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Jarawa Facts

The 500 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 Medley: Of the 25 modern phyla of groups of animals, only four are represented on land, and all 25 are represented in the oceans! However, there is one extremely important class of animals that is almost absent here: insects, which are so abundant on land. Why? No one really seems to know. Some scientist think that crustaceans (shrimps, lobsters, and crabs) may occupy in the sea the place that is occupied by the insects of land.

The Sunlight Zone: This zone is the oceans garden where sunlight streams through. Plants grow here, product food through photosynthesis, and supports 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.

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

People's Voice

Sabse pehle to Andaman ko ye Bri tish Raj wala kanoon se Azaadi dilwana hoga. Warna Azaadi ka kya matlab ...?

- A Citizen



Sorry! I am a honest officer. I can't even touch the bribe... on Anti-Corruption Day!

Member of Parliament Demands Special Camp at Little Andaman for Issuing Smart Islander Card

Port Blair, Dec 10: The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration to depute a team of officials to Little Andaman for conducting a special camp for issuing Smart Islander Cards to people of Little Andaman.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament pointed out that many Islanders of Little Andaman are facing difficulties in making smart Islander Cards in place of old Islander Cards.

Due to lockdowns and movement restrictions for nearly one and a half year

residents of Little Andaman could not plan any visit to Port Blair to make Smart Islander Card and even after lockdowns due to lack of sufficient sailing of vessels and other reasons, it becomes difficult for an ordinary Islander to visit Port Blair from Little Andaman, only to make

Smart Islander Card by spending huge amount of money.

Kuldeep said that he has been informed that there are many Islanders in Little Andaman who do not have a Smart Islander Card.

Delegation of CII & ACCI Meet MOS Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Port Blair, Dec 10: A delegation from Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) along with Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry had a meeting today in the afternoon at Hotel Sea Shell with Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

The delegation discussed on issues of development of shipping in the islands namely, port infrastructure; availability of dry-dock; review of port charges; Covid-19 pandemic relief; extension of NCV area; permission for foreign flag vessels; VAT on HSD / Bunker; GST on passenger ferries; declaration of



customs ports and priority berthing at Kolkata and Chennai ports for Andaman bound cargo vessels.

The Hon'ble Minister gave a patient hearing and assured the delegation that all issues highlighted will be addressed sooner than later. He also informed that Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has got a special concern for the development of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. A lot of funds have been put into for development projects like Transshipment Port. The Prime Minister wants to make our islands like a diamond and comparable to Singapore.

ZSI Conducts Workshop on Coastal & Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems

Port Blair, Dec 10: Zoological Survey of India has organized two days online workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems under scheme of "Forestry Training and Capacity Building" for the Personnel of Other Services & Personnel of Other Stakeholders" sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Total of 21 participants have attended the two days online workshop during 7th - 8th December 2021, under the Personnel of Other Services from A & N Police (Police Training School, Marine Police Force & Anti-Corruption Unit); INS Utkrosh, Indian Navy; Central Industrial Security Force; Indian Coast Guard; Directorate of Fisheries; Directorate of Agriculture; Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and The District & Sessions Court.

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PBGKR Distributes Ration Kits to Single Mothers



Port Blair, Dec. 10: Working with a motto "No one sleeps without a meal", the team Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi PBGKR was approached by Shri Sadab Riaz, Social Worker who briefed about the difficulties faced by the single mothers of Round Basti area.

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Agri Department Conduct Demonstration on Vermi Composting at Kadamtala

Port Blair, Dec. 10: The Department of Agriculture, Rangat Zone, Middle Andaman in association with Union Territory Agricultural Management Agency (UTATMA) organized two "Demonstration on Vermi Composting" in the field of Shri. Promotho Mondal, Kadamtala and in the field of Shri. Sidharth Sankar Das, Uttara on 09/12/2021 as per approved Block Action Plan for the year 2021-22.

At the outset Smti. S.C Rekha, Assistant Director (Agri.), Rangat welcomed the gathering and explained the benefits of conducting such



programmes. She also explained the harmful effects of chemical fertilizers and pesticides to the soil and ultimately the ill effect to human health. She motivated the farmers to adopt organic farming. She also distributed the inputs to the beneficiaries.

