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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

**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, produce 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

Aur bhi naamkaran ho raha hai Andaman mein ... Chalo accha hai Andaman, Hanuman ke naam pe hai aur Nicobar, Tamil naam se hai ... Bach gaya

- A Citizen



**Neta is inside, but his driver, maid, watchman... all have escaped!**

## Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

### Home Minister Amit Shah to be the Chief Guest at a Grand Culmination Event at Port Blair

**New Delhi/Port Blair, Jan.17:** Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of India's people, culture and achievements. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in his speech on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, had called upon all Indians to take pride in their heritage and legacy. India has a rich and

glorious history, which is replete with stories of unprecedented bravery, valour, sacrifice, penance, wars and victories of our heroes. One of such great son of Mother India was Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose whose contributions to the independence movement has inspired generations of Indians and inculcates a sense of pride amongst the countrymen.

The Ministry of Home Affairs under the guidance of Union Home Minister and

Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Events Week from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence. The events will be organized on the theme of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's life and his contribution to the freedom struggle. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah will be the Chief Guest at a grand culmination event to be held in Port Blair,

Andaman & Nicobar Islands on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023.

The events will be organized in collaboration with the Central Armed Police Forces and Central Police Organisations, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration, and the State Governments of Manipur, Nagaland, Gujarat, Odisha and West Bengal at locations which are related to Netaji's life and work. In Manipur, the events were held at Mantripukhri, Keithlmanbi,

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## Media Fraternity Expresses Gratitude to Chief Secretary for Re-Allotment of Media Room



**Port Blair, Jan. 17:** The media fraternity here has expressed their sincere gratitude to the Chief Secretary, Mr. Kashav Chandra for re-allotment of the media room to the media persons. At a simple function on Tuesday, the Chief Editor, The Andaman Express (Hindi) and Municipal Councillor, Ward No-8, Smt Laxmi Ganeshan inaugurated the

media room at Directorate of Information Publicity & Tourism.

The media room was allotted to the local Journalists during the period of former Lt Governor, Late I. P Gupta. However, during the period of Covid-19, the room was taken back by the IP&T department for performing Covid-19 related activities. For a long time, the media persons have been requesting authorities in the IP&T to provide the media room to local journalists so that they can organize meetings and discuss various media related activities.

Finally, a media team met the Chief Secretary, Mr. Kashav Chandra and requested him for allotment of the media room to the local Journalists. The Chief Secretary immediately directed the Secretary (IP&T) for allotment of the media room to the media persons within a period of 5 days. As per the direction of the Chief Secretary, the media room was handed over to the local media persons.

## ANTCC Organizes BHARAT JODO YATRA in North & Middle Andaman

**Port Blair, Jan 17:** As a part of the National Programme of the AICC, BHARAT JODO YATRA was conducted in North & Middle Andaman District covering a distance of 201 kms. The Yatra started from Diglipur (Hathi Level) on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 and concluded in Baratang Island on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Each Day, the yatra ended with a Public Meeting and interaction with the general public. The Yatra created a lot of awareness on the activities of Shri. Rahul Gandhi and also on the issues being faced by the nation at large.

Many issues being faced by our Islanders were also taken up and discussed in the Bharat



Jodo Yatra Meeting. A large number of people joined the Bharat Jodo yatra at different villages and encouraged the yatra. The Permanent Yatra Members numbering about 45 completed the Yatra successfully from Diglipur to Baratang which inculcated great enthusiasm among the youths and elders of various villages of North and Middle Andaman Islands. The Yatra ended with a grand Public Meeting at Baratang Island where senior Leaders of the Congress Party addressed the gathering. The Yatra received a very good response all over the Islands.

## Member of Parliament Calls on Lt. Governor



**Port Blair, Jan 17:** The Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. Discussed investments in excess of Rs. 90,000/- Crores during last 5 years in mega Infrastructure/Tourism/Hospitality/Connectivity projects in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and recent decision by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, to float Expression of Interest by end January 2023 for International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) to bring in investment of Rs. 17,000/- Crores.

