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## Jarawa Facts

The Andaman Trunk Road, which cuts through the Jarawa's forest, brings poachers, settlers and tourists into the heart of their land. The Supreme Court of India in 2002 ordered that the road must be closed, but it has never been complied with.

## Your Nature Guide

**Life in the ocean:** From the shores or from a boat, the sea looks like a huge mass of uniform, inky blue water. It is not so actually. Life in the sea is amazingly different at different depths. From the surface to a few feet below, the ocean is a sunlit world, that changes from day to night. Below this, the ocean becomes cold, dim, and unchanging. And thousands of meters below the surface, the ocean is a region of near-freezing temperatures, crushing pressure, and complete darkness.

Most marine plants and animals are adapted to living in one of three regions- the sunlight, twilight, or midnight zone. These zones are defined by the presence (or absence) of light. They differ from one another in temperature amount of pressure, and nutrient supply. We will mainly focus here on the sunlight zone where most of the familiar animals and plants are present.

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

## People's Voice

Ganja tak samajh aata tha ...  
Ab baki itna saara Drugs  
Andaman jaise High Security  
jagah pe kaise chal raha hai  
bhai ...

- A Citizen



**Our rival candidate is also distributing crackers to voters!**

## Rishi Sunak's Rise Triggers a War of Words Back in India

**New Delhi, Oct. 25:** A war of words broke out between the ruling BJP and Opposition parties as Indian-origin Rishi Sunak was appointed as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. While the Opposition lamented the alleged majoritarian nature of the Modi Government, the BJP cited A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's and Dr. Manmohan Singh's rise as the country's president and prime minister.

The BJP also rejected any parallel drawn between Italian-origin Sonia Gandhi not getting prime ministership in 2004 and Britain's ruling party

choosing Mr. Sunak as its leader.

"Can't differentiate between Italy-born Sonia [who refused to take Indian citizenship for several decades after marriage with Rajiv] and U.K.-born Rishi with Indian ancestry," BJP's foreign affairs department head Vijay Chauthaiwale said responding to a Twitter user.

Reactions from BJP leaders came after leaders from various Opposition parties, including the Congress, appeared to take a swipe at the BJP while lauding the rise of Mr. Sunak.



PDP president and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti said it was a proud moment that Indian-origin Mr. Sunak was elected as U.K.'s

Prime Minister but it should also serve as a reminder that Britain has accepted an ethnic minority member as its premier but "we are still

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## Pradhan of Kanyapuram Panchayat Conferred with Commendation Certificate

**Port Blair, Oct. 25:** There are few heroic warriors among us who had fought many odds in life and today they are our society's "Knights in the shining armour". These people from common background rose to their prominent positions with consistent perseverance and became a role model in the society. To celebrate and appreciate such unsung heroes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the Ministry of Youth affairs and Sports, Government of India in partnership with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair organised a grand ceremony on 22<sup>nd</sup> of this October.



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## Police Station Pahargaon Seizes 450.02 Gms of Methamphetamine, Arrests One

**Port Blair, Oct. 25:** The team of Police Station Pahargaon has once again proved their efficiency and booked one person under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 with the recovery of 450.02 gms of methamphetamine.

On 23/10/2022, a credible information was received from an

informer that one person namely Krishna Bhakta is having methamphetamine in his possession and is planning sell the methamphetamine to a customer near Murdakhari, Garacharma. Immediately, a team was constituted comprising of SI Mohd Rahil Islam, PCs M. Ashok Kumar,

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## Examination for 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme' to be Held on 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Port Blair, Oct. 25:** The State Institute of Education, Port Blair will be conducting the NMMSS Examination in A&N Islands on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 under the guidance of Ministry of Education (MoE). The selection test/

examination will be conducted to select students presently studying in Class VIII for award of Scholarship under the centrally sponsored scheme 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship

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## GREETINGS

I extend my warm greetings to all Islanders on the occasion of Bhai Phota and Bhai Dooj.

This festival not only strengthens the bond of brotherhood but also plays a significant role in creating a cordial atmosphere in the society.

