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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

Andaman Police mainland se kai aise Criminals ko daboch ke le aaye hai Andaman mein. Fir ye Accused lo ab bhi kaise faraar hai, samajh mein nahi aata ...

- A Citizen



Digital technology has ruined our livelihood... this purse is also empty!

Allegation on Large Scale Corruption and Siphoning Off Huge Amount from A&N Islands to Mainland

CPI(M) Meeting Demands CBI Probe to Unearth the Facts

Port Blair, Nov. 7: The meeting of the Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee of CPI (M) held on 5th November 2022 at Port Blair observed with grave concern and anguish that corruption is increasing in these islands with the overt or covert patronage of the BJP-led government at the centre.

During the last 2 - 3 years, particularly during the tenure of the rape accused former Chief Secretary, the corruption

was at its zenith with the allegations of large scale collection of money from the businessmen and others by some of the officials of the Administration, the meeting observed. There were allegations of corruption in grant of Bar licenses, renewal of bar licenses, quarry licenses, purchase of buses in the Transport Department, etc.

It was alleged in the media that about 300 to 400 crores

of rupees have been siphoned off to mainland during the last 2 years. CPI (M) observes that one or two official cannot be solely held responsible for it as the money might have gone to the political bosses in Delhi.

In this context, allowing the former Chief Secretary in the post for more than 17 months despite knowing that he was allegedly indulging in corrupt, unethical and illegal activities, by the BJP

government at the centre speak voluminous about the nefarious activities of the political-bureaucratic combine in the islands.

The meeting noted that instead of taking action against the officers concerned, the central government continued to protect such corrupt officers which implies the allegations as true that the political bosses on the mainland are also beneficiaries of such large

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CPI(M) Demands CBI Investigation on Sex-For-Job Racket

Port Blair, Nov. 7: The meeting of the CPI (M) Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee held at Port Blair on 5th November 2022 notes with concern and anguish that the investigation into the sex-for-job racket involving a former Chief Secretary of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration, who is a 1990 batch IAS officer, former Labour Commissioner and a few other people is not being carried out as per law.

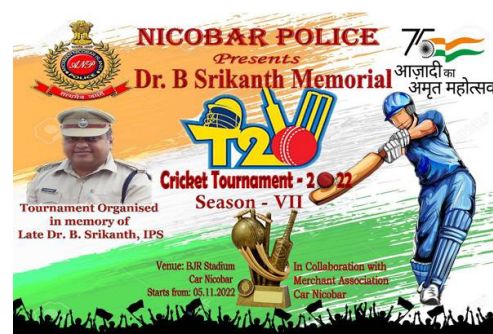
The meeting noted that the A&N Police has not yet arrested any of the accused persons in the case so far. The meeting noted that some of the accused persons have reportedly left the islands a few days back even though the case was registered at Port Blair on 1st October, 2022 under section 376D, 506, 228A and 120B of the IPC against the above persons. The main accused in the case the former Chief Secretary has easily got the interim

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Season VII of Dr. B. Srikanth Memorial T-20 Commences at Car Nicobar

Port Blair, Nov. 7: The Season-VII of Dr. B. Srikanth Memorial T-20 Cricket Tournament was inaugurated on 05th November 2022 by Chief Guest, Shri Yash Chowdhary, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Car Nicobar in presence of Shri Manjeet, IPS, SP Nicobar District, Shri John Levy, Vice-Chairman, Tribal Council and Shri Anand Vardhan Mishra, Assistant Commissioner, Car Nicobar.

This tournament is being organized by Nicobar District



Police in coordination with Merchant Association of Car Nicobar. Nicobar District

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'Seekho Aur Kamao': GOI Implements Scheme for Skill Development of Minorities

Port Blair, Nov. 6: The Ministry of Minority Affairs, GOI is implementing the Central Sector Scheme- Seekho Aur Kamao (Learn & Earn) for Skill Development of Minorities. The scheme aims at upgrading the skills of the minority youth in various modern/traditional vocations depending upon their educational qualification, present economic

trends and the market potential, which can earn them a suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. The scheme is implemented through selected expert Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). It ensures placement of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in organized sector.

