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## Jarawa Facts

The 500 odd - strong Jarawa, along with the other Andaman tribes the Sentinelese, the Onge and the Great Andamanese, were the sole inhabitants of the Andaman Islands until the British and then the Indians arrived. Their ancestors are thought to have been part of the first successful migrations out of Africa.

## Your Nature Guide

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

**The Sunlight Zone:** This zone is the oceans garden where sunlight streams through. Plants grow here, 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

Legislature aane se logon ka bhalai toh Confirm hai,,, magar kya Government Andaman mein Legislature Grant karega???

- A Citizen



**Not abroad, I was infected with Covid-19 at the airport!**

## Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat, Wife, 11 Others Killed in IAF Helicopter Crash in Tamil Nadu

**Udhagamandalam, Dec 08:** Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, his wife Madhulika Rawat, an Army Brigadier, and ten others perished when an Indian Air Force (IAF) Mi-17V5 helicopter carrying them crashed into a heavily wooded area of the Coonoor ghat in the Nilgiris in western Tamil Nadu on Wednesday afternoon. The cause of the chopper crash, in which there is only one survivor, is being investigated.

The Coonoor ghat rises steeply from Mettupalayam and the Coonoor river flows through the deep gorge with

sheer cliff faces on both sides. Visibility was said to be limited on Wednesday.

The General was on a visit to Defence Services Staff College (DSSC) in Wellington in the Nilgiris to address the faculty and student officers of the 'Staff Course' when the chopper crashed barely 10 km from the landing site at around 12.25 p.m.

Shortly past 6 p.m., the Indian Air Force (IAF) confirmed that General Rawat, his wife and 11 others on board had died.

Group Captain Varun Singh, Directing Staff at the DSSC, who survived with



injuries, is under treatment at the Military Hospital, Wellington. He had come to Sulur to receive General Rawat and others.

Late in the evening, the Indian Army confirmed that Brigadier L.S. Lidder, Lieutenant Colonel H.

Singh, Wing Commander P.S. Chauhan, Squadron Leader K. Singh, Junior Warrant Officer (JWO) Das, JWO Pradeep A., Havildar Satpal, Naik Gursewak Singh, Naik Jitender, Lance Naik Vivek and Lance Naik

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## DCPU Conducts Capacity Building Programme for Staffs of Child Care Institution

**Port Blair, Dec. 8:** The District Child Protection Unit, South Andaman organised a programme on "Sensitization of Staff of Child Care Institution in handling Different Medical Ailments" on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 at the Conference Hall of Seva Niketan (CCI).

The main aim of the program was to sensitize the staff of CCI to handle different ailments and respond to it in an appropriate manner. Dr. Nazma Siddiqui, Member-Child Welfare Committee was the Resource Person for the session. In her address



she emphasized on various common diseases that a child may face and its instant remedy to handle such situations. She also informed the participants to identify the emergency situation and take proper consultation and advice of doctors from the nearby Health Institution. Continued on P4

## AATO Celebrates Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

**Port Blair, Dec. 8:** The Andaman Association of Tour Operators in association with Ministry of Tourism celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in a befitting manner.

In a grand function organized by the association at Maharashtra Mandal, Port Blair on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 21, the association felicitated the brave jet ski operators who had recently saved lives of 6 fishermen in a brave gesture.



The function was part of the series of events organized by AATO as part of Azadi Continued on P5

## PBGKR Organises 9<sup>th</sup> Vaccination Camp



**Port Blair, Dec. 8:** With a sole motto of eradicating the corona virus from the islands and vaccinating each and every islander, the team of Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi in collaboration with District Administration, South Andaman conducted its 9<sup>th</sup> Vaccination Camp at Round Basti.

More than 1000 people have been vaccinated in the camps organised by the team PBGKR till date which includes door Continued on P2

## Sailing of MV Bharat Seema Cancelled

**Port Blair, Dec. 8:** Due to Administrative reasons, the scheduled sailing of the vessel MV Bharat Seema for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 09.12.2021 at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and return to Port Blair on 10.12.2021 at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder has been cancelled. Fresh date of sailing will be announced in due course.

