longback which is causing immense

pain and suffering to a large section of the population hailing from Middle Andaman and they are also forced to travel to Port Blair for availing their boat journey by wasting huge amount of time and money.

Jolly explained the difficulties faced by the people of North & Middle Andaman during the meeting and the Chief Secretary readily accepted all the grievances and assured that positive steps will be taken to resolve all the issues immediately.



## ENTERTAINMENT

### 'RRR' Sticks to its Release Date Despite Delhi Theatres Shutdown

**Mumbai:** After the Delhi government on Tuesday ordered to shut down cinema halls, spas, and gyms in order to curb the rise in COVID-19 cases, Shahid Kapoor's 'Jersey' delayed its release. But makers of another upcoming film, 'RRR', have decided to stick to its release date amid the health scare.

Indian film critic and trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared the news on his Twitter handle, writing, "#Xclusiv... BREAKING NEWS... 'RRR' VERY MUCH ON 7 JAN 2022... SS RAJAMOULI OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO ME... No p o s t p o n e m e n t . #SSRajamouli #JrNTR #RamCharan #RRR # R R R M o v i e #RRRPreReleaseEvent #RoarOfRRRInKerala."

Directed by 'Baahubali' fame director SS Rajamouli, 'RRR' features a stellar cast including Alia Bhatt, Ajay



Devgn, Jr. NTR, and Ram Charan.

Set in pre-independence India, 'RRR' is a fictional take on the younger days of celebrated freedom fighters, Komaram Bheem and Alluri Seetharama Raju, portrayed by Jr. NTR and Ram Charan.

'RRR' was originally planned as a July 30, 2020 release. However, the unforeseen delays, including those caused by injuries suffered by Jr NTR and Ram during production, forced the

makers to push the release date.

The makers then pushed the release date to October 13 this year, but due to the theatres not being fully functional, the makers postponed that date too.

Jayantilal Gada (PEN) has bagged the theatrical distribution rights across North India and has also bought worldwide electronic rights for all languages. Pen Marudhar will be distributing the film in the North territory.

### Warner Bros Unveils New Trailer of 'The Batman'

**New Delhi:** A new trailer for Warner Bros' much-awaited "The Batman" teases an alliance of sorts between Robert Pattinson's titular superhero and Zoe Kravitz's Catwoman.

The studio dropped the surprising new trailer for the Matt Reeves-directorial late on Monday, teasing the scheme of things being planned by the film's main antagonist, The Riddler, played by Paul Dano.

Titled "The Bat and The Cat", the trailer opens with a woman casually chastising Pattinson's Bruce Wayne for not doing enough for the welfare of the society as an influential figure. But unbeknownst to her, the trailer shows that Wayne moonlights as Batman, taking on the mob and the corrupt.

It then shows a masked figure, The Riddler, who wants to reach Batman for an unknown reason. While his motivations and their



connection to Wayne's family is still unknown, his ultimate goal has been made clear by the trailer. The Riddler wants to destroy Gotham for once and all.

The trailer hints at an uneasy alliance between Pattinson's Wayne aka Batman and Kravitz's Selina Kyle aka Catwoman. There are a few shots in the trailer of the pair fighting.

It ends with an action scene of Batman and Catwoman working

together. In between, there are few scenes featuring Colin Farrell as Oswald "Oz" Cobblepot aka Penguin, Jeffrey Wright as James Gordon, Andy Serkis as Alfred Pennyworth and Alex Ferns as Commissioner Pete Savage.

"The Batman" will also feature John Turturro as Carmine Falcone and Peter Sarsgaard as Gil Colson. The movie will be released by Warner Bros Pictures on March 4, 2022.

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### Health, Science /Tech

#### Year-Ender 2021: Innovative Gadgets that Brought a Sense of Novelty this Year

**New Delhi:** Technology is a term that can be simply defined as methods, systems, and devices that are a result of scientific knowledge being put to use for practical daily purposes.

In 2021, despite various challenges, varying from supply chain uncertainties to logistic issues, the world of tech simply refused to bow down to the difficulties amid the COVID pandemic.