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GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, I extend my warm greetings to all Islanders, especially the Sikh brothers and sisters and entire Sikh community.

Guru Nanak Dev Ji taught ethical and compassionate ways to lead a life of satisfaction and fulfilment. He was an icon of truth, compassion, and righteousness. On this joyous occasion, I pray that the light of wisdom and humanity lit by Guru Nanak Dev Ji will guide us to build a more harmonious, peaceful and compassionate world.

Let us all follow the foot-steps of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and strengthen the spirit of harmony and unity in our society.

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

ZSI to Conduct Workshop on Bird Identification & Basic Ornithology

Port Blair, Nov. 7: Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair is conducting Workshop on Bird Identification & Basic Ornithology under the ACCELERATE VIGYAN SCHEME (AV), sponsored by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India held during 14th to 27th November 2022. Interested and eligible candidates may submit Bio-Data to the following email: anrszsi@gmail.com. Selected candidates will be intimated through email.

Name of the Course: Workshop on Bird Identification & Basic Ornithology

Educational Qualification: Post Graduates / Ph.D. Scholars (Zoology / Life Science / Botany / Environmental Sciences) (Ongoing students)

Duration: Two weeks

Number of seats: 20

Last date of submission of application: 10th November 2022

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Remote Voting

India has the largest diaspora population, with nearly 1.35 crore non-resident Indians spread across the globe. Many of them leave the country for short-term work and could miss out on exercising some of their rights such as registering their vote in India's Assembly or parliamentary elections. Currently, the Election Commission of India (ECI) allows enrolled overseas citizens to vote in person at the polling station in the constituency where the person is registered as an overseas elector. The necessity to vote in person and the costs have, for overseas citizens, acted as a disincentive for their wanting to exercise their mandate. This was evident in the numbers of such voters in the 2019 Lok Sabha election — 25,606 among the minuscule 99,844 registered electors who voted. In 2014, a committee constituted by the ECI to probe methods to enable overseas voters' mandates concluded that proxy voting was the most viable, though some political parties objected to the idea. A Bill was passed in the 16th Lok Sabha (2014-19) to enable this but lapsed. In 2020, the ECI approached the Government to permit NRIs to vote via postal ballots, similar to the system already used by service voters, i.e., the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS), which allows registering their mandate on a downloaded ETPB and sending it to the returning officer of the constituency.

On the face of it, allowing postal ballot use should be a good move for NRIs, even if this does increase the burden on embassy or consular officials. This is also a more trustworthy way of registering mandates rather than appointing proxies — which is currently allowed for service personnel who are a limited number in each constituency unlike NRIs who could constitute a more substantial chunk among the electorate in some States. In the 2014 discussion organised by the ECI, some parties raised the question whether NRIs will get a benefit denied to internal migrant workers, but the higher costs of travel back to India, as opposed to travelling within, is a valid reason for allowing NRIs the partially electronic postal balloting facility. Several democratic countries allow for this option to their overseas citizens, but again, none has to deal with anything near the scale India has. The more important question to be tackled while extending the facility of voting to overseas Indians is whether longer term migrants should also be allowed to register their mandate as the idea behind limiting voters to specific constituencies on account of their residency will become infructuous. Therefore, if the postal ballot system is indeed instituted, rules must be clearly framed for voters' eligibility on the basis of their time spent away from the country.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Toughening Foreign Investors..!

"Make in India!" We cry zealously from our rooftops and WhatsApp groups as national leaders spend precious time and tax payers money going from country to country wooing their industrialists to open their factories, offices and make huge investments here in our country.

What they find when they do arrive are narrow, pothole filled roads, filthy streets lined with un-lifted garbage, sprawling slums and pollution.

"Is there some sinister master plan you are following?" I asked a spokesman from the government,

"How is it you call these foreign companies, then give them such terrible facilities?"