Passengers holding the tickets for the above sailing are advised to cancel their tickets and get full refund from STARS Ticketing Counters. Inconvenience caused has been regretted.



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

## A robust friendship

Russian President Vladimir Putin has concluded a short summit meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, highlighting the "all-weather" partnership between the two countries despite trying global circumstances. Not only does the President's visit come as the world faces the grim prospect of the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it also follows years of growing proximity between New Delhi and Washington, a potential irritant to Moscow. Simultaneously, the China factor has been steadily pulling the India-Russia bilateral tango in all the wrong directions. While Russia relies on cordial ties with China to stabilise its interests in an unstable Afghanistan post the U.S.'s exit, New Delhi and Beijing have scarcely seen eye-to-eye on border tensions and geo-political rivalry across the Asia region. Notwithstanding these reasons for possible strategic dissonance, India and Russia reaffirmed the strength of their abiding deep, multi-decade ties, building further confidence in each other through substantive defence agreements. Moscow has agreed on a 10-year military-technical plan that includes technology transfer to India. And trade received a fillip through an agreement for India to produce more than 600,000 Kalashnikov assault rifles. For India's part, despite resistance from Washington through its Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, New Delhi will proceed with purchasing the S-400 missile defence system from Moscow.

The challenges facing Mr. Modi and Mr. Putin in terms of maintaining this momentum in bilateral exchanges are multidimensional. First, and most imminently, the pandemic has periodically crippled the growth of both economies and the threats to public health remain despite considerable progress with vaccinations. Second, Russia-U.S. ties are showing signs of fraying yet again, this time over U.S. President Joe Biden's intention, reportedly, to warn Mr. Putin that Russia will face "economy-jarring sanctions" if it seeks to occupy Ukraine, a fear that has grown in the U.S. as Russian troops massed near the Ukraine border. India has so far held firm to its mantra of 'strategic autonomy' in a multipolar world, but South Block will have to work hard to manage the tightrope act between Moscow and Washington. Third, India and China have forged an uneasy truce across their Himalayan border in the aftermath of the Galwan valley exchange in 2020, yet there are numerous potential flashpoints that could send ties into a spiral again, including China's historically provocative actions in the South China Sea and its thinly veiled insecurity about India joining the Quad for Indo-Pacific security. Moscow has adroitly managed to remain friends with both its mega-neighbours, but it will require a robust focus on confidence-boosting cooperative initiatives if India and Russia are to safely navigate the complex geopolitical landscape that they occupy.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Breaking the Spirit of Not Just Dogs..!

Every day I saw him with his terrified dog.

Leash in one hand and stick in the other, he screamed, shrieked and shouted commands to the poor dumb creature and if the four legged fellow failed to comprehend or refused to obey, the stick swished the air and came down mercilessly on furry skin.

But today was different.

There was something different in the look in the animal's eyes, and as the stick threatened to tear its hide again it rose on its haunches and with terrible growl and even more ferocious roar threw itself on its master, its fangs closing on flesh as he cried out with terror.

The dog had had enough.

All the master thought he had been doing, was training his dog. His methods though were cruel and barbaric. The dog finally had enough. Its spirit had been broken and with a devil may care attitude, it attacked the very person who had invoked it with fear.

How familiar it sounds?

We punish our criminals with police lathis and truncheons, carefully seeing we break no skin and bones, breaking only the wild spirit we see in him, till suddenly

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petty thief comes out a murderer. Pickpocket becomes gangster. Chain snatcher turns into an extortionist.

And we look with disbelief and wonder who created these monsters? We of course. Who else?

Like that master of the dog, we try to tame with stick and fist, hoping that we can beat the wildness out of the trapped criminal. We hit and with unleashed fury smash his spirit into the ground for having dared to defy.

But a monster worse than the one before sprouts.

We see same scene enacted with many authoritarian governments!

Passing laws without consulting the opposition, finally losing allies and facing protests!

Making one man decisions and running the country into a financial crisis!

Treating those who question as anti-nationals and shackling them with sedition cases while losing hard fought for democratic credibility with a watching world!