## Bairagi and BJP Party Cadres Congratulate J.P. Nadda

**Port Blair, Jan 17:** Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP A&N Islands, Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP



along with all office bearers and party workers have congratulated BJP National President Shri J.P. Nadda on extension of his tenure until June 2024.

Bairagi said that the leadership of Nadda ji has given a new momentum to the party and the performance has been exemplary. Looking forward to your continued guidance Mananiya Adhyaksha Ji.

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

## Leading from the Front

The Government's summit for developing nations, called the "Voice of the Global South Summit", as its first big leadership-level G20 event, is an extremely important signal. It is also a departure from New Delhi's looking towards the "high-table" of global leadership, involving its relationship with the UNSC P5 and G-7 (the most developed economies), to focusing on a more just view of the world and how the developing world is being affected by global inequities. In his opening remarks at the virtual summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi explained the reasons for the shift: how "challenges of the COVID pandemic, rising prices of fuel, fertilizer and foodgrains, and increasing geopolitical tensions have impacted our development efforts". External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar too spoke of India's need to envision a common future with the Global South and acknowledge India's "common past" with the Global South, many of whom have suffered colonialism. Over 10 different sessions, India and representatives of 125 countries, of the 134 that make up the G-77, agreed that the key issues include the fragmentation of the international landscape, shortages in grain exports, oil and gas, and fertilizer as a result of the Ukraine war, and terrorism. Of note was Mr. Modi's push for "human centred" globalisation countering the "first world's" view of expediting climate change goals at the cost of development, ensuring immigration and work mobility for skilled populations of the global south, and resilient renewable energy access. The summit appears to mark a reset in India's foreign policy outlook in its year as G20 president: one which has made the Government reclaim the true meaning of non-alignment, in the wake of the Ukraine war where it refused to take sides. Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi's visit to Cuba as it took over G77 chairpersonship (a grouping India has shunned) and the invitation to the President of Egypt, a NAM co-founder, as Republic Day chief guest were significant too.

Of note were some of the summit's exclusions: Pakistan and Afghanistan. Of note too was the inclusion of Myanmar, whose junta regime has not been recognised but with which India has chosen to forge closer ties. It is hoped that the collective South-South understanding of global issues will lead to a more inclusive meeting at the summit level, particularly with reference to South Asian and the subcontinent's regional problems. It is also of note that the grouping did not release a common or joint statement, and much of the narrative on outcomes is built on what Mr. Modi and Mr. Jaishankar said. For India to be heard as the 'Voice of the Global South at the G20', it must reflect on the aspirations of the other nations and amplify them, as a true leader of the developing world at the G20 summit later this year.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Red River Valley and Love Jihad..!

The first melody I learned to play on my harmonica as a youngster was the 'Red River Valley' and often as I played its sad, melancholic tune, wondered what the lyrics meant. It was only recently I heard the reason behind the strange title, and why the lyrics were written.

"More than two hundred years ago," the narrator said, "hunters from Europe gathered in the forests bordering the United States and Canada, in an area called the Red River Valley where they hunted animals for their fur.

The fur sent back home made them a fortune, but it also took time to build that fortune, sometimes decades during which time they left their families behind in Europe and lived alone in the wilds of Canada.

But man hates to live alone, right, and so most of these white hunters took Indian wives, mostly from the Metis tribe, who looked after them and even bore them children. In return, he sheltered, fed and cared for these poor women.

But finally, the man left. Back to home, hearth and original family, leaving behind a hurt, frightened woman, from whose lips the original song is said to have first sprung.

*Come and sit by my side, if you love me  
Do not hasten to bid me adieu  
Just remember the Red River Valley  
And the woman who loved you so true*

*From this valley they say you are going  
We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile  
For they say you are taking the sunshine  
That has brightened our pathways a while*

*They will bury me where you have wandered  
Near the hills where the daffodils grow  
When you're gone from the Red River Valley  
For I can't live without you I know!*



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But she learned to live without him, and also learned over a period of time as women became educated as much as their menfolk, that there was no need to get into such temporary arrangements to survive, that they could do well for themselves, and most importantly, by themselves.