Shri. Dinesh Majhi, Agriculture Assistant, briefed the farmers about the importance of

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

A tragic loss

India has lost a capable and experienced military leader in the tragic death of the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat, in a helicopter crash near Coonoor in the Nilgiris on Wednesday. His wife, Madhulika, and 11 others also perished when the Indian Air Force's Mi-17V5 helicopter came down in a heavily wooded area. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has announced in Parliament that a tri-service inquiry, headed by Air Marshal Manvendra Singh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command, of the IAF, will take place into the incident. The IAF chief, Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari, has already visited the crash site; the cockpit voice and flight data recorders have been recovered, which would give investigators insights into how the crash occurred. It is imperative that the inquiry be done both thoroughly and speedily. Without speculating on the cause, it needs to be stressed that speedy course corrections in training or hardware are imperative given that these Mi-17VF choppers are being used to ferry top military leaders across the length and breadth of the country.

Gen. Rawat had not even completed two years as CDS when the Coonoor tragedy happened. After completing his tenure as Army Chief on December 31, 2019, he slipped into his new role as CDS the very next day. Many of his plans to give India genuine tri-service operational capabilities are still to be realised. In such a situation, the Government should not lose time in appointing his successor to ensure that the plans on the drawing board do not suffer. An aggressive China and a still belligerent Pakistan define India's security challenges. The situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) continues to be tense with Indian and Chinese troops staring down each other. Gen. Rawat, known to have been proximate to the ruling establishment, had never minced words while speaking about the challenges facing the country and had waded into political controversies. Though the concept of having a CDS was recommended by a Group of Ministers in 2000 after the Kargil war, it took another 20 years for one to be appointed. The CDS, who functions as Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister, is expected to work in tandem with the three service chiefs who continue to operate in their respective domains — a role and function that is still in the making. To ensure that the new CDS and the service chiefs function as a team, the Government would do well to keep in mind the principle of seniority while choosing Gen. Rawat's successor.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



A General is Dead..!

A General lies dead!

Was it an act of war? Sabotage? Pilot error? Mechanical failure?

He was not killed on a battlefield leading his men, not from an act of vengeance for some previous act to save the country, but dead, traveling on his own warhorse, piloted by his own forces and brought down in a time of peace, in an area of no insurgency!

How did we allow him to die?

Would people of any other nation forgive themselves if their chief got into a helicopter which they do every day and have the machine crash because of engine failure or pilot failure? Or if sabotage, intelligence failure?

And if engine failure, how? Through poor maintenance, no thorough check ups, or our 'chaltha hai' attitude?

I flew on Flight AI 101 two weeks ago from Delhi to New York. Fifteen hours of continuous flying in seats that would have made a pygmy squirm. What most do during this torturous experience is divide their time between inflight movies, reading and sleep!

The lights went off as soon as the aircraft gained altitude, I pulled out my book, switched on the reading lights, but darkness stared mockingly at me!

'Sir, most of the reading lights don't work!' she whispered into my ear.

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'Okay,' I told myself as I smiled at her, 'So it's the movies then!' and I switched on the console.

'Sir,' she said, this time from within the safety of the drinks counter, 'Most of the screens don't work!'

'What works?' I asked looking fearfully out of the window at the huge engines.

'Sir, these are old aircraft and we are just waiting for Tata's to take over to get new parts and engineers who will work on the maintenance!'

I shuddered again as I looked at the engines outside.

Did our brave General shudder too?

Are we so involved in building new parliaments buildings, tall statues and religious places for the world to see, spending millions of rupees on showmanship, when national carriers, helicopters, roads and bridges are on their last legs?

When Trump arrived in Gujarat on his way to see the statue, walls were quickly built to hide the slums the poor lived in. Was the helicopter given just a fresh coat of paint?

A General lies dead!

Not killed on a battlefield leading his men, not from an act of vengeance for some previous act to save the country, but dead, traveling on his own warhorse, piloted by his own forces and brought down in a time of peace, in an area of no insurgency!