Let us celebrate the sacred and unbreakable bond between a brother and sister on Bhai Phota and Bhai Dooj.

Bhai Phota and Bhai Dooj symbolise the love and affection between brothers and sisters.

**Kuldeep Rai Sharma,**  
Member of Parliament,  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

## ANCA to Conduct A&N State Open Chess Selection Championship '22

**Port Blair, Oct. 25:** Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) will be conducting A&N State Open Chess Selection Championship 2022 on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at JNRM Auditorium Port Blair.

The championship will serve as selection tournament for the upcoming MPL 59<sup>th</sup> Senior National Chess Championship-2022 scheduled to be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Near ITO, New Delhi. (Brochure attached)

The best four players will be selected for the MPL 59<sup>th</sup> Senior National Chess Championship-2022.

Players from North & Middle Andaman and Nicobar District will be provided free accommodation at Port Blair and their travelling expenses will be borne by ANCA.

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

## Vital Intervention

There is good reason for the Supreme Court of India to ask the police to be proactive in dealing with hate speech by taking immediate legal action without waiting for a formal complaint. The Court has also warned of contempt action if the police showed any hesitation in compliance. Directed at the police in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the order is in response to the "unending flow of hate speeches" highlighted in a writ petition before it. The Court has referred to the growing "climate of hate", and taken note of the inaction in most instances, despite the law containing provisions to deal with the phenomenon. It is quite apparent that the governments at the Centre and in some like-minded States do not share the Court's concern for communal harmony, fraternity and tranquillity; in fact, some of them may be contributing to the vitiated atmosphere either by studied inaction or complicity in allowing provocative speeches in purported religious gatherings by majoritarian elements. Intervention by the highest court has become necessary in the light of some controversial religious leaders getting away lightly after making unacceptable comments, some of them tinged with a genocidal tenor. It is in such a backdrop that the Court has underscored the constitutional values of secularism and fraternity among all religions and social groups.

It was a religious conclave held in Haridwar late last year that set the tone for the 'hate speech' case that is being heard now. Even then, the Court had called for corrective measures, leading to another conclave being prevented by local authorities in Roorkee in Uttarakhand. While the intervention may have halted a few meetings at that time, it cannot be said that such transgressions have ended. There has been a disconcerting pattern of Hindu festivals becoming an occasion for the conduct of religious processions that end in clashes caused by provocative behaviour. In the name of dealing with the resulting clashes or disturbances, officials have resorted to demolishing the houses of those allegedly involved in the incidents, without following any process of law. Such developments have given rise to new curbs on minorities, such as unwarranted police probes into the holding of group prayers, and new allegations of purported plots to infiltrate Hindu events. Some television channels have been adding to the bigotry by their manner of functioning. Administrative bias on the one hand and the spread of social prejudice on the other cannot be allowed to vitiate the national mood. Towards that end, the Court must do everything possible to nudge authorities to enforce the law against the propagation of hate.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Sisters..!

Ever so often I watch my two daughters and I realise how different their relationship is from that of two brothers, and it was when I went through this little article I realized what depth could be the love between sisters:

A young wife sat on a sofa on a hot humid day, drinking iced tea and visiting with her mother. As they talked about life, about marriage, about the responsibilities of life and the obligations of adulthood, the mother clinked the ice cubes in her glass thoughtfully and turned a clear, sober glance upon her daughter.

"Don't forget your Sisters," she advised, swirling the tea leaves to the bottom of her glass. "They'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband, no matter how much you love the children you may have, you are still going to need sisters. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them.

'What a funny piece of advice!' the young woman thought. 'Haven't I just gotten married? Haven't I just joined the couple-world? I'm now a married woman, for goodness sake! A grownup! Surely my husband and the family we may start will be all I need to make my life worthwhile!'

But she listened to her mother.

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She kept contact with her Sisters. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually came to understand that her mom really knew what she was talking about. As time and nature work their changes and their mysteries upon a woman, sisters are the mainstays of her life.