From devices that make life easier at home to those that help us stay safe and healthy, the year gave us cutting-edge gadgets until its very end.

While it's quite hard for a non-tech person to keep up with all the latest inventions, it's much harder for a tech enthusiast who always succumbs to the coolest ones. That agonizing dilemma of lusting over weird electronic novelties even when you reckon that you don't need them really hits home for all the technophiles out there.

Since it is undoubtedly a laborious process to track it all, hence we have made a roundup of some of the most innovative gadgets that came out in 2021.

1. LG Display Transparent OLED TV: The LG Display Transparent OLED TV, which was introduced at Consumer Electronics Show (CES) 2021, still remains one of the most innovative gadgets to come out this year. The TV has been designed to roll up from the foot of a bed, offering a space-saving way to view information and surf content. This gadget that is also 40 per cent transparent was launched as a concept product.

2. Mojo Vision's AR contact lens: Yet another tech that would be considered as one of the most innovative gadgets of 2021 is the Mojo Vision's AR contact lens. It displays information over the user's field of view in a discreet manner. The lens is great for those who give lectures, presentations, etc. and don't want to keep checking down at their notes again and again.

3. Respira smart air-purifying garden: The Respira smart air-purifying garden is a gadget that takes air purifying technology a notch higher. It helps in cleaning your home's air through biofiltration and adds humidity and evaporative cooling. Additionally, the self-watering garden also adds aesthetic beauty to your interiors.

4. Amazon Astro household robot: In 2021, along with all the other innovations, we also saw new possibilities for robotic household help like the Amazon Astro household robot, which reminds us of the Disney Pixar character Wall-E. Its periscope camera extends to 42 inches off the floor, letting the user remotely inspect even hard-to-see areas. This might finally be the home robot that succeeds.

5. Razer Zephyr RGB wearable air purifier: Though initially developed only as a concept gadget, the Razer Zephyr RGB wearable air purifier is now a product one can actually buy. With N95-grade filters that last three times longer than single-use surgical masks, this product ensures the air you're breathing is safe. Meanwhile, the dual 2-speed fans on it will keep you thoroughly comfortable.

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## Directorate of Shipping Services Helps Overcome Crisis Situation in Spite of all Constraints

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Similarly, the inter-island connectivity, particularly in Southern Group has been improved there by the passenger and cargo movement has increased to the satisfactory level. Even the Directorate regularly deploys exclusive cargo vessels to Southern Group of Islands, which has eased movement of essential cargo including perishable such as vegetables, fishes etc.

With this initiative the Directorate of Shipping Services could make MV Chowra for operation in Inter-Island Sector, which will further augment the shipping services particularly in the Southern Group of Island for passenger and cargo.

Recently inducted vessel Sindhu has also resumed normal services to the satisfaction of passengers and traders for

transportation of cargo. Inter-Island vessel MV Campbell Bay is in the final stage of completion of repairs which is expected to arrive shortly and available for service. Similarly two foreshore sector vessels namely MV Kamorta and MV Chouldari have resumed the operation during this month. MV Kamorta has already been deployed at Kamorta to provide inter connectivity between the islands in Southern Group.

The Directorate has further initiated action to operationalise MV Kalighat in Inter-Island Sector and MV Bambooka and MV Rani Lakshmi in Foreshore Sector vessels with which further augmentation of services can be seen in couple of weeks.

The Directorate of Shipping Services during the pandemic has tirelessly

worked hard due to which the essential services were maintained, medicines, medical equipment and essential commodities were transported timely. The Directorate has also successfully involved in transportation of Covid vaccines to various islands towards achieving the target of 100% vaccination in these islands.

The Directorate of Shipping has also taken new initiative whereby a 'HELPLINE' (Toll Free Number 18003452714) has been made functional for the Redressal for grievances if any. Further to this the Directorate is also in the process to create facilities for Net Enquiry and e-Booking of tickets for the passengers which is in final stage and likely to be launched shortly.

