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Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa move around the forest in groups of 40 or 50 people. They build small temporary huts whilst on the move, and also build large huts where several families live together. They collect honey, roots and berries, hunt pigs and monitor lizards, and catch fish with spears.

Your Nature Guide

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

There are two types of plankton Phytoplankton, which are microscopic plant plankton, and Zooplankton, which are larger animals plankton. Phytoplankton are amongst the most productive food manufactures of the seas.

Bigger Plants: Amongst the other plants are the Algae that are of different colours-green, red and brown. Some algae are edible (for humans) and a good source of protein. Most make very good fertilizer if spread in the garden or farm. Bigger algae are called seaweeds.

The oceans also have grasses growing in them. Eelgrass is a very common one found in our seas. It is grazed on by dugongs and green sea turtles.

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

People's Voice

Media ko peet kar kya Prove karna hai bhai... Ye he ki Police se panga mat lo? Police Public ke liye hai, na ki Public ko darane ke liye ...

- A Citizen



It is an effigy of the minister who refused to buy our paddy!

Report on Vaccine Effectiveness Against Omicron in a Week: Union Health Minister

New Delhi, Dec. 20: A report on the effectiveness of the available vaccines in the country against the Omicron variant of COVID-19 would be available in a week, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya informed the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

He made the observation while replying to a "short duration discussion on the situation arising out of Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus in the country."

So far, 161 cases of Omicron had been detected in the country and while 14% cases were mild, nearly 80% were asymptomatic. The medicine

protocol for Omicron remained the same as the Delta, Alpha and other variants.

The Minister noted that 88% of the eligible population had received their first dose and 58% were fully vaccinated.

"The Omicron variant was first detected in Africa on November 24; we have made adequate arrangements to fight the virus. At present, there are 38 genome sequencing laboratories in the country. We are culturing the virus strain to see if our vaccines are working on that variant or not, its impact is still



being studied, will get the report in a week," he stated.

Oxygen shortage During the second wave, it was observed that many

complained about shortage of oxygen, and the manufacturing capacity was increased overnight but the

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Member of Parliament Participates in Beach Cleaning Drive

Port Blair, Dec. 20: On Sunday (19.12.2021), the Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma participated in a beach cleaning drive, organised at Haddo Sea Shore area.

Many school students, college students and local youths participated in the event and contributed their best to keep the beach clean along with the Member of Parliament.

The very purpose of this beach cleaning drive was to encourage all Islanders, especially youths to come forward and keep the beaches in Andaman &



Nicobar Islands clean. In the recent past the Member of Parliament had organized many such beach cleaning drives involving youths of these Islands with an aim to keep Andaman beaches clean and send a positive message to the society.

This beach cleaning drive was conducted by X-Ta-Sea Event Pvt Ltd and Wized Craft Event Mumbai.

Jolly Grateful to PM Modi and Lauds ANI Administration as Andamans Achieve 100% Vaccination Status

Port Blair, Dec. 20: In the run-up to the world's largest vaccination drive, Andaman & Nicobar Islands achieved 100% vaccination to the eligible population with both doses of #COVISHIELD. Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP-ANI expressed gratitude towards Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi for providing free vaccines and seamless supply of doses.

Jolly also extended his gratitude towards the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, ANI and the whole administration under the able leadership of Mr. Jitendra Narain Chief Secretary,

Andaman & Nicobar Administration for this commendable job.

He also congratulated the Doctors, Nurses and Health Workers who have performed their duties in an exceptional way in these difficult times and circumstances to attain this feat.

Concluding his message he also thanked all the political parties, especially the Bharatiya Janata Party for making this vaccination drive a huge success and also acknowledged collective efforts of Civil Society Organisations & NGOs who performed voluntarily to achieve the target.

President DNA Condemns Attack on Media Persons

Port Blair, Dec. 20: The Daily Newspaper Association (proposed) has strongly condemned attack on media personnel and camera crew of 'News Apptak' at Port Blair by IRBn Jawans, A&N Police. Physical assault and verbal abuses that too in presence of senior officers of A&N Police is unacceptable, said the President.

Unruly behaviour of a few staffs has brought a bad name for the entire Police Department.