After many years of living in this world, here is what she learned:

Time passes.

Life happens.

Distance separates. Children grow up. Jobs come and go.

Love waxes and wanes.

Men don't always do what they're supposed to do.

Hearts break. Parents die. Colleagues forget favors. Careers end.

BUT.....

Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between. A sister is never farther away than needing her can reach. When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, that sibling will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end.

Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you. Or come in and carry you out. The world wouldn't be the same without sisters. When you began this adventure called womanhood, you may have no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lie ahead. Nor did you know how much you need each other till you find she's there by your side!

I smile as I look at my two; together they will handle the world..!

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## Pradhan of Kanyapuram Panchayat Conferred with Commendation Certificate

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The city's B. R. Ambedkar Auditorium has witnessed a large gathering to celebrate the achievements of many such extraordinary individuals. A number of NGO's, educational institutions, social activist, professionals from different backgrounds were awarded the Certificate of Commendation for their extraordinary feat.

Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament graced the occasion as the chief guest while Smt.

Pramila Kumari, Adhyaksha Zilla Parishad, South Andaman was the guest of honour. Among the many recipients of this prestigious award, Shri. P. Abdul Basheer of Nai Manzil (NGO) was also awarded the certificate of commendation for his contribution in the field of Swatch Bharat Abhiyaan, Water Harvesting & Conservation and especially for promoting Culture & Sports for the rural youth of Andaman Nicobar Islands.

Abdul Basheer is currently serving as the Pradhan of Gram Panchayat Kanyapuram and he is still actively involved in socially relevant issues. This award is his recent accomplishment among the many he had earned in his career spanning for more than a decade as a social activist. On receiving this award, he expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of Youth & Sports and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair for considering his contribution in his chosen field.



ENTERTAINMENT

Sardar Movie Review: A Long-Winding Over-the-Top Movie

October 25: The world is shrinking both in terms of time and space. Only Tollywood, while it could take advantage of the latter, is not willing to recognise the former.

Resultantly a major Tamil film gets dubbed to a reasonable footfall at the theatres, the time it takes to tell the story of a mafia planning to rob the world of drinking water takes all of nearly three hours. Film makers just cannot get over the idea that you do not need three hours to tell a gripping story and there is nothing more important than telling a story in a crisp and compelling manner. While song and dance are indeed an integral part of our cinema and thus romance an imperative, our filmmakers have yet to learn the fine art of coming up with a balancing act. This outing is a fine example of how you fail may not even set out to achieve this goal. The lead romantic pair sing songs wholly irrelevant to the main story for the first half hour in typical Telugu-Tamil style and then there is not a whisper of romance till the Director decides to punctuate the narrative with the presence of the heroine at odd moments. There has also been a constant parallel narrative in our cinema that only the extra brave courageous and maltodextrins character that can win battles and the ordinary are so distant in the background that life is mocking them. Director Mitran PS takes away 165 minutes of your life in exchange for the ticket price and believes in giving you your money's worth quantitatively. There not only lies the problem but there it starts. Juxtaposition this long

duration with the lack of talent to spread a story thin and even and you get into a film that has bouts of needless violence, spells of high voltage drama and hours of meandering.

Inspector Vijay Prakash (Karthi) is that Inspector who we find only in our cinema and rarely in our police stations. Efficient, duty conscious and proactive. Brought up by his constable uncle (Munishkant) he has to overcome a huge social barrier as he is perceived by many as the son of a traitor – his father Bose (Karthi-in the other role too). For romance he has a lawyer in Shalini (Raashi Khanna) while Pappa Bose has Rajisha Vijayan. The sudden disappearance of Sameera (Laila) a social activist whose writ petition against a pipeline project kick starts the proceedings we have peeps into the past. Leaking here and there in the tale is how Sardar is a Intelligence Officer who is doomed to obscurity and notoriety leaves a son who would walk an extra mile for popularity and fame. Dad has been declared a traitor and missing while the entire family commits suicide. This haunts the son (a la Zanjeer to Ghost). There is Maharaja Rathore (Chunkey Pandey) who is an ex-army officer who has resigned and is now the villain in chief who promises the world that India would have a single pipeline for drinking water



but is actually robbing the innocent of their lawful share and making them dependent on bottled water which also has disastrous side effects as seen in a little boy Timmy (Rithvik).