Using weak minorities as whipping boys to get votes and facing reactions through cowardly acts of terror!

Remember that dog.

In inflicting punishment with cruel and brutal ways, we create fiends.

Correction and punishment are two different ways to treat opposing views.

It's time we opened our eyes and started noticing the difference! It's time we stopped breaking the spirit of people or d'you remember there was something different in the look in the animal's eyes that day? And as the stick threatened to tear its hide again it rose on its haunches and with terrible growl and even more ferocious roar threw itself on its master, its fangs closing on flesh as he cried out with terror.

The dog used its fangs, we people, our voting finger..!

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## PBGKR Organises 9<sup>th</sup> Vaccination Camp

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to door drive, camps in municipal areas and in far flung remote areas like Rutland. The team with the help of District Administration, South Andaman and PHC's have not left any areas where it becomes challenging for the

residents to reach the nearest PHC for the vaccination.

Grewal, in a communication has expressed gratitude towards Shri Sunil Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman and Shri Hari

Kallikat, ADM, SA and the entire team of South Andaman Administration alongwith the PHC, ANIIMS and Asha Workers for the support and guidance rendered to carry out the vaccination camps.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Kangana Ranaut's 'Tejas' to Release in October 2022

Actor Kangana Ranaut's next film "Tejas" will release in theatres countrywide on October 5, 2022.

The announcement was made by Ronnie Screwala's RSVP Movies in a post on Instagram to celebrate the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day.

"Bringing to you the inspiring story of a woman who chose to rule the skies. An ode to the Indian Air Force, #Tejas releasing in a cinema near you on Dussehra, 5th October 2022," read the post from the studio alongside Ranaut's photo from the movie. Directed by Sarvesh



Mewara, "Tejas" will feature Ranaut in the role of an Air Force Pilot.

The actor most recently starred in "Thalaivii", the biographical drama movie on the life of the late actor-politician J Jayalithaa.

Ranaut will also feature in action movie "Dhakkad", "Manikarnika Returns: The Legend Of Didda" and a political drama, titled "Emergency".

### 'Shang-Chi' Sequel in the Works, Destin Daniel Cretton to Return as Director

Disney and Marvel Studios are developing a sequel to their much-loved superhero movie "Shang-Chi And The Legend Of The Ten Rings", with co-writer and helmer Destin Daniel Cretton returning to direct.

According to Variety, Cretton is also working on a new Marvel Cinematic Universe series for Disney Plus.

The filmmaker has signed an exclusive multi-year overall deal with Disney-owned Marvel Studios and Hulu's Onyx Collective, under which he will develop TV projects for both Marvel Studios for Disney Plus and Onyx Collective across all platforms.

Cretton will be producing the projects through a new company he is launching with partner Asher Goldstein, named Family Owned.

"Destin is an amazing collaborator who brought a



unique perspective and skill to 'Shang-Chi and The Legend of the Ten Rings'. We had a fantastic time working together on the film and he has so many intriguing ideas for stories to bring to life on Disney+, so we're thrilled to expand our relationship with him and can't wait to get started," said Kevin Feige, president of Marvel Studios.

"Shang-Chi And The Legend of The Ten Rings", which starred Simu Liu as

the titular hero who battled ancient creatures and his own paternal issues, has earned more than USD 430 million at the worldwide box office, becoming one of the most successful films of the pandemic era.

The film, also featuring Michelle Yeoh, Awkwafina and Tony Leung, was the first Marvel Cinematic Universe movie to be led by an Asian actor and mostly Asian cast.

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### Health, Science /Tech

### Major outage hits Amazon Web Services; many sites affected



**Washington:** Amazon's cloud-service network suffered a major outage Tuesday, the company said, disrupting access to many popular sites. The service provides remote computing services to many governments, universities and companies, including The Associated Press.

Roughly five hours after numerous companies and other organizations began reporting issues with Amazon Web Services, the company said in a post on the AWS status page that it had "mitigated" the underlying problem responsible for the outage. Shortly thereafter, it reported that "many services have already recovered" but noted that others were still working toward full recovery.