DNA has demanded stringent disciplinary action against the IRBn Jawan, who has attacked and physically assaulted media persons today.

COVID-19 Status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 20: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 437 passengers who arrived here yesterday, no positive case has been detected. Today, 12 flights with 2111 passengers arrived, out of which, 1656 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 455 passengers (includes 22 international travellers) and the reports are awaited.

During RAT conducted on 87 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 79 passengers and all were found negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 57 passengers were tested with RAT and was found negative. During RAT conducted on 9 passengers at Helipad, no positive case has been detected. Today, till 3 pm 413 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated, out of which 389 were of 18 plus age group.

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

Age and marriage

Good intent does not guarantee favourable outcomes. Coercive laws without wide societal support often fail to deliver even when their statement of objects and reasons aims for the larger public good. Within days of the Union Cabinet approving a proposal to raise the age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 years, the same age as for men, the Government listed it for legislative business in Parliament this week. If passed, various personal and faith-based laws which govern marriages in India now, including The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, the Special Marriage Act, 1954, and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, will have to be amended. In her Budget speech last year, Finance Nirmala Sitharaman had announced that the Government would set up a task force to look into the age of a girl entering motherhood with an aim to lower maternal mortality rates, improve nutrition levels as well as ensure opportunities to women to pursue higher education and careers. With these targets in mind, a panel headed by former Samata Party chief Jaya Jaitly was set up in June last year. The panel submitted its report in December 2020. Though the objective looks good on paper, merely raising the age of marriage without creating social awareness and improving access to health care is unlikely to benefit the community it wants to serve: young women not yet financially independent, who are unable to exercise their rights and freedoms while still under the yoke of familial and societal pressures.

According to Ms. Jaitly, raising the age of marriage is one of its recommendations, which include a strong campaign to reform patriarchal mindsets, and improved access to education. As per the National Family Health Survey (2019-2021), 23.3% of women aged 20-24 years married before 18, which shows that the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, has not been wholly successful in preventing child marriages, especially among the poor. Women's rights activists point out that parents often use this Act to punish their daughters who marry against their wishes or elope to evade forced marriages, domestic abuse, and lack of education facilities. Hence, within a patriarchal setting, it is more likely that the change in the age limit will increase parents' authority over young adults. A good, but not easy, way to achieve the stated objective is to take steps to counsel girls on early pregnancies, and provide them the network to improve their health. The focus must be on creating social awareness about women's sexual and reproductive health and rights, and ensuring girls are not forced to drop out of school or college. Laws cannot be a short cut in the path to social reform.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Broken People Round A Manger..!

Towards Christmas, in all shopping centres, malls, housing societies, church compounds and homes, little mangers are made and plastic or wooden figures of Joseph, Mary and the little Jesus are installed. Since it's a manger, also seen are cows, goats and even a horse or two. It was towards midnight that I was sure I heard a sound in the crib and manger that was installed near my Christmas tree. Without switching on the lights, I crept towards where the sound had come and found to my surprise that the manger had no animals, no shepherds or wise men.

There was only the baby Jesus and round him were an odd set of people.

"Who're you?" I asked a man, who didn't meet my eye.

"I'm blind!" he said.

"And I'm lame!" said the next fellow.

I looked at a woman who seemed crying as she looked at the little baby in the cradle. "I've been raped!" cried the woman, "And can find no justice!"

"And you?" I asked.

"I'm gay!" said the man as he looked at me with sad eyes.

"Why have you come here?" I asked. "You guys don't fit into the scene."

"He came for me!" said the blind man and the lame person and gay pointing to the baby in the manger.

"He came for me too!" said the rape victim.



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I watched astonished as the babe in the manger grew, and became a thirty odd year Jesus sitting on the edge of the crib, "Lord," they cried, "we are not welcomed by the world, especially not by the church you established. They look on us as filthy and broken people, who have no place inside their clean, decent sanctuary!"

I saw the Lord looking at me, "Is that true Bob?"

I looked away, "They're welcome if they would only get a wash and a change of clothes!" I ventured.

"Yes!" sighed the Lord, "I knew you'd say that. All those I met, I met outside the synagogues. All those hearts I healed, where at dusty wells, crowded market places, pot holed roads and unsophisticated tree tops!"