"For their own good my friend, for their own good!" said the smiling spokesman who seemed to be all ready to go somewhere with his bags in tow, "We want to build them up in our country!"

"By giving them filth, rubbish and potholes?"

"It worked for you and me didn't it? Did you grow up in hygienic conditions and sanitized settings?"

"No," I admitted.

"There you are, I told you!"

"Told me what?" I asked, confused.



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"It was the pot holes and dirt that shaped you!"

"Really?"

"It toughened you. You don't go about with a hanky to your nose like those Americans and Germans and Britishers. You don't get sick when you drink tap water and pick up a cough from vehicle fumes! See you even have dirt on the seat of your pants."

"That's because I slipped on some muck outside."

"You are a tough Indian, because of the very muck you slipped on today. Now do you understand?"

"That the muck, the pot holes and dirt shaped me?"

"Yes! And we want to do the same to these white collared, suited booted men and women in their swanky designer outfits, Mercedes Benzes and Cadillac's."

"You want to give them dirt and grime?"

"To make them world beaters like we Indians are. Guess what happens when their fancy cars hit the first pothole? They get a broken shoulder, ha, ha, ha."

"They then fly off to Shanghai or Hong Kong and open their companies there."

"We don't want those."

"You don't want them?"

"No they are the weak. We are looking for those who can fight our hurdles and obstacles and come out winners. We want to make men out of boys. Legends out of heroes! We want the world to think of our country as a 'strength and character building' destination! We have plans for other exercises!"

"Planning more potholes?"

"Let's go farther, no roads at all! No dustbins. Just garbage all over. No buildings, only slums!"

"It's already becoming like that," I whispered.

"Aha, our master plan is at work. Goodbye!"

"Where are you going?" I asked.

"Abroad," smiled the spokesman, "to woo those weak foreign investors to come to India..!"

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Supplementary Shipping Schedule

Inter-Island Sector:

Nalanda will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 09.11.2022 (Wed) at 1500 Hrs from Haddo Warf and will sail for Port Blair on 11.11.2022 (Fri) at 0900 hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry. Passengers those who are holding the tickets of Sindhu which could not sale for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 04.11.2022 due to technical reasons are advised to avail the above sailing with the same ticket on 09.11.2022

MV Kalighat will sail for Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal and Nancowry on 11.11.2022 (Fri) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 14.11.2022 (Mon) at 1200 hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for onward journey will be issued to the general public from 09.11.2022 (wed) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter, Phoenix Bay.

ENTERTAINMENT

Woman on a Mission

November 7 : Taapsee Pannu, whose critically and commercially successful Hindi spy films Baby (2015) and Pink (2016), is looking forward to the July 15th release of her latest film Shabaash



Mithu, a biographical sports drama directed by Srijit Mukherjee. She will also be leaving the country soon to film Dunki, directed by Raju Hirani and starring Shaharukh Khan. Taapsee, who is in relationship with badminton player Mathias Boe, is so preoccupied that she hasn't had time to set a wedding date. She tells us about her professional and private lives.

Is there any pressure surrounding Shabaash Mithu's theatrical release?

Everyone is under pressure because we have been waiting for theatre releases for so long. It's especially high on those who are in charge of making the movies. It is a risk. Nobody knows how many people will attend the movies. All

predictions about this have proven to be incorrect.

You depict Mithali Raj's struggle as a "underdog" cricketer. Is there any parallel between your story and Mithali's?

In our country, cricket and movies are considered "religions." That is the resemblance. People are crazy about movies and cricket. People, however, prefer to watch men's cricket and films starring men. When a male-heroled film is released, you make an advance booking for it; when a female-led film is released, you wait for the reviews. These gender biases must be eliminated. Mithali and I are both working to close the gender gap.

Do you believe your struggle is now over?

My struggle continues. My pictures should be well-funded. Female-driven films rarely have large budgets. Even if it is made, it will struggle to get a large number of screens. Such films are also not well received. Bollywood films have recently struggled at the box office. Your thoughts? It's all about business, and it depends on your product - you choose the platform where you're most confident of attracting the most people. There can be no two films with the same deal. Before going into production, I learned the business.