Hours and hours of cinema and finally through the prisons of Bangladesh the beach sands of the Bay of Bengal and the streets of Tamil Nadu Papa and Son fight the evil and in the midst of debris and bodies dead and ears deafened you come to a climax which shows the complete lack of control that the film maker has on his product.

The saving grace in the film is the performance from Karthi in a dual role. We are saved of similar mannerisms to establish the relationship. We are also saved of dramatic reunions and the like. We could well have been saved of a lot more. Simply reiterated, the fight of an international mafia eyeing water as the critical factor with the armed forces either conniving or turning a blind eye to the prospective tragedy simply does not require three hours, much less a contrived romance between the fighting protagonists – a police officer and an activist lawyer. Sardar is over the top and for those who order for just that from the menu card this satiates.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu's 'Yashoda' to Release in November

October 25: MUMBAI: Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu-starrer "Yashoda" will make its debut in theatres countrywide on November 11, the makers announced on Monday. Written and directed by filmmaker duo Hari Shankar and Harish Narayan, the action thriller will be released in five languages — Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada and Malayalam. "Yashoda" is backed by Sivalenka Krishna Prasad under the banner

Sridevi Movies. Prasad called the film a "new-age action thriller" with a balanced quotient of mystery and emotions with gripping elements for audiences. "On the whole, it's an edge-of-the-seat thriller. Playing the titular role, Samantha put her blood & sweat in the action scenes. She dubbed for herself in both Telugu and Tamil. You will witness an entirely new dimension of Manisharma's background music. "We haven't

compromised on the technical and production values of the film. With a lavish budget we wrapped the shoot in 100 days. Audiences who love new-age cinema will definitely be thrilled to watch 'Yashoda'," the producer said in a statement. "Yashoda" also stars Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Unni Mukundan, Rao Ramesh, Murali Sharma, Sampath Raj, Shatru, Madhurima, Kalpika Ganesh, Divya Sripada and Priyanka Sharma in pivotal roles.

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NASA Postpones Rocket Launch to Moon After Fuel Leak

September 5: Kennedy Space Center, United States: NASA on Saturday scrapped a second attempt to get its new 30-story rocket off the ground and send its uncrewed test capsule toward the Moon after engineers detected a fuel leak.

With millions around the globe and hundreds of thousands on nearby beaches waiting for the historic launch of the massive Space Launch System (SLS), a leak near the base of the rocket was found as ultra-cold liquid hydrogen was being pumped in.

"The launch director waived off today's Artemis I launch," NASA said in a statement. "Multiple troubleshooting efforts to address the area of the leak... did not fix the issue."

Though the area around the launch site was closed to the public, an estimated 400,000 people had gathered nearby to see — and hear — the most powerful vehicle that NASA has ever launched climb into space.

The initial launch attempt on Monday was also halted after engineers detected a fuel leak and a sensor showed that one of the rocket's four main engines was too hot.

Early Saturday, launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson had given the go-ahead to start filling the rocket's tanks with cryogenic fuel.

About three million liters of ultra-cold liquid hydrogen and oxygen were due to be pumped into the spacecraft, but the process soon hit problems.

No new date for another try was immediately announced.

After the latest delay, there are backup opportunities on Monday or Tuesday. After that, the next launch window will not be until September 19, due to the Moon's position.

The purpose of the Artemis 1 mission is to verify that the Orion capsule, which sits atop the SLS rocket, is safe to carry astronauts in the future.

Mannequins equipped with sensors are standing in for astronauts on the mission and will record acceleration, vibration and radiation levels.

Apollo's twin sister It will take several days for the spacecraft to reach the Moon, flying around 60 miles (100 kilometers) at its closest approach. The capsule will fire its engines to get to a distant retrograde orbit (DRO) of 40,000 miles beyond the Moon, a record for a spacecraft rated to carry humans.