I watched astonished as the lame, the blind, the rape victim and the gay sat near my Lord, "Lord," I said, "He's gay!" And I watched as my Lord stretched his hand and held the man's hand. There was peace in the man's eyes, and also in the eyes of the woman and the blind and the lame.

"I came for such as these!" sighed my Lord, "Broken people, pushed out by you and others..!"

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problem of logistics remained. The Indian Air Force was roped in and special tankers to ferry the oxygen were imported. "However, it was seen that many [hospitals] got oxygen quota allocated through

courts. It was found that when oxygen reached them, they had no space to keep it...the situation was politicised, it should not be done," he said.

As of now, 48,000 ventilators have been given to the States. "During the

second wave, we received complaints that ventilators are not working. We have now made the States responsible for checking the fitness of the machines and only they can further allot to hospitals," he added.

Services of MV Pilopanja Withdrawn

Port Blair, Dec. 20: This is to inform that due to technical reasons, the services of Vehicle ferry vessel MV Pilopanja has been withdrawn from services w.e.f. Afternoon of

20.12.2021. In absence of MV Pilopanja, 02 Vehicle ferry vessels namely MVF Kadamtala and MV North Bay shall be providing services. The Directorate is putting all efforts for early

completion of the repair and restore normalcy.

Inconvenience to the commuters is regretted.

ENTERTAINMENT

Shakun Batra's Upcoming Film Titled 'Gehraiyaan', to Release on Amazon Prime Video

Mumbai: Filmmaker Shakun Batra's upcoming film, starring Deepika Padukone, Siddhant Chaturvedi, Ananya Panday and Dhairya Karwa, is set to have its world premiere on Amazon Prime Video on January 25, 2022.

Titled "Gehraiyaan", the film is billed as a drama about "complex modern relationships". It also features Nasseruddin Shah and Rajat Kapur in pivotal roles.

The film is jointly produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions and Viacom18 Studios in association with Batra's Jouska Films.

According to the makers, the Amazon Original is a relationship drama that dives into the "depths of complex modern relationships, adulterating, letting go and taking control of ones' life path".

Johar described "Gehraiyaan" as an intense, real, and honest observation of modern relationships.

The filmmaker said Batra, known for films like "Ek Main Aur Ekk Tu" and the acclaimed 2016 drama "Kapoor & Sons", has done a "phenomenal job of portraying the complexities of human emotions".

"That, combined with the cast's earnest and powerful performances, make the film a truly compelling story. We're thrilled to premiere 'Gehraiyaan' on to Amazon Prime Video. This is our second collaboration following 'Shershaah' and we are hoping the film, with its universally appealing subject of love and friendship versus one's ambition, goals, and struggles, will find resonance with audiences in India and across the world," Johar said in a statement.

Batra said he views "Gehraiyaan" as a journey into the "intricacies of relationships", a mirror into modern adult relationships.

"How we traverse through the maze of feelings and emotions and how each step, each decision we make affects our lives and the lives of those around. I am immensely glad to have taken this journey with the incredible team and Dharma



Productions, the exceptionally talented cast and crew, and now Amazon Prime Video. I believe audiences will relate to this film very closely and I am looking forward to receiving the reactions," the director said.

Manish Menghani, head of content licensing for Amazon Prime Video, said the film will not only resonate with their customers but also cater to cinephiles, who appreciate "nuanced storytelling".

"It is a truly special story, masterfully woven by Shakun Batra, who once again showcases his ability to portray complex human emotions. The movie further strengthens our partnership with Dharma Productions and we're thrilled to bring this heartfelt tale to our customers worldwide," the statement read.

Apoorva Mehta, CEO, Dharma Productions added, "Gehraiyaan for us at Dharma Productions is an experience. It is a special story told in an exceptionally beautiful way. After Kapoor & Sons, Shakun once again shows his skill at handling complex human emotions and relationships.

"After the phenomenal success of Shershaah we're excited to be collaborating with Amazon Prime Video once again, and to be able to present this movie to audiences, not just across India, but across 240 countries and territories."

Ajit Andhare, COO, Viacom18 Studios called "Gehraiyaan" a special project in more ways than one.