The issue primarily affected Amazon web services in the eastern U.S., it said. Problems began midmorning on the U.S. East Coast, said Doug Madory, director of internet analysis at Kentik Inc, a network intelligence firm - among them, Amazon's own e-commerce operations.

In a statement, Amazon spokesperson Richard Rocha confirmed that Amazon's warehouse and delivery operations had also experienced issues as a result of the AWS outage. Rocha added that the company is "working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible."

Customers trying to book or change trips with Delta Air Lines had trouble connecting to the airline. "Delta is working quickly to restore functionality to our AWS-supported phone lines," said spokesperson Morgan Durrant. The airline apologised and encouraged customers to use its website or mobile app instead.

Dallas-based Southwest Airlines said it switched to West Coast servers after some airport-based systems were affected by the outage. Customers were still reporting outages to DownDetector, a popular clearinghouse for user outage reports, more than three hours after they started. Southwest spokesman Brian Parrish said there were no major disruptions to flights.

Toyota spokesman Scott Vazin said the company's U.S. East Region for dealer services went down. The company has apps that access inventory data, monthly payment calculators, service bulletins and other items. More than 20 apps were affected.

Also according to DownDetector, people trying to use Instacart, Venmo, Kindle, Roku, and Disney+ reported issues. The McDonald's app was also down. But the airlines American, United, Alaska and JetBlue were unaffected. Kentik saw a 26% drop in traffic to Netflix, among major web-based services affected by the outage.



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- NIT No. :- 30/EE/CD-I/APWD/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Providing Paver block walk ways near to the existing pond behind Auditorium at DBRAIT campus, Dolly Gunj under CD-I, APWD, Port Blair. **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 22,62,605/- Time of completion:- 02 [Two] Months [Tender ID No. 2021\_APWD\_4535\_1]
- NIT No. :- 31/EE/CD-I/APWD/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Providing handrail protection around the existing pond at DBRAIT campus, Dolly Gunj under CD-I, APWD, Port Blair... **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 22,80,519/- Time of completion:- 02 [Two] Months [Tender ID No. 2021\_APWD\_4537\_1]
- NIT No. :- 32/EE/CD-I/APWD/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Providing Paver block walk ways along internal road side at DBRAIT campus, Dolly Gunj under CD-I, APWD, Port Blair.. **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 21,25,585/- Time of completion:- 02 [Two] Months [Tender ID No. 2021\_APWD\_4538\_1]
- NIT No. :- 33/EE/CD-I/APWD/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Laying 75mm PPR pipe line from Municipal OHT near Dollygunj stadium to ITI complex at Dollygunj, under CD-I, APWD, Port Blair. **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 9,52,722/- Time of completion:- 02 [Two] Months [Tender ID No. 2021\_APWD\_4539\_1]

Tender should be filled on line upto 3.00 PM on or before 21.12.2021. The tender will be opened on the same day at 03.30 PM in presence of tenderers representative if any.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

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## DCPU Conducts Capacity Building Programme for Staffs of Child Care Institution

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Apart from this, training was imparted to all the CCI In-charges by the Nodal Officer, ICPS on Individual Care Plan (ICP). The plan is prepared for each child in order to ensure the holistic development of the child.

After evaluating the history of the child, a detailed plan is prepared covering all the aspects of physical, emotional and mental growth of the child, which is mandatory for all Child Care Institutions as per the

Juvenile Justice Act (Care and Protection) Act 2015.

The District Administration ensures to conduct such programmes time to time for the welfare of children.

## Vaccination Drive Updates

**Port Blair, Dec. 8:** A total of 5,68,584 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,76,499 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 2618

people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands.

2348 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 85 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 250 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North &

Middle Andaman District out of which 12 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 20 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

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## Farmers Likely to Call off their Agitation on December 9

**New Delhi, Dec. 8:** Thousands of farmers who have been protesting on the outskirts of Delhi for over a year are likely to end their agitation at noon on Thursday, as their leaders have decided to accept the Centre's revised proposal to resolve their pending demands if it is sent in an official format.