Our women in our own country know this! Over the last seventy-five odd years after independence, our women are as knowledgeable, and strong as our men. They are not fools to fall into the arms of any man who comes their way. But how do our men treat our women?

With every law that we make in the guise of protecting them, we are sending them back hundreds of years. Laws such as 'love-jihad' and those on inter-community marriages are only throwing them back into the dark ages of the Red River Valley. These laws say, "Women are weak! They are like the Metis Indians of the Red River Valley!" It's time every single woman in our country realizes what is happening, or sadly I will have to take my old harmonica from its case and play same sad tune, only calling it the, 'Red Nine Yards Sari..!'

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## NSUI State President Demands to Reopen the College Canteen at JNRM Campus

**Port Blair, Jan 17:** The State President of National Students' Union of India A&N Islands, Mr. M.A Sajid has requested the Administration for reopening of the College Canteen at the JNRM Campus.

In his letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, he said that the Students of JNRM are badly suffering due to

lack of Canteen Facilities, which directly affect the physical and mental health of the Students.

He said that the students were reaching college at early morning hours with a hope to get some refreshments and breakfast in the College Campus.

He also stated that as the due closure of College

Canteen, the students are inactive in class or bunking class for breakfast and consuming unhygienic consumables outside the campus.

He requested the administration to take immediate steps for reopening of the College Canteen in the JNRM Campus.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Gully Boy Gets Global Acclaim

**January 17:** Rahul Sipligunj was at his gym doing his regular workout. He was expecting the Golden Globe awards to be announced around 10 AM IST. "But much to my surprise the results were announced around 7 AM. 'What!' I said. I was thrilled to bits," recalls Rahul, adding that his mobile phone has been ringing incessantly since then.

Composer MM Keeravani won the Golden Globe award for Best Original Composition for the Naatu Naatu song from the film RRR recently. The song was shot on Ram Charan and Jr NTR. Rahul, who sang the song along with Kalabhairava (Keeravani's son), describes winning the Golden Globe as the "best moment in life."

"I never expected the award! I don't know how many times it happens, but to see the song I crooned winning a Golden Globe is my greatest achievement. It was beyond words. I haven't won any major award so far, but getting the Golden Globe is incredible," says Rahul with a big smile.

The singer is ecstatic over the fact that Keeravani mentioned his name at the award ceremony. "Imagine a gully boy's name being mentioned on a global platform," he says with pride.

While Rahul feels Keeravani's magic worked wonders for the song, he believes that his vocals suit mass and energetic numbers. "I am known here for singing mass and peppy songs. I am called for independent mass tracks. A n d Keeravani garu believed my vocals suit the song," he says. He adds that the fast beat, unique composition, Chandrabose's magic lyrics and Prem Rakshit's brilliant choreography worked big time for the energetic number.

**Naatu Naatu back story**  
After his stupendous Telugu Bigg Boss victory (Season 3), Rahul Sipligunj was back to playback singing and exploring opportunities as an independent musician. And then, one afternoon, he got a call from composer MM Keeravani (under whom he

started his career as a track singer over a decade ago).

When Rahul went to the studio, he was given a track (Naatu Naatu) to sing.

"When I was singing the lyrics for the first time, I didn't know which film it was for. We have recorded the track a few times since then," says Rahul. Impressed with the singing, Keeravani later asked Rahul to record the song alongside Kalabhairava.

"After a few days, when I learnt that the song was for RRR, I was very nervous," he admits, but adds that he wanted to take up the challenge and prove his mettle.

Rahul acknowledges that it was a great challenge to sing for star heroes (Ram Charan and Jr NTR) who are brilliant dancers. "It's not easy to sing for such stars and that too an energetic number. But at the same time, it was a great opportunity given by Keeravani Sir. He believed in me and I wanted to live up to the expectations," he shares.