The trip is expected to last around six weeks and one of its main objectives is to test the capsule's heat shield, which at 16 feet in diameter is the largest ever built.

On its return to Earth's atmosphere, the heat shield will have to withstand speeds of 25,000 miles per hour and a temperature of 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit (2,760 degrees Celsius) — roughly half as hot as the Sun. several years, could be attempted by the end of the 2030s.

## Delhi's Air Quality 'Very Poor' on Morning After Diwali

**October 25: New Delhi:**

The air quality in Delhi on the morning after Diwali was recorded in the 'very poor' category but the situation was relatively better than previous years due to favourable meteorological conditions which diluted the effect of firecrackers and stubble burning.

The capital's air quality index (AQI) stood at 326 at 8 am on Tuesday.

The neighbouring cities of Ghaziabad (285), Noida (320), Greater Noida (294), Gurugram (315) and Faridabad (310) reported 'poor' to 'very poor' air quality.

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

The relatively better air this morning doesn't mean it's good air. The PM2.5 levels at 30 out of the 35 monitoring stations in the capital were five to six times the national standard of 60 micrograms per cubic metre at 8 am.

PM2.5 are fine particles that are 2.5 microns or less in diameter and can travel deep into the respiratory tract, reaching the lungs and entering the bloodstream.

Though people burst firecrackers in several parts of Delhi despite a ban on them, the intensity appeared less as compared to the last two years.

The Delhi government had in September announced a complete ban on the production, sale and use of all types of firecrackers till January 1, 2023, including on Diwali, a practice it has been following for the last two years.

Farm fires raged across Punjab and Haryana on Monday but the wind speed was moderately unfavourable for the transport of smoke. Hence, the contribution of stubble burning to Delhi's pollution (around 10 per cent) was also "not very significant", said Gufran Beig, chair professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science.

Emissions from firecrackers and farm fires have contributed significantly to Delhi's



PM2.5 pollution on Diwali over the years.

Their share this year was relatively less than previous years due to reduced firecrackers bursting and moderately warm and windier conditions which prevented rapid accumulation of pollutants.

Diwali was celebrated on November 4 in 2021 and on November 14 in 2020 when temperatures were considerably low and winds calm.

According to the Early Warning System of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), the air quality is predicted to remain in the 'very poor' category during the day (Tuesday) and is likely to improve slightly over the next two days.

Delhi recorded a 24-hour average AQI of 312 at 4 pm on Monday — the second best for Diwali day in seven years.

Before this, the city recorded an AQI of 281 on Diwali in 2018.

Delhi had recorded an AQI of 382 on Diwali last year, 414 in 2020, 337 in 2019, 319 in 2017, and 431 in 2016, according to Central Pollution Control Board data. On Sunday evening, the city reported a 24-hour average AQI of 259, which was the lowest for Diwali eve in seven years.

"The share of PM2.5 in Delhi's air has increased which is indicative of contribution from firecrackers and stubble burning," said Beig, also the founder project director of SAFAR, a forecasting agency under the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences.

"Though the active fire counts have doubled, the

wind direction is north westerly and the wind speed is moderate (not very favourable for the transport of smoke from farm fires). Hence, the contribution of stubble burning is not very significant," he said.

Stubble burning is likely to account for 12 to 15 per cent of Delhi's PM2.5 solution on Tuesday, he added.

The Indian Agricultural Research Institute reported 1,019 farm fires in Punjab, 250 in Haryana and 215 in Uttar Pradesh on Monday evening.

The System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) had earlier predicted that the air quality in Delhi will be recorded in the 'very poor' category if no firecrackers are burst.

In case firecrackers are burst like last year, the air quality may plunge to 'severe' levels on the night of Diwali itself, it had said.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai had earlier said bursting of firecrackers on Diwali in the city will attract a jail term up to six months and a fine of Rs 200.