In a major overnight concession, the Central and State Governments have agreed to withdraw almost half a lakh cases filed against protesting farmers with immediate effect.

"Samyukt Kisan Morcha confirms [that it has] received a revised draft proposal from the Government of India and that a consensus has been arrived at within SKM, accepting the proposal," said a statement by union leaders, issued after a day of hectic negotiations both with the Centre and among the different farmer factions. "Now, a formal communication signed on the Government's letterhead is awaited. The SKM will meet again tomorrow [Thursday] at 12 noon, at Singhu border, to take a formal decision thereafter to lift the morchas."

Speaking to journalists after the SKM's meeting, leaders emphasised that they were still awaiting an official letter. "This is just a draft proposal on a piece of white paper. We will wait until we get an official signed communication, on the Government letterhead. Until then, there can be no decision to disband the agitation," said Yudhvir Singh, general secretary of the Bharatiya Kisan Union faction under the leadership of Uttar Pradesh leader Rakesh Tikait. However, a number of leaders privately said the majority of their demands had been accepted, and they expected to head home after Thursday's noon meeting.

The revised proposal, sent on Wednesday morning, includes two major changes to cater to the farmers' objections to the initial draft proposal received on Tuesday.

The Centre has dropped all conditions regarding the withdrawal of cases filed against protesters and promised that cases filed in the Union Territories including



Delhi will be withdrawn "with immediate effect". The Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana have also agreed to do so, and the Centre will appeal to other States to follow suit. In the initial proposal, cases were to be withdrawn only once the agitation was ended. Farmers estimate that 48,000 cases have been filed against them over the last year.

With regard to the committee announced by the Prime Minister, the revised proposal, seen by The Hindu, says it will have a specific "mandate on how to ensure that all farmers get minimum support prices". It also assured that there will not be any reduction in the amount of crops that the Government is procuring at MSP rates. As in the initial proposal, the Centre clarified that the SKM leaders would be included among farmer representatives on the committee, but did not accede to the demand that other farm organisations should be excluded.

No changes were made to the proposal's clauses regarding compensation for those who died during the protest, the draft Electricity Bill or the criminalisation of stubble burning. There was no mention at all of the farmers' sixth demand for the dismissal of Minister of State for Home Ashish Mishra Teni for his alleged role in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence.

Among leaders from U.P. and Maharashtra, areas where existing MSP procurement is not as strong as in Punjab and

Haryana, there is a sense of resignation that their concrete demand for an MSP law has been diluted into a mere committee to discuss the issue.

"The Punjab farmers may have achieved their major goals, but for the rest of the country, their problems are not yet over. It is very clear that we will have to launch a nationwide struggle for MSP, and also for loan waivers," said All India Kisan Sabha president Ashok Dhawale, who was part of the SKM's five-member negotiating team.

"The Punjab farmers will also have a stake in the MSP struggle, as we are fighting for the Swaminathan Commission formula [which involves an increase in MSP] to be adopted," he added.

Even as this agitation winds to a largely successful end, leaders emphasised that the SKM itself must not be disbanded. "The farmers of the nation have united under this banner, and that unity is our strength. The SKM is a powerful force in the country right now, and must be expanded and strengthened," said Abhimanyu Kohar, a leader of the Rashtriya Kisan Mahasangh. He said any decision on the SKM's continuing role in campaigning for farmers' interests in the upcoming U.P. and Uttarakhand elections would be taken at the leadership meeting on Wednesday.

Farmers under the SKM banner have camped out at Delhi's borders since last November and held mass bandhs, blockades and rallies across the country, to pressure the Government into repealing the three farm laws, providing a legal guarantee on MSP, and other demands. Facing a hostile political calculus, the ruling BJP capitulated on the repeal of the three laws just before the agitation's one year anniversary, with the PM apologising to farmers.

## Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat, Wife, 11 Others Killed in IAF Helicopter Crash in Tamil Nadu

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S. Teja were the other defence personnel killed in the crash.