Rahul recorded the song in two hours! And Keeravani was so struck by the vocals that he asked Rahul to sing in Tamil, and then in Kannada and finally for the Hindi version too. "If I look back, I feel it all just happened so organically. It's such a great opportunity that I got to record the song in multiple languages. I feel blessed. I am grateful to Keeravani garu and I can't thank him enough," says Rahul.

Rahul did the playback singing for Ram Charan while Kalabhairava crooned for Jr NTR. Interestingly, they did not record the song together. Rahul did the playback first and later Kalabhairava recorded his version. "But Kalabhairava helped me get my vocals right with synchronisation at certain points. He made a few corrections too. After the recording, he



complimented me, saying that I had done a great job," says Rahul.

From being a chorus singer to track singer and the main singer, Rahul says his journey has been a roller coaster ride. Even though Rahul had earlier crooned several songs, he feels the admiration and laurels Naatu Naatu brought are his biggest achievement.

Baahubali miss P a c h a Bottesina from Baahubali 1 was a superhit number. The song was sung by Karthik. However, before Karthik, Rahul's name was discussed; in fact, Rahul even sang the track for the song in 2014. "Keeravani garu liked my voice, but I couldn't get through. So I missed out on the opportunity to sing in Rajamouli Sir's film then," recalls Rahul, who is glad that he eventually got the chance to sing Naatu Naatu in RRR.

Rahul feels singers should adopt the nature and behaviour of the on screen characters to get the feel right.

Asked how he is handling his new-found fame, he replies that his parents and upbringing keep him grounded, but adds that when the Golden Globe award was announced, it was an emotional moment for his family too, as they supported him throughout his career. He also says that the Golden Globe recognition has made him more responsible about his career.

"I have sung several mass numbers after Naatu Naatu, but after this award there's more responsibility. I will be careful in choosing my work. Since I am also evolving as a singer, I want to focus more on independent music whilst balancing playback singing," he says, signing off.



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## Health, Science /Tech

### Once in 50,000-Year Comet may be Visible to the Naked Eye

**January 17: PARIS:** A newly discovered comet could be visible to the naked eye as it shoots past Earth and the Sun in the coming weeks for the first time in 50,000 years, astronomers have said.

The comet is called C/2022 E3 (ZTF) after the Zwicky Transient Facility, which first spotted it passing Jupiter in March last year.

After travelling from the icy reaches of our Solar System it will come closest to the Sun on January 12 and pass nearest to Earth on February 1.

It will be easy to spot with a good pair of binoculars and likely even with the naked eye, provided the sky is not too illuminated by city lights or the Moon.

The comet "will be brightest when it is closest to the Earth", Thomas Prince, a physics professor at the California Institute of Technology who works at the Zwicky Transient Facility, told AFP.

Made of ice and dust and emitting a greenish aura, the comet is estimated to have a diameter of around a kilometre, said Nicolas Biver, an astrophysicist at the Paris Observatory.

That makes it significantly smaller than NEOWISE, the last comet visible with an unaided eye, which passed Earth in March 2020, and Hale-Bopp, which swept by in 1997 with a potentially life-ending diameter of around 60 kilometres. But the newest visit will come closer to Earth, which "may make up for the fact that it is not very big", Biver said. While the comet will be brightest as it passes Earth in early February, a fuller moon could make spotting it difficult.

For the Northern Hemisphere, Biver suggested the last week of January, when the comet passes between the Ursa Minor and Ursa Major constellations.

The new moon during the weekend of January 21-22 offers a good chance for stargazers, he said.

"We could also get a nice surprise and the object could be twice as bright as expected," Biver added.

Prince said another opportunity to locate the comet in the sky will come on February 10, when it passes close to Mars. 'Rare visitor' The comet has spent most of its life "at least 2,500 times more distant than the Earth is from the Sun", Prince said.

Biver said the comet was believed to have come from the Oort Cloud, a theorised vast sphere surrounding the Solar System that is home to mysterious icy objects.

The last time the comet passed Earth was during the Upper Paleolithic period, when Neanderthals still roamed Earth. Prince said the comet's next visit to the inner Solar System was expected in another 50,000 years.