How did we allow such a good brave man to die?

If we can come out from behind our painted walls, if we can stop waiting for a Tata or Birla to take over, and instead, take responsibility for our people, our machines, our infrastructure and it's maintenance then the good General would not have died in vain..!

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PBGKR Distributes Ration Kits to Single Mothers

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Responding to the situation, a team led by Shri Gurmeet Singh, Secretary, PBGKR reached the spot and the ration kits were distributed in the presence of Shri Hari Kallikat, ADM, South Andaman to 30 single mothers of the area at Round Basti.

Shri Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR has

appealed to come forward and be a helping hand to the people in need. One must not hesitate to reach out to help people who are genuinely in need of help.



ENTERTAINMENT

Sundance Film Festival Unveils Lineup for Hybrid 2022 Edition

The Sundance Film Festival is returning to the Utah mountains in January armed with documentaries about Bill Cosby, Princess Diana, Kanye West and Lucille Ball and the directorial debuts of Eva Longoria, Tig Notaro and Jesse Eisenberg.

Festival organizers unveiled the lineup for the 2022 edition on Thursday, which includes 82 feature-length films culled from over 3,700 submissions.

"This year's program reflects the unsettling and uncertain times we've been living in for the past year and a half," said Kim Yutani, Sundance's director of programming.

As in years past, the festival boasts a robust documentary lineup, including "We Need to Talk About Cosby," in which director W. Kamau Bell attempts to examine the art and artist question as it applies to the actor/comedian, who spent time in prison before his sexual assault conviction was overturned.

Festival director Tabitha Jackson says the Cosby doc is, "A real cultural analysis of what happened."

"Lucy and Desi," which marks Amy Poehler's documentary debut, and "The Princess" from director Ed Perkins are also in the lineup.

Directors Clarence "Coodie" Simmons and Chike Ozah also have "Jeen-yuhs: A Kanye Trilogy," chronicling 21 years of Kanye West with never-before-seen footage, and Kathryn Ferguson charts the career of Sinéad O'Connor in "Nothing Compares."

The documentaries also go beyond the big names and biopics. Director Ramin Bahrani will debut his film "2nd Chance," about the bankrupt pizzeria owner who invented the modern bulletproof vest, and Rory Kennedy has "Downfall: The Case Against Boeing," which looks at the two Boeing 737 MAX crashes and the aftermath. Others look at the last ship carrying enslaved Africans to the U.S. ("Descendant"), the U.S. maternal health crisis ("Aftershock"), TikTok ("TikTok, Boom") and midwives in Myanmar ("Midwives").

Lena Dunham goes behind the camera once more with



"Sharp Stick," about a 26-year-old who begins an affair with her older boss, Michel Hazanavicius will premiere his zombie comedy, "Final Cut," and Riley Stearns will debut "Dual," starring Karen Gillan as a woman who attempts to clone herself after a terminal diagnosis.

There are some notable debuts, like "AM I OK?" a film about female friends directed by Tig Notaro and Stephanie Allynne and starring Dakota Johnson and Sonoya Mizuno. Eva Longoria directs a documentary about the rivalry between boxers Oscar De La Hoya and Julio César Chávez, and Jesse Eisenberg has "When You Finish Saving the World," starring Julianne Moore and Finn Wolfhard as mother and son. "Carol" screenwriter Phyllis Nagy has also written and directed "Call Jane," about abortions in the late 1960s. It stars Elizabeth Banks and Sigourney Weaver.

The U.S. dramatic competition slate, which has launched films like "CODA," "Passing" and "Minari," includes one of Michael Kenneth Williams' final projects, "892," starring John Boyega as a desperate veteran who is on the brink of homelessness.

"We saw a lot of films that have psychological thriller or horror elements throughout the program. We do have a dedicated midnight section, but we were able to find places for so many of these films that were just doing really interesting things," Yutani said. "And in our U.S. Dramatic section, there are several films written by women exploring racial injustice and the status of women of color in Academia through this horror film lens."