"It marks the coming together of top drawer talent like Shakun Batra, Deepika Padukone, Ananya Panday and Siddhant Chaturvedi who have together told a riveting story. We have thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with Dharma Productions on this one and look forward to taking it to a global audience with Amazon Prime Video," Andhare said.

"Gehraiyaan" is part of the distribution deal between Dharma Productions and Viacom18 Studios that was announced in September.

Their collaboration will also bring some of the most-awaited Hindi films to the screen, including Johar's directorial "Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani", "Jug Jugg Jeeyo" and "Govinda Naam Mera".

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WhatsApp to Now Let Users Preview Voice Messages Before Sending



Washington: The instant messaging app WhatsApp will soon be allowing users to preview their voice messages before sending them.

As per GSM Arena, in order to use this feature, users need to press and hold the mic icon as usual in order to record a voice message, then slide up to go into hands-free recording mode.

The next step is to tap the stop button in the centre and press play to preview your message. At last, hit the send button.

According to GSM Arena, with such new features, "it may take a while for this to roll out to every Android and iOS device out there using WhatsApp, but it is definitely on the way now."

Twitter is Planning to Bring Vertical Video Feed

Washington: The microblogging platform Twitter is eyeing to get the TikTok-like vertical video feed.

As per Mashable, Twitter is seen testing out various new features like edge-to-edge Twitter feed and emoji reactions to improve the user's experience.

Twitter is looking to bring out this cool feature to scroll through the personalised videos and recent trends.

The social network company revealed via its Support Twitter that it's testing on the TikTok-inspired vertical video feed for its Explore section.

This feature will be available for both Android and iOS users who use the app in the English language.

This new feature completely changes the Explore section and provides a vertically-scrollable feed with the 'Trending' and 'For You' sections for users.

"We're testing out a revamped, more personalised Explore page to make it easier for you to unwind, find new interests, and see what's happening," Twitter shared in a statement.

However, there's still no confirmation regarding when the feature is going to launch. Many popular apps like Instagram, Spotify, Snapchat, and Netflix have already been inspired by this TikTok feature and it worked wonders for them.

The new Explore tab provides an easy way to use explore and discover various videos and topics on the app.

This isn't the first time, where Twitter copied a feature as the new Spaces feature is a rip-off from the Clubhouse app. Nevertheless, it needs to be seen how well Twitter optimises this feature for the users.