But Biver said there was a possibility that after this visit the comet will be "permanently ejected from the Solar System". Among those closely watching will be the James Webb Space Telescope. However, it will not take images, instead studying the comet's composition, Biver said.

The closer the comet is to Earth, the easier it is for telescopes to measure its composition "as the Sun boils off its outer layers", Prince said.

This "rare visitor" will give "us information about the inhabitants of our Solar system well beyond the most distant planets", he added.



## Celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

### Home Minister Amit Shah to be the Chief Guest at a Grand Culmination Event at Port Blair

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Kangvai, Moirang and Nambol today. In Nagaland, it will be held at Ruzazho and Chesezu Villages, Kohima on 18th January, in Gujarat at Haripura, Bardoli, and Surat on 19th January, in Odisha at Cuttack on 20th January and in West Bengal event will be organized in Kolkata on 21st January, 2023. An array of activities celebrating Netaji's immense contribution to India's freedom struggle have been planned to be held throughout the week at these locations.

In the spirit of Jan Bhagidari, the programmes have been designed to promote large scale public involvement in all the events, so that the citizens can take inspiration from our national heroes and carry forward the great ideals that they stood for.

A grand mega event will be organized at Port Blair in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, where Netaji hoisted the Tricolour on 30.12.1943 for the first time on the Indian soil, much before India attained Independence. The Ministry of Home Affairs' Iconic Events Week is an ode to the life and contributions of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the India's struggle for freedom. It is a remembrance of his high ideals and a moment for all the country to draw inspiration from lives of our freedom fighters.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate a model of the proposed Memorial dedicated in honour of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be set up at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island, A&N Islands on Jan. 23 at 11 am. This will be followed by a short video showcasing the proposed

memorial to be set up at NSCB Island. Thereafter, Hon'ble Prime Minister will also announce the naming of 21 Islands of Andaman and Nicobar in the name of Param Veer Chakra Awardees. A short video on the naming of 21 Islands of Andaman & Nicobar will be screened. A live video message of family members of Param Veer Chakra winners expressing gratitude for the initiative taken by Govt. in naming of the Islands in their memory will also be screened. This event will be live screened in a function to be held in the Auditorium of DBRAIT, Port Blair. The Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah will attend the live screening programme and address the gathering at DBRAIT, Port Blair. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will virtually address the nation.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah will present mementos to 21 Param Veer Chakra winners or family members on the occasion.

The proposed Memorial of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will include a Museum-cum- Interpretation Center, a cable car rope way, a laser and sound show, a guided heritage trail through the Island's historical buildings, a theme based children's amusement park and a food and resto lounge. The dedication of 21 Islands of A & N Islands in the name of PVC winners will be a homage to these brave hearts on the occasion of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

The mega event at Port Blair also includes a Cultural extravaganza at the historical

Netaji Stadium on 23.01.2023 at 5 pm. Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah will be the chief guest on the occasion. Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency will also grace the occasion. A video film on the events organized as part of the birth anniversary celebration of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in five cities in the country will be screened. The evening will be followed by performance by renowned singers and artists with their live band. The other highlights of the evening includes presentation of a dance ballet on the life of Netaji choreographed by eminent Choreographer Ms. Tanusree Shankar and various dance performances.

Meanwhile, as part of the event, a Kavi Sammelan by renowned poets will be organized at National Memorial Cellular Jail on 21.01.2023 from 5 pm to 7 pm. On the same day, Naval Band will perform at Marina Park, from 7 pm to 7.30 pm followed by Classical Dance performance from 7.30 pm to 9 pm at the same venue. On Jan. 22, Naval Band and MARCOS mock drill show will be held from 3 pm to 3.45 pm at Marina Park. This will be followed by Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) display from 3.45 to 4.15 pm and Music Show from 4.15 pm to 6.15 pm at Marina Park. Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) display will also be held on Jan. 23 from 4 pm to 4.30 pm at Marina Park.