After going largely virtual in 2021, organizers are planning to return to an in-person festival in Park City, Utah, with some satellite screenings at regional theaters across the U.S. during the second weekend and virtual options as well. Earlier this year, the festival announced that all attendees, from filmmakers to ticket buyers and volunteers, would be required to have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

"We're excited to return to our home in Utah, but also to come together in new ways," Jackson said. "Building on our experience last year, we've discovered new possibilities of convergence, and we embrace the fact that we are now an expanded community in which active participation matters, and audience presence — however it manifests — is essential to our mission."

In that spirit, the festival will kick off on Jan. 20 with the "immersive live-cinema" documentary "32 Sounds," which will debut online and in Park City's Egyptian Theater. Other day one premieres include Longoria's "La Guerra Civil" and "The Princess."

"This year, we look forward to celebrating this generation's most innovative storytellers as they share their work across a wide range of genres and forms," said Robert Redford, the founder and president of the Sundance Institute. "These artists have provided a light through the darkest of times, and we look forward to welcoming their unique visions out into the world and experiencing them together."

The festival will run from Jan 20 through Jan 30. Ticket packages go on sale starting Dec. 17 and individual tickets will be available on Jan. 6.

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Twitter acquires Quill, Twitter DMs may get major overhaul



Washington: Social media giant Twitter has acquired Quill that experts suggest might let Twitter DMs better compete with other messaging apps.

As per GSM Arena, this new acquisition might result in Twitter offering more robust messaging features.

For the unversed, Quill is a messaging app for collaboration and communication with teams, one that competed with other productivity messaging platforms like Slack. It focused on keeping messages organized and its notification system was designed to keep notifications to a minimum.

Twitter DM is simple and barebones compared to other messaging platforms like Instagram, Facebook Messenger, Discord, and Telegram.

This is the first biggest move from Twitter after the recent departure of the company's former CEO Jack Dorsey. He was succeeded by Parag Agrawal, a week ago.

As per GSM Arena, Twitter could implement some sort of messaging channels for keeping in touch with large communities of users. With Twitter Blue (Twitter's premium paid-subscription tier), the platform could offer Blue-only messaging features for users with high follower counts.

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ZSI Conducts Workshop on Coastal & Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems

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Similarly, a total of 34 participants have attended the two days workshop during 9th - 10th December 2021, under the Personnel of Other Stakeholders from St. Mary's School, Bathu Basti & Mohanpura; Government Model Senior Secondary School; Kamaraj English Medium School; Nirmala Senior Secondary School; Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya; Sagritara School; Tagore Government College of Education; Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2; Carmel Senior Secondary School; Andaman and Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences; Andaman Law College; Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Institute of Technology; Jawaharlal Nehra Rajkeeya Mahaviyalaya; NABARD and Zilla Parishad.

Total of nine different talks on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems were delivered by expert from Island Ecosystems in each workshop. This is training workshop provided a unique opportunity to expose and learn about the marine faunal wealth of the island ecosystems and its importance.

Shri. P. Subramanyam, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Department of Environment and Forests, A & N Islands; Dr. Dhriti Banerjee,

Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata have inaugurated the workshop on 7th December 2021; Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata, & Dr. A.A. Mao, Director, Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata have inaugurated the workshop on 9th December 2021. On 10th December 2021, Dr. Ramakrishna, former Director, Zoological Survey of India, & Prof. P.M. Mohan have delivered the valedictory address. Overall, all the participants are highly appreciated the effort taken by ZSI, Port Blair to organized this workshop.

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organic farming and various schemes implemented and subsidypattern provided by the Agriculture department to promote organic farming in the farmers' field.

Shri. Jeyraj, ATM and Shri. Naga Muthu, ATM demonstrated about the preparation of vermi composting using vermi bed. This programme was attended by neighbouring farmers in the beneficiary's field.