Nakshatra Plays a Classical Dancer in Unstoppable

November 7: Post her debut film, Palasa 1978, Nakshatra Trinayani has been getting interesting roles. Her next film, Unstoppable, directed by Diamond Ratna Babu, will feature her as a classical dancer.



Talking about the project, Nakshatra says the director saw her performance in her debut film and offered her the role. "I was even more excited when he told me that the role involves classical dance," she beams, adding that it's a funky role which includes doing Tik-Tok videos. The actress was pursuing a post-

graduate degree in Kuchipudi dance from Hyderabad's Central University, but she gave up her studies during her last semester after she got her film role.

Nakshatra is glad that she has shed around 14 kilos from the time she did Palasa 1968. "I feel very confident now and filled

with new energy. I had decided not to take up any new films until I get my weight under control. I am glad that things are falling in place," she says, adding that she has taken up two more films, for which shooting will soon begin

"Both the roles are intense and what I have been looking for," she shares.

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James Webb Space Telescope's First Images Show Stunning Range

November 7 : "Somewhere something incredible is waiting to be known!" NASA administrator Bill Nelson aptly quoted these words of Carl Sagan at a worldwide online event organised to release the first science images sent home by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). Whether this incredible revelation will have to do with the birth of stars; the most distant galaxies that formed within less than a billion years of the Big Bang; or the presence of biomarkers in the atmosphere of exoplanets (planets outside our solar system), only time can tell. The five images that were released were carefully selected, to align with the scientific goals of the mission, from about 700 pictures of the cosmos that JWST had collected soon after its launch on December 25, 2021.

In the order in which they were released, the five images were the following: a deep field picture in which the telescope gazed into a galaxy cluster that is about 13.1 billion light years away; a hot gaseous exoplanet that is about 1,000 light years away — a spectrum of its atmosphere which carried the chemical fingerprint of water vapour; a violent explosion that marked the death of a massive star, known as the Southern Ring; a group picture of five galaxies — Stephan's Quintet, about 300 million light years away and a picture of Carina nebula, which is 7,600 light years away, showing crops of new stars being born.

Also read: NASA's James Webb telescope beams first cosmic view of 'deepest' universe

The extent of clarity in these images could be felt as zooming into the images revealed more and more detail of the stars, galaxies and gaseous dust.

Visual information

"It's a set of amazing images. Every image looks so beautiful but it is also full of information," says Jessie Jose from the physics department of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Tirupati.

She is a member of a large collaboration whose proposal has been accepted for observations using JWST. "Among these pictures released by NASA, the one of Carina nebula is the one I was most moved by," she says. "If you zoom into it you will see lots of features — such as nebulae, lots of newborn stars, jets and outflows from these young stars. It's a star-formation nursery."

The electromagnetic spectrum is made up of light of many wavelengths ranging from x-ray, ultraviolet and visible to infrared and mid-infrared wavelengths, to name a few. On Earth, we mostly get only the visible light of the sun, as our atmosphere filters out the others. Similarly, every celestial body emits light in all wavelengths. JWST has onboard instruments that sense light in the infrared mainly 0.6 micron to 28 microns. It has multiple cameras in this regime. Some of these cameras capture images while others capture the spectral details. Since infrared light can penetrate the clouds of dust that surround celestial objects, many features that cannot be imaged with visible light cameras would show themselves to the JWST.

Directorate of Industries to Organise Startup Mela on 9th & 10th Nov.

Port Blair, Nov. 6: Since the launch of the 'Andaman and Nicobar Startup and Innovation Policy' by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 30th December, 2018, the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has made significant strides in its Startup System, generating a noteworthy number of startups encompassing all sectors including IT, E-Commerce, Fisheries, Agriculture, Internet of things

and Tour and Travels among others. The Directorate of Industries, A&N Administration in the capacity of the Nodal Department of Startup India scheme in the Islands is committed to the growth and nurture of the Startups and development of a strong and vibrant Startup Ecosystem in the Islands.