## Joining Hands and Saving Hands Blood Donation Camp Organised at Fire Service Head Quarters

**Port Blair, Jan 17:** Going by the saying that the gift of blood is a gift to someone's life, the A&N Police Fire Service during the on-going Police Raising week, 2023 organised a "Voluntary Blood donation camp" at Fire Service (HQs) on 17/01/23. 43 volunteers of A & N Police including Police Radio, IRBn and Fire Service participated in the Blood Donation camp with the aim to serve the general public. It is pertinent to mention that 07 donors were from General Public.

The program was organised in coordination with Dr.



Shahina Mustaqim, Medical Officer (I/C), Blood Bank, GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair and officials of A & N AIDS Control Society.

Shri S.K.Jain, IPS IGP (L&O) inaugurated the blood

donation camp in presence of Smti Varsha Sharma, SSP (Fire), Shri Sandeep DySP (Fire) & other Fire Unit Officers. He appreciated the donors as every Blood Donor is a Life Saver.

## "Pitashri Brahma Baba" – God's Apostle for Peace

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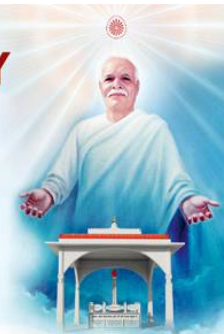
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18th January marks the 54<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day of Prajapita Brahma Baba – The Founding Father of Brahma Kumaris. It was this Great Human whom Almighty Supreme chose as HIS medium to rejuvenate mankind and to make paradise on Earth a reality. Brahma Baba – A true crusader of Woman Empowerment, laid the seeds of foundation of "Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishva Vidyalaya", that has now grown leaps and bounds, and spread across 140 countries globally through more than 5500 Rajyoga Centres.

Brahma Baba in his subtle angelic form, has been guiding us all on our path towards liberation and beatitude. His blessings are so wonderful and numerous that there are no adequate words to express our gratitude to him on the occasion of the anniversary of his ascension. Om Shanti. Om Shanti.

## The Mind's Eye

EMOTIONAL BALANCE NEEDED FOR  
A CRIME FREE SOCIETY



RAJYOGI  
BRAHMAKUMAR  
NIKUNJ JI

Like and  
dislike are  
the natural  
tendencies  
in all men  
and  
women

**T**oday if you open any newspaper or tune into any news channel, you can be pretty sure to read or watch about crimes of all sorts ranging from petty thefts to dacoity, murder, terrorism, sexual crimes etc.. Everyone from criminologists to law-enforcing agencies who hold the portfolio of law and order and people who are victims of robberies and rapes, corruptions and conspiracies, murderous attacks and scams and several kinds of blackmail, all of them say openly and with loud voice that crime is awfully increasing day by day. They ascribe many causes to crime and its rising graph-line. Giving the rationale behind this frightening phenomenon, they explain that some cases are due to the motive of money, others due to rage, hate, enmity and revenge and yet others due to odious discrimination based on caste, religion, ethnicity, culture or nationality or due to business rivalry or professional jealousy. However, if we go deep into this problem, then we will find that the emotional disturbance is the origin of all disturbances. Yes! emotional imbalance or instability of mind is the mother of all kinds of anarchy, deviant behaviour and crime —big or small. In this context, let us understand that like and dislike are the natural tendencies in all men and women. But liking for a particular gender may become so irresistible as to grow into sex-lust and dislike for certain persons may become so strong as to grow into deep hatred and, in the case of these emotions going berserk, people may, one day, find that they have landed in jails. So, when we talk of emotional maturity or control, what we really mean is that we have to have a measure of discipline or control over our tendencies of inclination and aversion, liking and disliking or love and hate so that these natural tendencies enable us to keep company of what is good and salubrious and keep away from what is bad and harmful. But, alas! most men and women miss that education which trains emotions or develops the emotional potential in a positive way. As long as this continues to happen, we will have a society where crimes are rampant and where people live in a state of tension with the push and pulls of criminal tendencies pounding their mind. Hence, our struggle for independence will remain incomplete unless people are educated to have emotional self-control, which can best be achieved through proper spiritual education and practise of meditation.