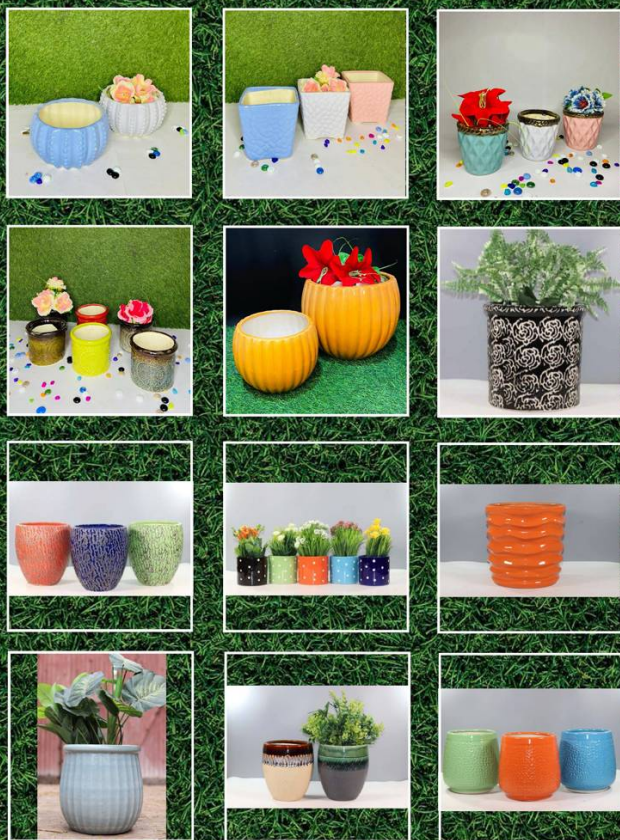
The demonstration programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed



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Democracies Should Shape Social Media, Cryptocurrencies, Says PM Modi

New Delhi, Dec. 10: Democracies should jointly deal with social media and crypto currencies, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Official Intervention at the Summit for Democracy convened by U.S. President Joe Biden.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Modi said India is the largest democracy in the world which has 2,500-year-old democratic traditions and proposed to share India's democratic experience through digital solutions.

"We must also jointly shape global norms for emerging technologies like social media and crypto-currencies, so that they are used to empower democracy, not to undermine it," said Mr. Modi in his Official Intervention. The Summit for Democracy was convened by President Biden to strengthen democracy around the world.

Opening the summit on Thursday, President Biden announced the establishment of the Presidential Initiative for Democratic Renewal that will provide foreign assistance initiatives.

The initiative will be powered by \$424.4 million and will be aimed to support free media, fight corruption, strengthen democratic reforms, for use of technology for democracy and for defence of free and fair elections. Mr Modi said democracy has



taken various shapes across the world and that there is a need to work on the democratic practices and symptoms adding, "Different parts of the world have followed different paths of democratic development. There is much we can learn from each other. We all need to constantly improve our democratic practices and systems. And, we all need to continuously enhance inclusion, transparency, human dignity, responsive grievance redressal and decentralisation of power."

Mr Modi referred to the civilisational tradition of democracy in India citing the ancient city states under the Lichhavis and other people that flourished in India during the late Vedic and Buddhist

period and continued to the early medieval period. He said democratic traditions had made ancient India the "most prosperous".

"Centuries of colonial rule could not suppress the democratic spirit of the Indian people. It again found full expression with India's independence and led to an unparalleled story in democratic nation building over the last 75 years," said Mr Modi.

Prime Minister Modi said India would be happy to share "expertise" in organising "free and fair elections" and in increasing "transparency in all areas of governance through innovative digital solutions".

"Democracy is not only of the people, by the people, for the people but also with the people, within the people," said Mr Modi.

SC Says Scribes Should not Suffer for Reporting on What is Already in Public Domain

New Delhi, Dec. 10: The Supreme Court in an order has said that "State force" should not be used to "browbeat a political opinion" and journalists should not be made to suffer the consequences of reporting on what is already in the public domain.

The court observed that the political class across the country should introspect on the "debasing" in dialogue which was taking place.

"State force should never be used to either browbeat a political opinion or journalists suffer the consequences of what is already in public domain," a Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul stated in an order.

The court hastened to add that "this does not take away the responsibility of journalists in how they report matters, more so in a "Twitter age".