He had said production, storage and sale of firecrackers here will be punishable with a fine of up to Rs 5,000 and three years in jail under Section 9B of the Explosives Act.

A total of 408 teams have been constituted to implement the ban. The Delhi Police has set up 210 teams under assistant commissioners of police, the Department of Revenue has set up 165 teams and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee has constituted 33 teams

## Rishi Sunak's Rise Triggers a War of Words Back in India

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Hitting out at Ms. Mufti's remarks, former law minister and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad, said, "Some leaders have become hyperactive against majoritarianism after the election of Rishi Sunak as PM of U.K. Gently reminding them about the extraordinary Presidency of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Manmohan Singh as PM for 10 years. A distinguished tribal leader Droupadi Murmu is now our President."

Meanwhile, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asserted that India was a shining example of celebrating plurality and diversity but the past eight years of the Modi Government have reversed the philosophy of 'unity in diversity' so much that even England has started giving lessons. Mr. Ramesh said the BJP under former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee also believed in the Nehruvian philosophy of inclusive leadership.

"It was during Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Prime Ministership that Dr. Kalam became President. There is a world of difference between Vajpayee ji and Narendra Modi. I believe Vajpayee ji was deeply

inspired by [Jawaharlal] Nehru and Mr. Modi seems hell bent on wiping out Nehru's legacy," Mr. Ramesh said.

Interestingly, amid Congress leaders like P. Chidambaram and Shashi Tharoor tweeting that Rishi Sunak's rise as British Prime Minister can serve as a lesson for India, Mr. Ramesh said many minorities have become the President and Chief Minister in the past.

"Those who get a mandate will become prime minister. Democratically, if someone is elected, we don't have a problem. England's party has made him the prime minister, we welcome it," said Mr. Ramesh. "In our country, Dr. Zakir Hussain first became the President in 1967, then Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed became the President and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and if I keep giving you examples, Barkatullah Khan became chief minister and A.R. Antulay also became the chief minister," he said.

Asked about the remarks by Congress leaders like Mr. Tharoor and Mr. Chidambaram, Mr. Ramesh said, "you should ask them".

On Monday, Mr. Chidambaram tweeted: "First Kamala Harris, now Rishi Sunak. The people of the U.S. and the U.K. have embraced the non-majority citizens of their countries and elected them to high office in government. I think there is a lesson to be learned by India and the parties that practise majoritarianism."

## Police Station Pahargaon Seizes 450.02 Gms of Methamphetamine, Arrests One

**Continued from Page 1** Suresh, Jagdish Babu, Santosh Kumar Yadav, Cheria Uraon and Sini Raju under supervision of Inspr. Hari Narayan, SHO PS Pahargaon. The team successfully conducted raid near Murdakhari, Garacharma and recovered 450.02 gms of methamphetamine from the possession of accused person namely Bhakta S/o Late Binod Bhakta (54) yrs Pvt Labour R/o Gopal

Nagar, Chouldari following due procedure. The accused person was arrested under NDPS Act.

The entire raid took place under the supervision of Shri. Vinay Mathur, DANIPS, SDPO South Andaman.

The general public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100 & 03192-233077. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

## ANCA to Conduct A&N State Open Chess Selection Championship '22

**Continued from Page 1** All Such entries should come through the respective District Chess Associations.

AICF Registration for the Year 2022-23 is compulsory. Interested players may register their names along with an entry fee of Rs. 400/- on or before 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the office of the Andaman

Nicobar Chess Association, Dairy Farm, Near Bikers Hub between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. For Registration and further details please contact G Sudha Office Executive ANCA @ 9933217055 and K Tamma, Office Assistant ANCA @ 9679529548 or email @ anchessassociation@gmail.com or visit: [www.anchessassociation.com](http://www.anchessassociation.com)

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No. PN/DB/CD-I/RGT/2022-23/3583 dated 20<sup>th</sup> October'2022

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division-I, A.P.W.D., Rangat invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate bid from the approved and eligible Contractors of the Andaman PWD or for all contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these islands and do not have any adverse remarks: -