For the exposure of the Startups in the market and to provide them the exposure

they deserve, the Directorate of Industries, Andaman and Nicobar Administration will be organizing a 'Startup Mela' on Nov. 9 & 10. The platform will provide the Startups to showcase & market their products. The Startup Mela will be organized at a pavilion especially erected in the Parking Lot of the ANE-Sagarika of the Department at Middle Point, Port Blair, a prominent visitor destination of A&N Islands.

ICAR-CIARI Celebrates Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022

Port Blair, Nov. 7: ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair celebrated Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022 with the theme "Corruption-free India for a Developed Nation" during 31st October to 6th November, 2022. Various events were conducted by ICAR-CIARI to mark the celebration of Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022.

The week started with integrity pledge taking ceremony by the employees of ICAR-CIARI on 31-10-2022. Gram Sabha was conducted on the topic "Menace of corruption and the measures for its redressal" on 02-11-2022 at Badmaspahad village, South Andaman by ICAR-CIARI and KVK, South Andaman. Besides, an essay writing competition on "Promising anti-corruption measures for a developed nation" was conducted for the staff and their children on 02-11-2022 at ICAR-CIARI. Painting competition was conducted on the topic "Anti-corruption" for the School and College students on 03-11-2022.



A seminar on "Preventive vigilance measures" was delivered by Ms. Ragini Kumari, Assistant Professor (Law), Andaman Law College on 04-11-2022 for the benefit of staff of ICAR-CIARI. Awareness rally on "Vigilance" was conducted from ICAR-CIARI to Bathu Basti on 04-11-2022 to spread awareness among the stakeholders.

The Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022 concluded with a valedictory programme and prize distribution on 07-11-2022 in which the winners of

various competitions were felicitated. The week-long programme was conducted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Dr. Jai Sunder, Vigilance Officer, CIARI and the team comprising of Dr. K. Saravanan, Dr. Rafeeqe Rahman Alyethodi, Dr. R. Jaya Kumaravaradan, Dr. J. Praveenraj, Dr. Sirisha Adamala and Shri. Shyam Sundar Rao.

Bhakti Geetal Malika Season 2 Organised by Sri Krishna Temple

Port Blair, Nov. 7: Sri Krishna Temple organized 'Bhakti Geeta Malika Season 2' at the Temple premises at Dairy Farm on 04/11/2022. A total of 20 participants participated in the program out of which Miss. V Gayatri

won the first prize shield and Rs 5000 cash while Mrs. Kavitha Pandian won second prize, shield and Rs 3000 cash and Mr. Usman won third prize, shield and Rs. 2000 cash.

Shri A. Bhima Rao, President, K. Lokanadham,

General Secretary, Shri Avinash, Smti. Chandana and Temple Priests were present during the programme.

'Seekho Aur Kamao': GOI Implements Scheme for Skill Development of Minorities

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The eligible trainees/beneficiaries should belong to minority community, should be between 14-35 years of age, should have minimum qualification of at least Class V. In case seat for reserved categories as prescribed under this scheme remain vacant, these vacant seats may be

treated as unreserved. Monthly stipend for local Non-residential trainees would be Rs. 2,000/- per month and for Residential trainees would be Rs. 1,000/- per month. Post Placement Support (PPS) of Rs. 2,000/- per month will be given to all placed candidates for two months.

Interested institutes/organization have been requested to visit the URL <http://seekhoaurkamao-moma.gov.in> or visit website of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India for guidelines and more details/various components of the scheme.

Greetings

ANTCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder extends his heartiest wishes and greetings on the auspicious occasion of "Guru Nanak Jayanti" to all of our Islanders of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, the First Guru of Sikhism was remembered and celebrated on this day.

On this occasion, May Guru Nanak Ji inspires you and your family to achieve all your goals, and bless you with peace and bestow you with eternal joy and happiness.

Let's make this day joyous & bright and also pledge to follow his teachings.