The court order said it could not "let go off the opportunity of saying something which is troubling society and the court. It is undoubtedly the

debasing in the dialogue which is taking place which needs introspection from the political class across the country".

It noted, "In a country which prides itself on its diversity, there are bound to be different perceptions and opinions which would include political opinions. That is the very essence of a democracy".

The Bench stressed that political exchanges may get heated, but should not explode. "No doubt by the very nature of the job required to be performed by the political class, at times their exchanges may get heated. But it should not explode. We are sure difference in perceptions can be expressed in better language."

Quashing of FIRs

The order came after West Bengal informed the court that it had no objection to the quashing of FIRs registered on the



basis of reports in 'OpIndia' portal.

'OpIndia' editor Nupur Sharma and other petitioners had moved the court, saying the FIRs amounted to an abuse of law and suppression of Press freedom.

Quashing the FIRs, the court said that what the petitioners had done was to "reproduce what the political class has stated against each other and which is already in public domain". West Bengal's stand to not proceed with the FIRs was "better late than never and should be a model for others to follow".

'Seed Mela' Organised at Kadamtala



Port Blair, Dec. 10: The Department of Agriculture, Rangat Zone, Middle Andaman organized one day Seed Mela at Panchayat Hall, Kadamtala in association with private seed dealers of Rangat Zone for the benefit of farmers.

At the outset Smti. S.C.Rekha, Assistant Director (Agri.), Rangat welcomed the Chief Guest and others present and briefed on the purpose of conducting Seed Mela, as this was a demand of farmers and on the request of Shri. Jyotirmoy Bawali, EX-ZPM to the Assistant Commissioner, Rangat.

She motivated the unemployed educated youth to apply for license to sell seeds and other Agri-inputs so that farmers can purchase timely inputs locally. This programme was inaugurated by Smti. Swapna Mondal, EX-ZPM. She welcomed the initiative of Agriculture department for organizing such seed mela at the village level and on behalf

of farmers thanked the department for coordinating with the private seed dealers in order to provide seeds of various crops for ensuing Rabi Season. She urged the farmers to make this opportunity for purchasing good quality vegetable seeds which is timely available for this season.

Shri. Dinesh Majhi, Agriculture Assistant briefed on the availability of good seeds with the dealers and also explained in brief the different Package of Practices of Rabi crops, benefits of seed treatment and timely sowing of vegetable crops. The programme was attended by more than hundred farmers.

The two licensed seed dealers of Rangat zone participated in the seed mela and displayed various seeds available with them. About 9.8 kg of seeds of various crops for Rabi season was purchased by the farmers during the mela.

The programme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Shri. Amar Kumar Sadhu, AFA.

Vaccination Drive in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 10: A total of 5,72,860 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,76,631 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 3101 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands.

2945 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 54 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 134 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 5 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 22 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

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SPORTS

The Ashes | Root and Malan Dig in as England Fights Back at the Gabba

Brisbane, Dec. 10: Joe Root and Dawid Malan put on a defiant unbeaten partnership of 159 to give England hope of salvaging a draw in the opening Ashes Test at the Gabba on Friday.

A rejuvenated England was 220 for two at close of play, with skipper Root on 86 and Malan 80, only 58 runs behind Australia.

Root's year!

After England lost both openers in the session before tea, Root and Malan looked increasingly comfortable on the third-day Gabba pitch as they steadily wore down the Australian attack.

Root's classy 86 not out is one short of his highest score in Australia and took him past 1,500 runs in a calendar year, the most ever by an Englishman, surpassing Michael Vaughan's 1,481 in 2002.

Leading by example, the skipper barely offered a chance in his innings, stroking 10 boundaries including a sublime reverse-sweep off spinner Nathan Lyon.

The South Africa-born Malan scored his only Test century on the last tour of Australia and although not as comfortable as his captain, he also looked in control.

He did struggle with fatigue towards the close, however, and went down with cramps.

Earlier, Travis Head scored a superb 152 to put Australia in what seemed a commanding position.