**NIT No.** 26/DB/CD-I/RGT/2022-23 **e-Tender ID No.** 2022\_APWD\_7783\_1  
**Name of work.** Desilting of old dam at Kadamtala (Phase-II) in lieu of providing and fixing chain link fencing around old dam catchment area camp-3 at Kadamtala (Re-call). **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 44,60,666/- **Earnest Money** Rs. 89,213/- & **Time of completion:** 03 Months, **Last Date of Submission of bid** 09.11.2022 at 3.00 PM.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website [eprocure.andaman.gov.in](http://eprocure.andaman.gov.in)

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**Executive Engineer**  
**CD-I, APWD, Rangat**

## Examination for 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme' to be Held on 17<sup>th</sup> December

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 Scheme' (NMMSS) for the academic session 2022-2023.

Students who have secured minimum 55% marks or equivalent Grade in class VII examinations (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST candidates), presently studying in Class VIII (Eighth) in Government, Govt.-Aided and Local Body Schools of State/ UT and whose parental income does not exceed Rs.3.5 Lakh per annum from all sources are eligible to appear in NMMSS Examination.

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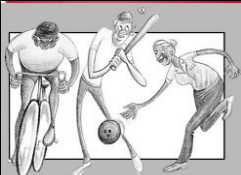
## Art & Culture to Conduct Workshop on Bihu and Kathak

**Port Blair, Oct. 25:** The Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration will be conducting weeklong workshop on 'Bihu and Kathak' Dance from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, 2022 in collaboration with Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

These classes will be conducted from 3 pm to 7 pm in Andaman Club.

Interested participants who are above 12 years of age may register over phone no. 03192-231339 (O)/ Shri Sujit Kumar Roy, Artist (Mob.9933241678) or through email [cellularjailandaman@gmail.com](mailto:cellularjailandaman@gmail.com) before Oct. 28, 2022.





# SPORTS

## Chase Thriller Written and Directed by Virat Kohli

**October 25:** Did a tear slip out of Virat Kohli's eyes after his wondrous chase under pressure? There he was down on his knee, punching the ground twice, as all the bottled-up emotions poured out of him. In an already astonishing career, this chase against Pakistan in a world cup might just take the cake. It's a format that doesn't come naturally to him, he had taken a break as he struggled to come to terms with what he perceived as unjust treatment after his captaincy was taken away ("only MS Dhoni called me," he would say), and he needed that break to rediscover his love for the game. "I think it was meant to be. I would rate this higher (than Mohali chase against Pakistan)," he would say at the end. A top-order collapse, a mix-up that ran out the pinch hitter, and at one stage when it was clear that Hardik Pandya wasn't able to break the shackles of hard-lengths of the Pakistani pacers, Kohli had to do it all on his own. The gladiator who loves showing the world who the boss is triumphed against the odds.

In four overs after power play, India had eked out just 14 runs. Worse, at the timeout after the 10th over, the physio was out, massaging the knees of Hardik Pandya; he had felt a niggle even at the nets on the match eve. Pressing question at that juncture was: where were the runs going to come? Who were they going to target? A win would be impossible without big hits against the pacers. But who would bell that cat? There was another question: Who will go for it? A younger Hardik Pandya would have gone with the senior Kohli hanging around. But now the matured IPL captain Pandya likes to stay till the end, drag the game, see the younger players throw the bat around, while he deals with the finish. Would Kohli be the person to start the attack considering he has lesser firepower of the two and India might well need Hardik for a more explosive finish later? A over ticked by. With the pacers's imminent return, something had to be done in the here and now.

Off the first ball of the 12th, Hardik walloped over long-on off Mohammad Nawaz, the left-arm spinner. Ok, so is it going to be Hardik who is going to go for it? But Kohli came charging out to strike a six. Then Hardik did it one more time. Three sixes in that over.



So, perhaps both are beginning to go or rather, they chose the bowler to go after: Nawaz. It turned out it was the bowler they were after as they once again chose to wait out and look for the bad ball. Shadab Khan offered one in the 14th but not many came from the pacers from then on. Tick, tick.... The time bomb kept ticking away.