"Happy Gurpurab"

Allegation on Large Scale Corruption and Siphoning Off Huge Amount from A&N Islands to Mainland

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scale corruption taken place in the islands during the last 2-3 years.

CPI (M) is of the view that a thorough investigation into the corrupt practices indulged in by the officers and siphoning of large scale money to mainland should be investigated by CBI to bring to fore the people involved in it and to send a strong signal that people of

these islands will no longer tolerate politically-backed corruption by bureaucrats during their tenure in these peaceful and historic islands.

The CPI (M) meeting called upon the central government to conduct a CBI probe into the allegations of corruption and siphoning off large amount of money to mainland during the last 3 years particularly during the period of the rape accused former Chief Secretary.

CPI(M) Demands CBI Investigation on Sex-For-Job Racket

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bail due to the soft corner of the Prosecution. It was only after the criticism from various quarters appeared in the media that the A & N Administration approached the Supreme Court to get the interim bail cancelled.

The meeting also noted that the Indian Express newspaper has already published a series of reports on this issue and it was reported that more than 20 women have been lured into the sex-for-job racket. The said IAS officer has been getting overt or covert support from the BJP government at the centre because of which he remained in the post for a long 17 months despite his

autocratic style of functioning, large scale corruption, arrogant attitude towards other officers and staff.

CPI (M) observes that the victim girl who came forward to register the case now and other women who were exploited by the former Chief Secretary and others will not get justice if the case is continued to be investigated by the Andaman & Nicobar Police. The Andaman and Nicobar State Organising Committee of the CPI (M) has urged the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands to hand over the above case to the CBI for proper investigation in the present case and also to investigate other cases as reported in the media.

Season VII of Dr. B. Srikanth Memorial T-20 Commences at Car Nicobar

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Police has been organizing this tournament for last 7 years in the memory of former Superintendent of Police, Nicobar District, Late Dr. B. Srikanth, IPS.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest emphasized the importance of games and announced the formal start of season VII of the tournament.

A total of 21 teams from various villages, clubs and departments of Nicobar District are participating this year in the tournament. The

inaugural match was played between team Mus-A and Perka-A, which was won by team Mus-A of Car Nicobar by 44 runs.

SP (Nicobar) elaborated the achievements and contribution of Late Dr. B. Srikanth, IPS to the Nicobar District and Nicobar Police during his tenure. Later he concluded the tournament with the vote of thanks and a promise to conduct many more such tournaments in the future as a part of Community Policing initiative to productively engage the youth of Nicobar in sports and to encourage sportsmanship.

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CBI Registers Case Again to Probe Theft of 13 Idols from Palavoor Temple in Tamil Nadu

November 7: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case to again probe the theft of 13 idols from a Palavoor temple in Tamil Nadu in June 2005, in view of the allegations made by two police officers against each other about several irregularities.

The CBI has initiated the investigation following a directive of the Madras High Court. It has also been directed to nab the culprits and recover the other antique idols that are still in the alleged possession or control of prime accused Subash Chandra Kapoor, who was detained by the German police on an Interpol Red Notice in October 2011 and extradited to India in July 2012 with regard to another case.

The High Court, in its order, said the probe against Mr. Kapoor had come to a "stand still in view of the opinion dated June 29, 2019, alleged to have been given by A.G. Ponn Manickavel", the Inspector-General of Police who earlier supervised the Idol Wing in the State police. The order came on a petition moved by the then Inspector Kader Batcha, previously posted with the Idol Wing of the Crime Investigation Department (CID)-Chennai.

In his petition, Mr. Batcha had alleged that he was made an accused and a fresh case was later registered against him by the special team under Mr. Manickavel. The



Palavoor case was registered in June 2005. The Inspector joined in 2006, continued the probe and filed a charge sheet against eight accused in 2008. Of the 13 idols, four were recovered from accused Deenadayalan.

Mr. Batcha also alleged that the Inspector-General of Police colluded with the Deenadayalan to get the latter's statement recorded before a magistrate, based on which the Inspector was made an accused. Mr. Deenadayalan became an approver and was pardoned.

