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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 support 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

Woh kehte hai na ki Head of the Family par Depend karta hai parivar ka stithi ... Andaman mein aaj josti thi hai uska jimmedaar kaun hai ???

- A Citizen



**My qualification to enter politics? I won 3 national awards in acting!**

## Bid to Ensure Sufficient Human Resources for Providing Quality Health Services in Andamans

### A&N Administration Issues 16 Offer Letters to Aspiring Doctors and Paramedics

**Port Blair, Nov. 1:** In line with the vision and efforts of Government of India, Health Department and National Health Mission in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is committed to ensure availability of sufficient human resources for providing quality health services to the people of the Islands.

Accordingly, to achieve the goal of the National Health Mission to improve the

quality of the health care services in these Islands, 16 Offer Letters were issued to the aspiring doctors and paramedical staff for joining the Health Services of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The letters were handed over by Ms. Nandini Paliwal, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health), A&N Administration in a function organized at the



Secretariat of A&N (Health), Dr. Anil Agarwal, Mission Director (NHM) and DHS & other officials to presence of Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary

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## Jolly Calls Upon Chief Secretary Demanding Early Resumption of All Waters Sports Activities

**Port Blair, Nov. 1:** National Executive Member & Former State President of BJP, Shri. Vishal Jolly has demanded for early resumption of all water sports activities closed due to administrative issues in a letter addressed to Chief Secretary, A&N Administration today.

Jolly in his letter has mentioned that a vast majority of the water sports of Andamans had their permits issued by Directorate of

Information, Publicity and Tourism only till 31.10.2022 and none of the permissions were renewed in a timely manner. As a result, amid peak tourist season, all water sports across Andamans stand closed leading to dismay among the tourists and bringing ill repute to the destination. In addition to the disgruntled tourists, the owners of all such water sports and thousands of their employees are facing crisis again.

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## Canine Distemper Virus Detected Among Dogs in and Around Port Blair, Pet Owners Cautioned

**Port Blair, Nov. 1:** Since the last couple of months, Canine Distemper Virus infection- a life threatening canine viral disease has been noticed in dogs in and around Port Blair. Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) causes a major disease in domestic dogs that develops as a serious systemic infection in unvaccinated or improperly

vaccinated dogs. Distemper is a contagious and serious disease caused by a Morbillivirus that attacks the respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous systems of puppies and dogs. Symptoms of Canine Distemper in dogs include a high rise in temperature 103 to 104 degrees

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## ANACS Conducts Mainstreaming Training Programme on HIV/AIDS for Trainees of YESHIVA

**Port Blair, Nov. 1:** A&N AIDS Control Society (ANACS) conducted a mainstreaming training programme on HIV/AIDS for the Trainees of YESHIVA, Institute of Health Science on 31.10.2022 at 11.00 am at Junglighat. A total of 95 participants



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## Young Chess Player from the Isles Chirag Kumar Opens his International Rating

**Port Blair, Nov. 1:**

Yet another proud moment for Islanders as A Chirag Kumar, a young chess player from Andaman & Nicobar Islands has opened his International



Rating as per the latest FIDE Rating list published on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 by World Chess Federation (FIDE)

A Chirag Kumar, a class VII student of NCS, Minnie Bay, Port Blair recently participated in the International FIDE Below 1600 Rated Chess Tournament held at Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh from 04.10.2022 to 06.04.2022 and performed brilliantly, which led him to open the International Rating.

## Schedule for All India Trade Test Announced, Exam to be Held on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Port Blair, Nov. 1:** The schedule of All India Trade Test (AITT) for supplementary candidates has been received from Directorate General of Training (DGT), New Delhi, for theoretical subjects of Annual pattern (2018 to 2021) & Semester pattern (2014 to 2017), under the Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) for various Engineering and Non-engineering trades. The exam will be held from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Government Industrial Training Institute, Dollygunj, Government Vocational Training Institute, Bakultala and Government Industrial Training Institute,

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

## The Gun And the Pen

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent observations at a conclave of State Home Ministers contained a possibly unintended explanation for why academicians, students and lawyers are languishing in prison on terrorism charges. He called for the elimination of all forms of Naxalism, be it of the gun-wielding variety or the kind that uses the pen "to raise international support" and "to mislead the youth". The remarks came alongside his emphasis on how the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act had given an impetus to combating terrorism. In effect, he has conveyed a disconcerting message that the police would treat armed militants and intellectuals alike, if the Government suspects a concordance in their outlook. Considering that the UAPA has been frequently and even unfairly invoked in cases that appear to have no nexus with terrorism, Mr. Modi's views raise a question whether his comments are a justification of sorts for the continued incarceration of many who do not seem to have indulged in any particular extremist act. Incitement to violence, especially mobilising support for armed insurgency, is indeed a grave offence, but unless there is a proven connection between the nature of the support given and an actual act of terror or a plot to commit one, it is difficult to treat the two things as one.