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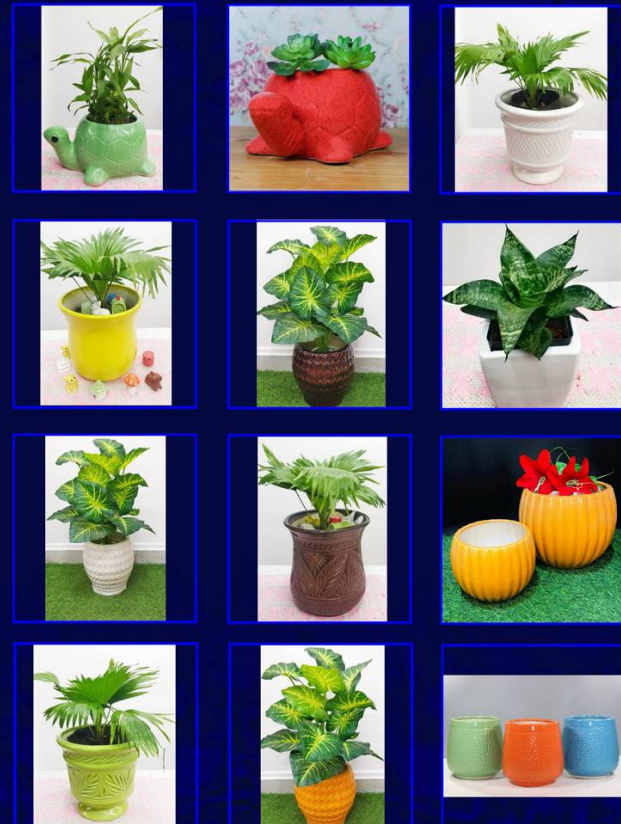
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## FAN and Other Organisations Observe First Flag Hoisting of Independent India by Netaji

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The Islands at the time was liberated from British rule by Japan, which captured it during the World War -II.

On 29<sup>th</sup> December 1943, Netaji accompanied by Sarvashri Anand Mohan Sahay, Captain Rawat - ADC and Col. DS Raju, the personal physician of Netaji, landed at the Port Blair aerodrome in the Andamans. He was received by the Japanese admiral at Port Blair. The enthusiastic Indians and Burmese also accorded a warm reception to him.

Bose named Andaman Island as Shaheed and Nicobar Island as Swaraj and appointed INA General AD Loganathan as the governor of the Islands. Azad Hind Government was not merely a Government in Exile anymore but had its own land, own currency, civil code and stamps.

By hoisting the Azad Hind flag, Bose, the head of Provisional Government of Azad Hind also fulfilled his promise that INA would stand on the Indian soil by the end of 1943.

Today, morning the team of FAN, INA, Hindu Rashtra Shakti, ABVP, Sewa Bharti, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Gayatri Pariwar, Covid Care Muthu Foundation, Auto Union & Social workers observed the Day which marks the day of Hoisted First Independent Indian Flag In Andaman & Nicobar. The function was attended by Shri Indresh Kumar, Chief Patron FANS as chief guest. A bike rally was taken out and floral tributes were paid to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Angshuman Roy, State General Secretary (Youth), Hindu Rashtra Shakti recalled the supreme sacrifices made by Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army for India's freedom.

## COVID-19 Status in A&N Islands

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During RAT conducted on 145 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 53 passengers and all were found negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 90 passengers were tested with RAT and all were found negative. At Helipad, test was conducted on 3 passengers and all were found negative. Two positive cases have been detected during the RTPCR test conducted yesterday.

Today, till 3 pm 252 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated out of which 236 were in the age group of 18-44 years

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## Vaccination Drive in A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Dec. 30:** The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,92,465 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. A total of 486 people were vaccinated in South Andaman District today.

424 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 52 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 51 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 5

beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 11 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

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# SPORTS

## 2021 One of India's Greatest Years, Says Vice-Captain Rahul

**Centurion, Dec. 30:** The serenity in K.L. Rahul's deep baritone voice reflects his state of mind.

The classy opener's 123 in the first innings of the first Test here had a huge impact in how the contest progressed and eventually ended in an Indian win.