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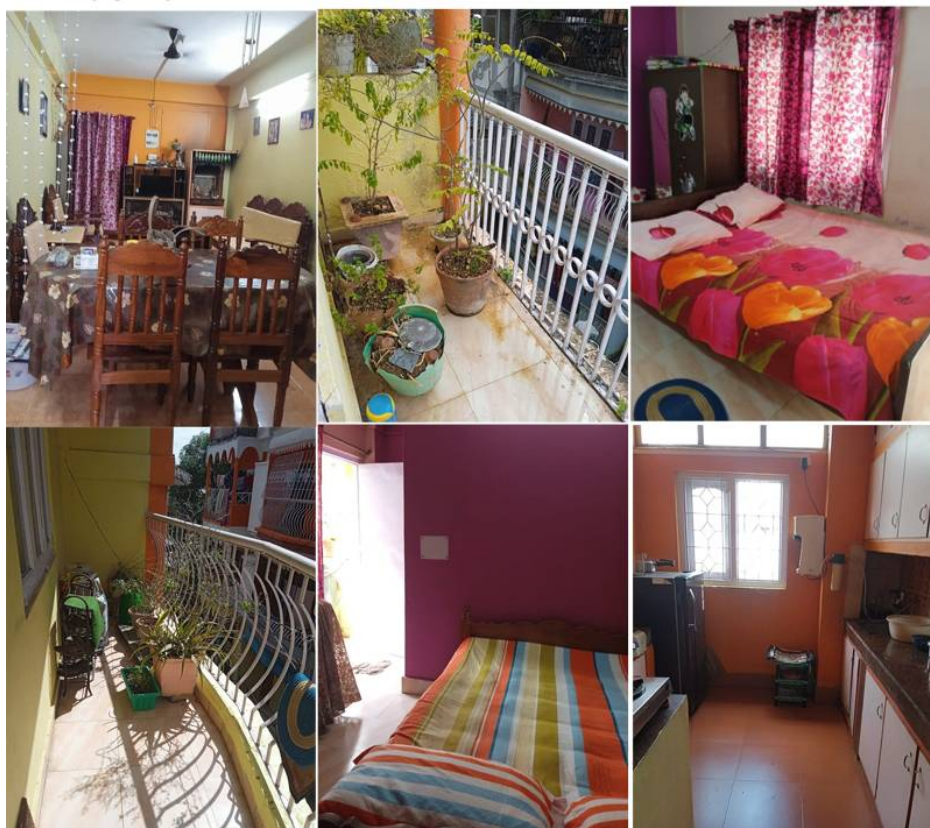
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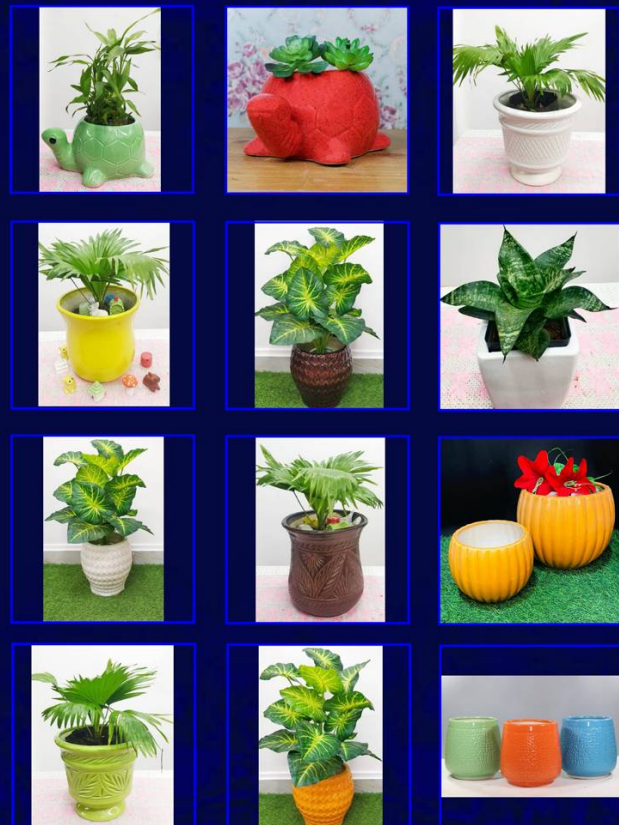


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Jolly Suggests Resuming Boat Services Between Rangat to Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep

Port Blair, Dec. 20: Former State President, BJP, Shri. Vishal Jolly has requested to resume boat service from Rangat to Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep through in his letter addressed to Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

He mentioned that the a boat service was in place from Rangat to Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep on pre-covid time thrice a week which was largely benefitting the people residing in Middle

Andaman. Now the boat services is not operational, which is causing immense pain and suffering to a large section of the population hailing from Middle Andaman. They are now also forced to travel to Port Blair for availing their boat journey to Swaraj Deep & Shaheed Dweep by wasting huge amount of time and money.

He pointed out that the boat services be augmented from Rangat

to Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep and vice versa thrice a week by same boat going from Port Blair to Rangat would be a huge relief to the general public and commuters.

He requested the administration to immediately resume the boat services from Rangat to Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep and vice versa for the convenience of the general public residing in Middle Andaman.

Advisory to General Public on Control of Noise Pollution During the Eve of Christmas and New Year

Port Blair, Dec. 20: This year, the eve of Christmas and New Year will be celebrated in A&N Islands on midnight of 24th and 31st December, 2021. In view of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the control of Noise & Air Pollution during the festive season, general public is hereby informed that only the fire crackers falling into green crackers and improvised crackers shall be used strictly between 11.55 PM to 12.30 AM.

Similarly, fire crackers are also not to be used at any time in the areas designated as silence zones i.e, an area at least 100 meter away from hospitals, nursing homes, primary and district health-care centres, educational institutions, courts, religious places or any other area declared as a silence zone by the authorities concerned.