Australia was dismissed for 425, 30 minutes before lunch, a



handsome lead of 278. DRS saves Burns

Rory Burns, who was out first ball of the series on Wednesday when clean-bowled by Mitchell Starc, was lucky to survive the dreaded pair when he was adjudged leg-before off Starc's sixth ball of the first over.

But, replays showed the ball was just missing the top of middle stump, and a relieved Burns survived.

But he didn't last long after lunch and gloved to wicketkeeper Alex Carey off Australia captain Pat Cummins.

Haseeb Hameed looked in great touch and eased to 27, but he tried to glance a wide ball from Starc, only to get a faint touch to Carey.

Work to be done

Malan knows that plenty more work lies ahead despite England's improved showing.

"To come here today and do what we did after a day and half of hard fielding is fantastic, but that's only half the job," he said.

"We need another 250-300 runs on Saturday to put ourselves in a good position."

Review plans

Labuschagne said the hosts needed to hold their nerve.

"Test cricket is a grind, it's meant to be hard otherwise it wouldn't mean so much," he said.

"For us it's a day at the office. We'll review our plans and how we bowled today, and come up with some ideas and get those last eight wickets."

World Chess Championship: Magnus Carlsen Wins Fifth Title with Three Games to Spare

As anticipated, Magnus Carlsen ended Ian Nepomniachtchi's agony with three games to spare after winning the 11th game of their best-of-14 game World chess championship match in Dubai on Friday.

Carlsen punished Nepo's blunder, committed on the 23rd move, with a tactical plan and eventually finished the job in 49 moves. The champion's fourth victory — second with black — left the final score reading 7.5-3.5.

This was the fourth time Carlsen defended the world title he first won from Viswanathan Anand in 2013. He overcame the challenges of Anand (2014), Sergey Karjakin (2016) and Fabiano Caruana (2018) before destroying Nepo.

After five drawn games, Carlsen pulled off a 136-move victory in the sixth. Thereafter, it was clear that Nepo was not the same. He committed one pawn-move



blunder three times in the next five games and the result was a premature end to the match.

"I'm relieved, of course. It's hard to feel that great joy when the situation was so comfortable to begin with, but I'm happy with a very good performance overall," was Carlsen's initial reaction after winning his fifth world title.

"I didn't expect it to go quite like this," said Carlsen during the post-match media conference and continued, "I think it was just a very good professional performance

overall. No regrets at all, just very satisfied.

"I guess it's the most similar to my first match with Anand (in 2013), which was quite even and nervous at the start. When I got my first win, it was kind of the same story: it was relatively clean from there on out."

On Friday, after Nepo employed the Italian opening, the game progressed on expected lines. Once Nepo erred on the 23rd turn, Carlsen took just 79 seconds to spot the precise continuation. He immediately traded his rook for a knight and took it back by force following the exchange of queens. He reached a rook-and-pawn ending with an extra pawn. Carlsen sacrificed the rook to 'queen' his pawn and then forced the resignation, four moves later.

On his part Nepo said, "In my career I lost quite some stupid games but not as many in such a (short) time".

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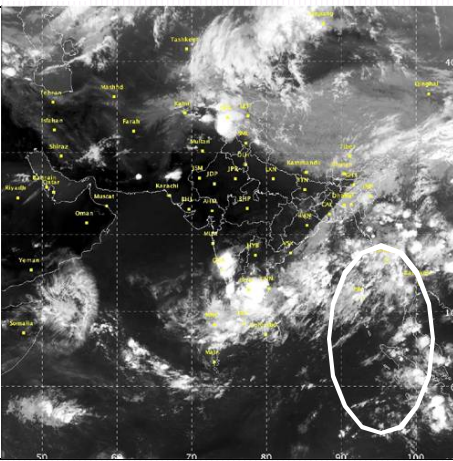
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.1 °C	Min.: 25.7 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 69%	1730 Hrs: 77%
Sunrise: 0529 Hrs.	Sunset: 1656 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, 2020 till date):	3453.2 mm

Forecast

Dry weather most likely to occur over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Saturday 11/12/2021

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