In the additional charge sheet in the Palavoor case, Mr. Kapoor was described as the prime accused. However, as alleged, Mr. Manickavel later advised the government against pursuing with the Germany government the issue of sanction/permission to prosecute Mr. Kapoor in the pending cases.

The court observed that Mr. Kapoor was formally arrested in the 2005 case on December 26, 2016, just two days before Mr. Deenadayalan recorded his

"confession" statement, 12 years after the theft and nine years after four idols were recovered from him by a police team comprising the accused Inspector. The court found inconsistencies in the statement.

In his counter affidavit, Mr. Manickavel said he had filed a contempt petition in 2019 alleging that the then government, the former Director-General of Police (DGP) and then Additional DGP in the Idol Wing of CID-Chennai had been interfering with the investigation and prosecution of cases. He alleged that the then Additional DGP of the Idol Wing prevented subordinate officers from registering First Information Reports, promptly investigating the cases and prosecuting the accused.

"I submit that the allegations made against me are per se defamatory. I have done my job as an officer appointed by this Hon'ble Court strictly in accordance with law and procedure. The allegations are totally false and mischievous," his affidavit said.

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CPI(M) Observes 105th Anniversary of October Socialist Revolution

Port Blair, Nov. 7: Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organising Committee hoisted the Party flag at Party State Headquarters Shaheed Bhavan, Anarkali, Port Blair today (7.11.2022) on the occasion of 105th



Anniversary of October Socialist Revolution in Russia. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Ayyappan said that it was in 1917 that the workers of Russia established a society free from exploitation. He said that this is an occasion for the people in India to learn and to strengthen the CPI (M) to challenge the ruling classes in order to achieve an exploitation-free society in India too.



SPORTS

Suryakumar Yadav Hits Sixes Even off Good Deliveries: Shahid Afridi

November 7: Former Pakistan swashbuckling batter Shahid Afridi has said that Suryakumar Yadav has a unique skill set for hitting sixes. Afridi's comments came after Suryakumar blasted an unbeaten 61 off 25 balls in the 71-run trouncing on Sunday.

Speaking on Samaa TV, Afridi said, "He (Suryakumar) has come to the Indian team after playing over 250 (domestic) matches. He knows his game. He hits sixes even off good deliveries. Because he has put a lot of practice behind his game." When the anchor of the show brought

out a comparison between Pakistan's Mohd Rizwan and India's Suryakumar Yadav over their flexibility and variety of shots, Afridi responded, "As a batsman, you will have to develop good shots to become an impactful player. T20 is such a format where you will have to hit sixes all across the ground. More variety of shots you have runs will easily come to your kitty."

Meanwhile, Pakistan have joined India in the Twenty20 World Cup semi-finals on Sunday after South Africa crashed out of the tournament



after a stunning defeat by the Netherlands. Pakistan, who beat Bangladesh by five wickets at Adelaide Oval to advance, will meet New Zealand in the first semi-final in Sydney on Wednesday and India take on England a day later in Adelaide.

'Babar Should bat at No.3, Mohammad Haris to Open, and Shaheen is Back to His Best': Shahid Afridi, Waqar, Younis Khan, Aquib Javed Gung-ho About Pak's Chances

November 7: For two months now, former Pakistani cricketers have been raging at the different tv studios. Three issues particularly pricked them: Babar Azam's spot in the batting line-up, the brittleness of the middle order, and rushing Shaheen Afridi in without game time. As Pakistan pulled off another Houdini act to reach the semi-final, the mood was best captured by the former Pakistani wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal. "This can only happen to Pakistan, no other team," Akmal would say on Ary News. Sitting next to him was Younis Khan who would laugh. Ten days back, both had wanted Babar Azam to step down from captaincy after the world cup. "You have to be a leader. Babar doesn't have the spark to be a leader. He should quit captaincy so that he can focus on his batting. I have quit captaincy four times; so I know the pressures involved." Akmal would say, "he should step down from captaincy after this world cup."