Sources said that Wing Commander P.S. Chauhan, Commanding Officer of the 109 Helicopter Unit (the Knights) at Air Force Station, Sullur, and Squadron Leader Kuldeep, piloted the crashed chopper.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat, wife, 11 others killed in IAF helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu

The CDS had earlier arrived at the Sullur Air Base around 11.34 a.m. from the Palam Air Base in Delhi in an IAF Embraer aircraft with his wife and personal security officers. At about 11.48 a.m., the Mi-17V5 took off with the nine passengers and five crew members, including a Wing Commander and a Squadron Leader.

As rescue efforts were underway at the crash site, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh briefed the Prime Minister on the situation and directed the IAF chief to visit the crash site. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) met in the evening at 6.30 p.m. and discussed the matter. Mr. Singh will make a statement on the incident in both Houses of the Parliament on Thursday, a defence official said.

General Rawat took over as the first CDS, the senior-most military officer of the country, on January 1, 2020 after serving as the Army chief for three years. The focus now shifts to the appointment of the next CDS.

### Locals reach first

Local residents were among the first to learn of the crash and saw the chopper engulfed in flames. Soon, defence personnel, police, and fire and rescue services personnel, aided by civilians, began rescue operations.

Nilgiris Collector S.P. Amrith, Superintendent of Police Ashish Rawat and Inspector General of Police (West Zone) R. Sudhakar rushed to the spot to take stock of rescue efforts.

The lack of a piped water connection to the area hampered efforts to battle

the blaze as local residents tried to help with water filled in buckets.

Fire at the crash site of the helicopter carrying Gen. Bipin Rawat and others near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu. Photo: Special Arrangement

Fire at the crash site of the helicopter carrying Gen. Bipin Rawat and others near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu. Photo: Special Arrangement

The rescue operation stretched on for three hours. Four persons were pulled out with critical burn injuries and rushed to the hospital. The bodies of the deceased were retrieved with difficulty. The final body was retrieved from the wreckage at 3.30 p.m.

Top military officials visited the spot to ascertain the cause of the incident.

Sources said the Lieutenant Colonel, two Naiks, two Lance Naiks and one Havildar were part of General Rawat's security protocol. The two JWOs were from Sullur.

### PM expresses anguish

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his anguish over the helicopter crash and the deaths of Gen. Rawat, his wife and other military personnel. "They served India with utmost diligence. My thoughts are with the bereaved families," he said on Twitter.

Mr. Modi tweeted: "Gen Bipin Rawat was an outstanding soldier. A true patriot, he greatly contributed to modernising our armed forces and security apparatus. His insights and perspectives on strategic matters were exceptional. His passing away has saddened me deeply. Om Shanti."

In a statement, Army Chief General M.M. Naravane and all ranks of the Army expressed their deepest grief and sorrow over the untimely demise of Gen. Rawat, Mrs. Rawat (president of the Defence Wives Welfare Association), and other military personnel.

Gen. Rawat was a visionary who initiated far-reaching reforms in the Indian military's higher defence organisation and was "instrumental in creating the foundation of India's joint theatre commands and giving impetus to the increased indigenisation of military equipment, a legacy which will be carried on and strengthened by successive generations," the Army statement said.

## AATO Celebrates Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

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KA Amrit Mahotsav. Earlier the association had organized a heritage walk, FAM tours for the BBA Tourism students of JNRM College, photography competition and Rangoli competition to mark 75 years of India's independence.

Delivering the welcome speech, Shri. Saikat Biswas, Jt. Secretary of AATO briefed the gathering on the various initiatives and activities of AATO. Speaking on the

occasion, the Assistant Director, India Tourism Port Blair Shri. Rama Krishna appreciated AATO for being the voice of tourism stakeholders in A&N Islands and felicitating the brave hearts and talented youths of the islands.

Shri. M. Vinod, President of AATO appreciated and felicitated the award winners of various competitions and

highlighted the efforts of AATO in promoting tourism in Andaman and also on the importance of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations in the islands, which is a witness to the immense struggle and sacrifice of the freedom fighters.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Shri. K. Hamza, General Secretary of AATO.