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(Writer is a spiritual educator & popular columnist  
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## Condolence

The ANTCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder along with the Chairman- Campaign Committee Shri. G. Bhasker and the entire Congress Family deeply mourn the sudden demise of Shri. Vijay Rai Sharma, S/o Bahadur Rai Sharma R/o Junglighat.

They felt and conveyed his heartiest condolences and prayers to give strengthen to the bereaved family members and also prayed for giving eternal peace to the departed soul. The last rites will be taken over from his residence on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.



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e-TENDER NOTICE

No. DB-Tender/Elect/WSD/2022-23/235 dt. 16/01/2023

The Executive Engineer, Workshop Division, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders from the approved and eligible Enlisted Electrical Contractors of the **Andaman PWD and Non APWD Contractors** irrespective of their enlistment subject to the condition that they have experience of having successfully completed of work dealing with Electrical works in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with Govt. Organizations & do not have any adverse remarks, for the work mentioned below.

1. **Name of Work:-** Providing IEI and EEI for Passenger Hall at Vehicle ferry Jetty at Chatham Causeway of PMB at Port Blair.  
**Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** ` . 19,38,883/- **Earnest Money:-** ` . 38,778/- **Time of Completion:-** 01 Month after completion of civil work **TENDER ID: 2023\_APWD\_8940\_1**

2. **Name of Work:-** Replacement of AC Ceiling Fans with star ratings to Residential Buildings (139 Nos. Type-I Qtrs, 236 Nos. Type-II Qtrs,153 Nos. Type-III Qtrs, 51 Nos. Type-IV Qtrs and 16 Nos. Type-V Qtrs) under Section-III of E&M Sub-Division during 2022-2023.  
**Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** ` . 5,16,698/- **Earnest Money:-** ` . 10,334/- **Time of Completion:-** 20 Days **TENDER ID: 2023\_APWD\_8943\_1**

3. **Name of Work:-** Renovation of IEI & EEI to Nirman Niwas under Section -II of E&M Sub-Division, Workshop Division, APWD, Port Blair.  
**Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** ` . 5,58,318/- **Earnest Money:-** ` . 11,166/- **Time of Completion:-** 45 Days **TENDER ID: 2023\_APWD\_8944\_1**

4. **Name of Work:-** Conversion of single Phase electrical supply line into 3-Phase electrical supply line including renovation of IEI at Police Marine Force Workshop near Rajya Sainik Board, Megapode junction under E&M Sub-Division, Workshop Division, APWD, Port Blair.  
**Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** ` . 5,63,498/- **Earnest Money:-** ` . 11,270/- **Time of Completion:-** 01 Month **TENDER ID: 2023\_APWD\_8946\_1** & last time & date of Submission of bid: **30/01/2023 (10:00 hrs).**

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

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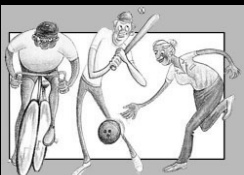
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# SPORTS

## Viacom 18 Win Media Rights for Women's Indian Premier League for Rs 951 Crores

**January 17:** Viacom18 Media Private Limited has bagged the media rights for Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL) for Rs 951 crores for the period of 2023-2027. It means the cricket board will earn Rs 7.09 crores per WIPL game, which is likely to be held in March. The BCCI will share 80 per cent from the revenue pool among five franchises in the first five years.

It is learnt that two companies wanted more time to bid but the Indian board turned down their request. BCCI secretary Jay Shah in a statement said he was thrilled to have such an encouraging response for a league that will revolutionise women's cricket not just in India but across the globe.

"This is a commitment I had made to the Board and our women cricketers and today we have taken one big leap. The broadcasters play a key role in taking the game to a wider audience and their active interest in the league is a clear indication that the Women's Indian Premier League is headed in the right direction," Shah said in its statement.

"BCCI shall pay the franchisees 80% share of Central Rights income in the first five years, 60% in next five years and 50 per cent post that," the statement read.