### Right up there!

Asked how he would rate this hundred, Rahul said, "Right up there in terms of the conditions, the wicket and how challenging the bowling was. I was happy that I could get a hundred and put my team in a winning position."

He conceded it was a crucial toss to win for India. "Particularly after how the pitch behaved on days three and four when the cracks opened up," he said.

Asked about 2021 in the context of Test cricket for India, Rahul said, "It will go down as one of the greatest years in Indian cricket, particularly Test cricket."

He added, "We are a happy dressing room. Put in a lot of effort in the two weeks leading



to the Test. We shared our experiences from the past tours. It was all about training, mindset, preparation and grit."

About him 'leaving' so many deliveries outside off, he said, "The key to Test-match batting is leaving balls outside off. I am enjoying it, enjoying tiring the bowlers. Need to do the same thing at the Wanderers."

### Lot of heart

Talking about the Indian pace attack, he said, "Bumrah, Shami and Siraj bowled with a lot of heart, hit the deck, there was something in there for them in the

pitch that got them excited. Let me tell you, facing them in the nets is not easy for us."

### The Dravid effect

About the impact of coach Rahul Dravid on the team, Rahul said, "When such a legend comes to your dressing room as coach, you talk to him about the art of batting, learn from his experiences. He has brought calm and focus to the dressing room. Made us work hard at the nets." Predictably, Rahul was the man of the moment and Player-of-the-Match.

## India in U-19 Asia Cup Final

**Sharjah, Dec 30:** Shaik Rasheed hit an unbeaten 90 as India dished out a clinical performance to thrash Bangladesh by 103 runs here on Thursday and set up a summit clash with Sri Lanka in the Under-19 Asia Cup.

Rasheed made his runs in 108 balls to help India post 248 for eight after being invited to bat.

Rasheed paced his innings to perfection after India had lost both openers — Angkrish Raghuvanshi (16) and Harnoor Singh (15) — inside the 50-run mark, in the 17th overs.

The Indian bowlers, then, produced a cohesive effort to bundle out Bangladesh for 140 runs in 38.2 overs.

Ariful Islam top-scored for Bangladesh with a 77-ball 42, while opener Mahfijul Islam made 26.

Bangladesh's chase never got going as the Indian bowlers picked up wickets at regular intervals, with only Ariful providing some resistance. For India, Ravi Kumar (two for 22),



Vicky Ostwal (two for 25), Raj Bawa (two for 26) and Rajvardhan Hangargekar (two for 36) shared eight wickets between them.

India will face Sri Lanka in the title clash in Dubai on Friday.

Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by 22 runs in another semifinal clash. Sri Lanka made a modest 147 after

opting to bat and then restricted Pakistan to 125.

The scores: India U-19 243/8 in 50 overs (Shaik Rasheed 90; Rakibul Hasan 3/41) bt Bangladesh U-19 140 in 38.2 overs (Ariful Islam 42; Ravi Kumar 2/22, Vicky Ostwal 2/25, Raj Bawa 2/26, Rajvardhan Hangargekar 2/36).

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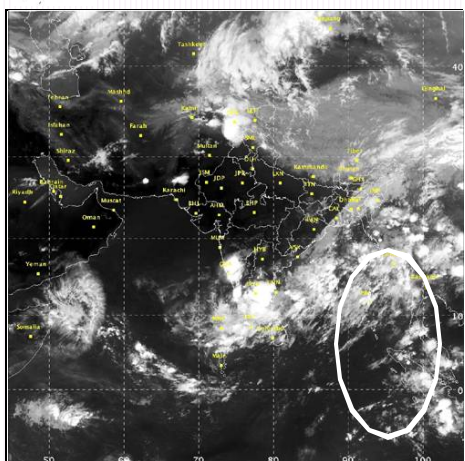
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## Weather



Max. Temp: 30.9 °C	Min.: 26.4 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 73%	1730 Hrs: 79%
Sunrise: 0539 Hrs.	Sunset: 1706 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	001.5 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3461.1 mm

## Forecast

Dry Weather very likely over Port Blair.  
Maximum and Minimum temperature will be  
around 31°C and 26°C respectively on Friday  
31/12/2021

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