Kohli dashed out to glance a Naseem Shah ball to fine-leg boundary. Just like he had done against Shaheen Afridi earlier. Charge out, see if the bowlers err. It happened twice, but otherwise the pacers had it in control.

Meanwhile, Pandya too was getting into his attacking positions and waiting for any errors. Haris Rauf didn't commit any. Neither did Naseem in the 17th over, giving away just 6 runs. Pandya holding shape, waiting but flailing at thin air. With 48 needed off 18 balls, they had to go for it, surely? Kohli pulled the first ball from Shaheen - a short one - to midwicket boundary. Two balls later, Kohli would do a Pant: A one-handed slice over extra cover for a four. Two in the over but plenty more needed, though. Shaheen too hit the hard lengths and Pandya was unable to get it away. Kohli pulled the last ball of the 18th over from Afridi to fine-leg boundary. 17 runs had flooded in.

It was clear that Pandya would wait for the left-arm spinner Nawaz's last over; he wasn't going to manage to hit the pacers. But without which, the game couldn't be won. And it had to be done against Pakistan's best bowler on the day Haris Rauf. Rauf started the 19th over with a ball in the Pandya slot, but he could only swing it straight to deep midwicket fielder for a single. Another hard length short ball arrived from Rauf - short and climbing outside off and it flew

over Pandya's flashing blade. Another hard length again, yet another miss. All those three balls to Hardik on Indian pitches would have disappeared for sixes. Not here, though.

It needed the outrageous skills of Kohli to do it here at MCG. Powerhitters' swings were not going to cut it. Even as Rauf hurled another hard-length ball, Kohli almost flat-batted it over the straight boundary for an astonishing six. At the dugout, Rohit was applauding in admiration.

The next ball was a tad fuller and bent in - the choice of the length a tribute to the preceding shot that had made Rauf who had called MCG his home pitch abandon his plans. Somehow, incredibly, Kohli whisked it away over finely with a wondrous short-arm swat.

"This boy is a genius, he might not win it but he is a genius," Ian Smith would scream on air.

It came to the final over. Nawaz with the ball and India seemed to have the right man on strike, Pandya. He went for it first ball, with 16 runs needed. But he went too far across, more cow corner than the straighter long-on. Mistake. That one prized item he carries - the shape - he lost it. When Dinesh Karthik took just a single off the next, it was all back to Kohli. Kohli walloped a high full toss for a six, and got a free hit and a wide. Next ball was pure madness that made Rohit Sharma say "Kya hua?!" at the dugout. Even as a really full ball crashed into the stumps. Kohli ran three as the ball rolled to third man. But Kohli would be stranded for the last ball as Karthik was stumped.

Kohli had done everything he could to drag the match to the last ball but its fate was now beyond him. All he could do was stand at the non-striker's end and watch R Ashwin after a short chat.

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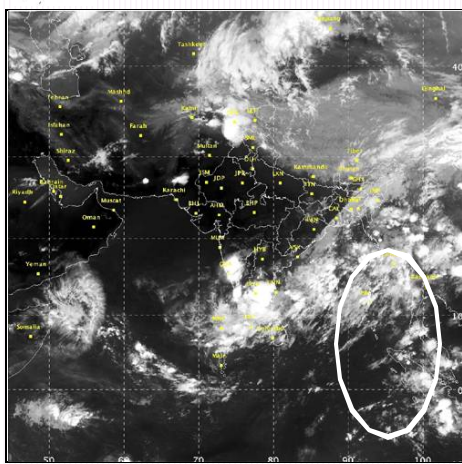
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### Weather



Max. Temp: 32.2 °C	Min.: 25.0 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 79%	1730 Hrs: 84%
Sunrise: 0510 Hrs.	Sunset: 1656 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	001.4 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2366.7 mm

### Forecast

Partly cloudy sky and Light Rainfall/Thunderstorm likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 26/10/2022.

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