In the here and now, though, the focus is on the semi-final against New Zealand. Shahid Afridi was gung-ho about the prospects as "Sydney conditions would suit Pakistan more". But Afridi does want one important change to be made at the top of the order.

"Babar Azam should drop to No.3. Let Mohammad Haris open. Babar Azam needs to listen to suggestions and he should drop down. We need to use Mohammad Haris with fielding restrictions. Babar can bat at no. 3. It's not as if he has come down to earth with a note from above that he has to

open only. He has to change. Bat at no.3.

In the middle order, now, whenever Iftikhar Ahmed and Shan Masood come to bat, we see that intent, they are looking for runs. But at top that's missing. But if you are just looking to play 30-35 balls, and I can understand that if you get 50 or so.

"You have to be positive, play your shots. Intent should be positive." The other problematic position, in the eyes of the former players, is Mohammad Rizwan. Afridi reckons he has been sussed out by other teams. "All teams have a plan against Rizwan. He is good in the leg side, dragging the balls from middle stumps. He struggles a bit on the off side, so they are bowling there.

He has to take chances coming down the track and such. For that you have to practice and train those shots. New Zealand bowlers aren't going to change lines and lengths until challenge. Haris is a player who can disrupt their lines and length with hits over point and cover. He is the man who can do the job as opener. We have to take risks. Even if he gets out, it's fine. But he gives us the best chances. Rizwan has to take a few risks."

It's a point of view shared by Aquib Javed and Moin Khan as well. "I agree with Aquib that Babar Azam should drop himself down the order for the next two games. He can open if he wishes in the subcontinent. Open with Mohammad Haris if he wants to use the fielding restrictions but Babar should not open," Moin Khan would tell Geo Super.

Haris has played his shots without fear and Waqar reckons "he understands T20 cricket far better than some of the other top order batsmen. He might fail a few times but that's T20. He understands it. You have to take risks. You need players like Haris to make use of fielding restrictions," Waqar told A Sports.

Shoaib Malik also agreed with Waqar. "He can open it and he will have the license to go for it. In the middle order, after the top order has already fallen, he will be under pressure of 'what would happen if I fall now'. He can bat more freely as an opener," Malik said to A Sports.

In the eyes of Aquib Javed, the moment that marked the return of Shaheen Afridi was in the 17th over when he knocked down the stumps of Mosaddek Hossain. Shaheen went round the stumps and got the full ball to shape away late to beat the defensive prod. "He moved the new ball and the toughest challenge for a fast bowler is to get the ball to shape away from round the stumps with the old ball. That's a sign that he is back.

I don't remember what I was thinking at night but when I woke up the world had changed," Aquib said on Geo Super. "When he was selected, we were all troubled. Playing him directly with just one warm-up game. So much pressure. It's not easy for a fast bowler to come back like this. He is a tough kid, his toe was fractured too in the past but he kept on playing, we have to praise his courage. He has gradually picked up his rhythm during this tournament. South Africa once learnt it was a decider choked," Aquib said.

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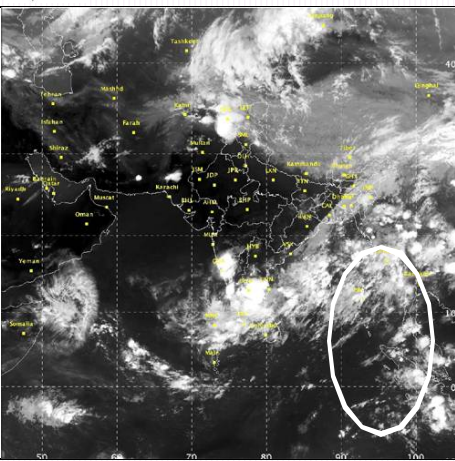
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.8 °C	Min.: 25.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 70%	1730 Hrs: 79%
Sunrise: 0513 Hrs.	Sunset: 1652 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):	2414.6 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain/Thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 08/11/2022.

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