General public is also advised to earmark common central places in

every locality/area where people could gather and burst fire crackers within the prescribed limits of time i.e. from 11.55 PM to 12.30 AM and permitted noise levels. Any violation in this matter will be dealt promptly as per the law.

These directions are meant for the safety and security of the general public while they enjoy the festival in its gaiety.

Merit List for B.Ed Course at TGCE to be Released Today

Port Blair, Dec. 20: The category-wise and subject-wise provisional list of candidates who have applied for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the session 2021-22 in Tagore Govt. College of Education, Port Blair will be published online on 21st December 2021 and will be available at <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in> under "Announcements" for inspection and verification. The last date for submission of claims and objection is 23 Dec 21. No claims and objections will be attended thereafter.

After attending claims and objections, final merit list will be published on 24th December 2021 and will be available online at <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in> under "Announcements". Counselling for admission to the course will be held on 27th December 2021 from 9:30 am at Tagore Auditorium.

Candidates selected for admission shall be given admission on the same day and classes shall begin immediately from the next day. The selected candidates should deposit fees and all required original

certificates on the day of admission. Those who fail to attend the counselling session, on time, will not be considered for admission to the course and next eligible candidate in the merit list will be considered for admission.



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Lok Sabha passes election laws amendment Bill amid Opposition protests

New Delhi, Dec. 20: Amid loud protests from Opposition members, the Lok Sabha on Monday passed a Bill to link electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem without any substantial discussion.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, while moving the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, told the House that the linking of electoral roll with a person's Aadhaar was "voluntary" but went on to quote a report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice to assert that it would "purify" the rolls.

The manner of passing the Bill, barely two hours after it was introduced in the Lok Sabha and in the midst of an uproar, led Opposition members to accuse the Narendra Modi government of "compromising" the authority of Parliament.

In a departure from the norm, even Congress leader in the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury was seen throwing bits of papers towards the Well of the House in protest.

BJP member Nishikant Dubey alleged that the Congress and the Trinamool Congress members were opposing because they rely on "illegal Bangladeshi" as their vote banks.

Hitting back at Mr. Dubey, NCP member Supriya Sule said the BJP should first clarify the allegations about a Minister in the present Cabinet being a Bangladeshi national.

Opposing the passage, Mr. Chowdhury said, "What is the tearing hurry to pass the Bill? It should be sent to the Standing Committee."

Responding to him, the Law Minister said the provisions were not only extensively discussed by the parliamentary panel on law and justice but also gave a unanimous report.

"We have not brought this in a dictatorial way," Mr. Rijiju told the Opposition members.

While Trinamool members Kalyan Banerjee and Mahua Moitra were agitated over the government pushing through the Bill, parties that are friendly to the government, Biju Janata Dal and the YSR Congress, also urged the government not to pass it in the din.

At the time of introduction, several members including

Manish Tewari and Shashi Tharoor from the Congress, Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM) and N.K. Premachandran (RSP) opposed the Bill.

The Bill allows electoral registration officers to ask for Aadhaar numbers of applicants wanting to register as voters to establish the identity of the applicant.

It also seeks to allow the electoral registration officers to ask for the Aadhaar number from "persons already included in the electoral roll for the purposes of authentication of entries in electoral roll, and to identify registration of name of the same person in the electoral roll of more than one constituency or more than once in the same constituency".

At the same time, the amendment Bill makes it clear that "no application for inclusion of name in the electoral roll shall be denied and no entries in the electoral roll shall be deleted for inability of an individual to furnish or intimate Aadhaar number due to such sufficient cause as may be prescribed". People who cannot furnish their Aadhaar numbers will be allowed to present other documents to establish identity.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill states that Section 23 of the Representation of People Act, 1950, will be amended to allow linking of the electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem "to curb the menace of multiple enrolment of the same person in different places".

Amendment to Section 14 of the RP Act, 1950 will allow to have four "qualifying" dates for eligible people to register as voters.

As of now, January 1 of every year is the sole qualifying date.

People who turn 18 on or before January 1 can register as voters. Those turning 18 after that have to wait for one whole year to register as voters. Now, "January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 in a calendar year" will be the qualifying dates in relation to the preparation or revision of the rolls.