As per Shah after pay equity already done by the Indian board, the media rights deal has been a decisive step for empowerment of women's cricket in India, which will ensure participation of women from all ages.

The pay scale change meant, Indian women cricketers now receive Rs 15 lakh per Test, Rs 6 lakh per ODI, and Rs 3 lakh per



T20I, the same as their male counterparts. Earlier, the women players received Rs 1 lakh each for ODIs and T20Is while the match fee for a Test match was Rs 4 lakh.

Diana Edulji, former India player and BCCI administrator, was pleased with the development.

"Now women cricketers will bring revenue to Indian cricket. Earlier everyone felt that only men generate revenue. The media rights showed today that people want to see women's cricket. They needed the opportunity and support from all stakeholders,"

"Since 2017, women's matches which are telecasted have received great response. Everyone is watching them closely and have been following them too. I feel there has been great improvement in the quality of cricket they play; it has attracted people. The India vs Australia game in Mumbai had a packed stadium, so interest is definitely there for women's cricket.

With Women's IPL we will get more talent and more exposure

these girls will gain. With under 19 World Cup on now, we can see more talent coming in. There will be great competition ahead in women's cricket."

The WIPL's first season is likely to be held in Mumbai and the BCCI will be having five teams this season. Many current franchises have shown interest in having an WIPL team and have submitted their bids to the Indian board. The new teams will be announced on January 25.

The BCCI was hopeful of attracting high bids after the way crowds turned out to watch India vs Australia women's home series in Mumbai last month. "Women's cricket has been on the up since a few years and the recently concluded bilateral series against Australia is a great testament to how popular women's cricket has become in India. It was only apt to get our own women's T20 league and give the fans more of women's cricket," BCCI president Roger Binny said.

## 'I Didn't Get the Freedom of Virender Sehwag, Whatever he Got in his Life, I Didn't': Murali Vijay

**January 17:** India opener Murali Vijay, the highest run scorer for the visitors in the 2014 Test series in England, has revealed what it was like to play alongside Virender Sehwag and how it impacted his career.

"Consciously, I didn't get the freedom of Virender Sehwag to be honest. Whatever Sehwag got in his life, I didn't. If I could have got that kind of backing and open-spread talks, I could have also tried," the 38-year-old batter told Sportstar. "The honest thing is the team's backing and how you can contribute to the

team at an international level. It's a high-level competition and you don't have many chances to experiment in different ways," Vijay added.

Speaking on playing with legendary opener Virender Sehwag, Vijay said, "When Sehwag was there, I felt controlling my instincts and playing was hard but to see him go through that kind of freedom was something spectacular."

"Only he could have done that. Nobody else I feel could have played like Sehwag. What he did for Indian cricket was amazing.

Different... he is something else which I have seen visually. I had the privilege to interact with him. It was so simple. He kept his mantra so simple - See the ball and hit. He was in that mode; singing songs to 145-150 kph bowlers. You are experiencing something else. It's not normal," he further added.

Vijay last featured in a Test for India in December 2018 during the tour of Australia. In his 61 Test career for India, he scored 3982 runs averaging 38.29. This included 12 centuries and 15 fifties.

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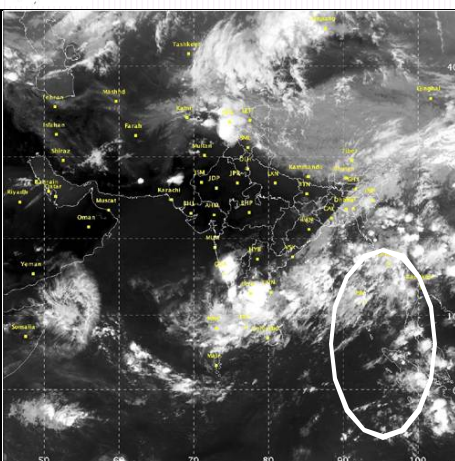
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### Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 24.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77%	1730 Hrs: 82%
Sunrise: 0511 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 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, 2022 till date):	2366.7 mm

### Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain or thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 18/1/2023.

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