# SPORTS

## Kohli Removed from ODI Captaincy as Rohit Becomes New White-ball Captain

**New Delhi, Dec 8:** Virat Kohli was on Wednesday removed as India's ODI captain with the national selection committee making Rohit Sharma the sole white-ball leader of the team till the 2023 50-over World Cup.

In another significant development, Ajinkya Rahane was removed from Test vice-captaincy, a position which was also given to Rohit.

The BCCI announced the 18-member squad for the three Test series which doesn't include all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, spinner Axar Patel, and opener Shubman Gill due to various injuries.

Hanuma Vihari has made a comeback in the main squad while Ishant Sharma has been able to retain his place despite poor form. Squad: Virat Kohli (Capt), Rohit Sharma(vc), KL



Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Shreyas Iyer, Hanuma Vihari, Rishabh Pant (wk), Wriddhiman Saha (wk), R. Ashwin, Jayant Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Mohd. Shami, Umesh

Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Shardul Thakur, Md. Siraj.

Standby Players: Navdeep Saini, Saurabh Kumar, Deepak Chahar, Arzan Nagwaswalla.

## Everton Trumps Arsenal

**Liverpool, Dec 8:** Everton eased some of the pressure on manager Rafa Benitez as it ground out a comeback 2-1 home win over Arsenal in the Premier League on Monday, with Demarai Gray netting a stunning stoppage-time winner after setting up the equaliser.

Brazilian forward Richarlison, who had two goals scrapped for marginal offsides after VAR checks, had levelled in the 79th minute after Gray hit the crossbar, cancelling out Martin Odegaard's first-half opener for the visitors.

The outcome left Arsenal seventh on 23 points from 15 games, four points outside the top four, while Everton, which announced on Sunday that director of football Marcel Brands had left his position, climbed to 12th on 18 points.

Everton captain Seamus Coleman praised the home fans who lifted the Toffees in the face of adversity after they fell behind, having also singled out Gray's fine performance.

"We knew whatever goes on behind the scenes, the fans always come here to support us," Coleman told Sky Sports. "They got behind us from minute one to minute 90 and got us over the line."



"I tell him (Gray) every day. Sometimes these players don't realise how good they can be. He has bundles of ability. He needs to work hard every day as that is what the top players do. He has done that this week."

With a share of the spoils looming, Gray sent the home fans into raptures when he cut inside two players and beat Ramsdale with a thunderbolt from 25 metres which went in off the post, giving Everton its first league win in nine games.

Athletic Bilbao's run without a win in the Spanish league reached seven consecutive

matches after drawing at relegation-threatened Getafe 0-0.

It was the fifth draw for Athletic during its winless streak, leaving the Basque Country club in ninth place after 16 matches. Its last league win was in October at home against Villarreal.

Athletic goalkeeper Unai Simon made several key saves, including in second-half stoppage time, to help the visitors avoid defeat against Getafe. Athletic has been held scoreless in four of its last five games.

The results: Premier League: Everton 2 (Richarlison 79, Gray 90+2) bt Arsenal 1 (Odegaard 45+2).

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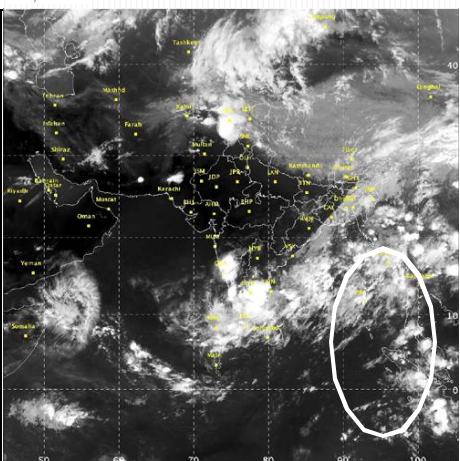
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## Weather



Max. Temp: 30.4 °C	Min.: 25.3 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 61% 1730 Hrs: 72%	
Sunrise: 0528 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	054.4 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3453.2 mm

### Forecast

Dry weather most likely to occur over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Thursday 09/12/2021

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