Amendment to Section 20 of the RP Act, 1950 and Section 60 of the RP Act, 1951 will allow the elections become gender neutral for service voters. The amendment will also help replace the word "wife" with "spouse" making the statutes "gender neutral". This seeks to redress any discrimination against male spouses of female armed services employees, with "wife" being replaced as "spouse."

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SPORTS

Rafael Nadal Tests Positive for COVID-19 After Abu Dhabi Comeback

Rafa Nadal said on Monday he had tested positive for COVID-19 upon arrival in Spain after making his comeback from injury in the Mubadala World Tennis Championship exhibition event in Abu Dhabi last week.

The 20-times Grand Slam champion said he was having some "unpleasant moments" but was hoping to feel better soon and would keep people informed about his plans over future tournaments.

"I wanted to announce that on my return home after playing the Abu Dhabi tournament, I have tested positive for COVID in the PCR test that has been performed on me when I arrived in Spain," Nadal wrote on Twitter.

The 35-year-old said he had tested negative at all times when he was in Kuwait and Abu Dhabi, and had last tested negative on Friday last week.

The Spaniard's comeback from injury at the exhibition event — his first tournament appearance since the Citi Open in Washington in August —



ended in two close defeats by Andy Murray and Denis Shapovalov.

"I am having some unpleasant moments but I hope that I will improve little by little. I am now homebound and have reported the result to those who have been in contact with me," he wrote.

"As a result of the situation I have to have total flexibility with my calendar and I will analyse my options depending on my evolution. I will keep you

informed of any decisions about my future tournaments," he added.

Nadal spent four months on the sidelines with a foot injury. He was knocked out at Roland Garros in the semi-finals and was forced to pull out of Wimbledon, the Tokyo Olympics and the U.S. Open.

He had said he could not guarantee he would make the trip for the Australian Open which begins on Jan. 17.

ISL | BFC and JFC Go Goalless

Bengaluru FC and Jamshedpur FC played out a goalless draw in an Indian Super League outing at Bambolim on Monday.

JFC (12 points) is in the second spot in the table while BFC (six points) lies 10th. BFC is now winless in seven games.

Both teams had their fair share of chances. JFC striker Greg Stewart created several opportunities, but failed to convert. Stewart, who scored a hat-trick in the previous match, challenged his markers with brilliant runs and assists.

BFC custodian Gurpreet Sandhu had a memorable outing, making a few crucial saves.

JFC nearly took the lead in the 35th minute when Komal Thatal was brought down by BFC's Parag Srinivas in the box. However, the referee denied JFC's penalty claim. A few minutes later, Thatal left the field due to an injury and was replaced by Boris Singh.



BFC's Sunil Chhetri came on from the bench with less than 20 minutes left in the game. Chhetri surprisingly replaced Cleiton Silva, who was among the best BFC players on view. Chhetri nearly turned hero, but his header rattled the crossbar and rolled back into play.

Deep into injury time, Prince Ibara had a glorious chance to give JFC the full three points. The Congo forward, however, missed the mark with his shot.

The result: Bengaluru FC 0 drew with Jamshedpur FC 0.

Today's match: ATK MB vs NEUFC, 7.30 p.m.

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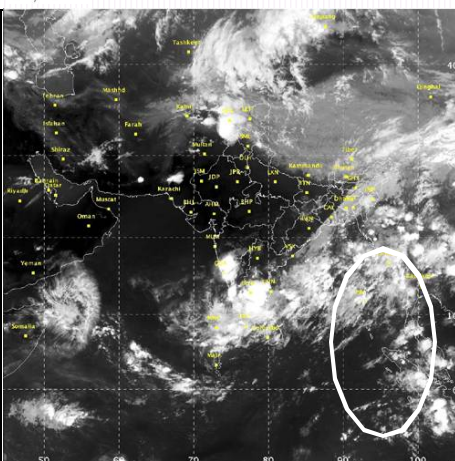
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.9 °C	Min.: 26.0 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77% 1730 Hrs: 93%	
Sunrise: 0534 Hrs.	Sunset: 1701 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	003.4 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3453.2 mm

Forecast

Light Rainfall very likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 21/12/2021

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