Recent judicial orders declining bail to activist Umar Khalid in the Delhi riots case, and Jyoti Jagtap of the Kabir Kala Manch in the Elgar Parishad case are good examples of how the police straddle the huge gulf between the nature of their participation in a protest or an event and an actual act of violence by invoking UAPA, and thus eliminating the need to have concrete evidence to show their involvement in a communal or Maoist plot. While this may highlight the potential for misuse of UAPA and the impediments to liberty found both in the law and in its judicial interpretation, it also has a distinct side-effect: the manipulation of political discourse in such a way that those who question the actions, methods and processes of the state that cause mass resentment are criminalised. It is in such a backdrop that the use of political catchwords such as 'Urban Naxals', a term that even Mr. Modi has used recently, should be seen. Far from being linked to any terrorist or Maoist conspiracy, the term is merely used to tarnish those with an alternative point of view. The Government arming itself with more stringent laws is only part of the solution to the threat posed by violent extremism. Looking for remedies to the underlying causes is more important than conjuring up conspiracies in the name of dismantling its support structures.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### The God of My Dreams..!

It was while visiting my old choir friends last month, I remembered this incident many years ago: "Sing the solo Bob!" the then conductor had asked me.

"No," I whispered, "I just want to sit in the choir pew I sat in many decades ago, and thank the God of my dreams!"

"God of your dreams?"

"Yes," I whisper and see a little boy small and insecure, shy and sensitive, sitting at the back of the choir. "Does he sing?" I heard the choir conductor ask the big booming bass, who sat next to me and the whole choir laughed as I went red in the face.

And as the rehearsals started and the music flowed, as the conductor waved his hands and melody rose in the voices around me, I dreamed: I dreamt of success, of a business that would not have the wolf knocking at the door. Of cars and a home that would belong to me and not to landlords who we changed faster than I changed my socks. And the God of my dreams smiled at me, in that last row in the choir.

"Lord I want to be a writer!"

And the Lord above nodded, as choral voices raised themselves around, I felt angels sitting next to the Lord above, watching Him smile gently and nod His head at a little boy with his fancy dreams.

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And in that last row in the choir I dreamt and He above listened.

"No solo!" I say as I look at the conductor. "What I want is to sit in that same row behind. What I'd like to do is to look up and smile at Him who heard me those days so long ago and gave me much and more. "Thank you Lord!" I whisper.

"Did you feel my presence Bob?" He whispers.

"Everyday Lord, every moment as you helped those dreams come true."

The business grew and one day I looked down at four cars, a four-bedroom house and one at a hill station.

Then one day I looked down at those same four cars and no money in my pocket for petrol. "Write Bob!" said His voice from above.

"But Lord I have creditors to pay off and dealers wanting their payment!"

"Write Bob, write! The rest is my problem!"

And I wrote, and the God of my dreams took charge of the column, brought in newspapers abroad and in the country as He changed me from a businessman to writer.

"Lord!" I prayed as I sat in that pew in the last row, "You took a stammering Moses and made him a towering leader, you take weak men and make them strong, thank you for taking a shy, sickly, insecure me and lifting me up!"

I thanked the God of my dreams, as the choir sang around me that Sunday in the church of my childhood..!

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## Bid to Ensure Sufficient Human Resources for Providing Quality Health Services in Andamans

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the willing and available candidates.

While addressing the gathering, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health), A&N Administration

emphasized the importance of taking care of the people and wished all the health professionals a fulfilling and a satisfying career.

Under the National Health Mission in

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, efforts are being made to provide accessible, affordable, effective, accountable and reliable health care to all including the poorer and vulnerable sections of the society.

### Schedule for All India Trade Test Announced, Exam to be Held on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

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Along. The schedule has been displayed in the notice board of the respective Institution. In this

connection the failed candidates of all the ITIs have been directed to submit their exam fee along with the form duly filled in

all respect, on or before 10th Nov 2022, in their respective institutes.



## ENTERTAINMENT

# Prabhas' Adipurush Release Postponed

**November 1:** It is being widely speculated that the makers of the Prabhas-starrer Adipurush have decided to backout from the 2023 Sankranti race. The makers reportedly want to do damage control, and improve the film's VFX which came under severe criticism when the trailer was released.

Sources at the production house say the filmmakers are keen not to present a sub-standard product, and improving the VFX will take time. "Although the decision to postpone Adipurush has been taken internally, the team is still mulling a suitable alternative date. They want to come up with a solid product and make sure the mythological drama is free from all controversies and trolling," the sources say.

VFX is time-consuming work and needs to be done with utmost care. It is a niche area and the workforce is



limited and very expensive too. For a film like Adipurush which is mounted on a huge scale, the makers cannot afford to take any chance given that the film offends religious belief. And given the severity of the trolling the film's trailer got, the makers are keen to ensure that they bring a quality product.

"Prabhas wanted to make sure that the VFX quality is of international standards. A sub-standard product will only dent his and the film's reputation. He has asked the makers to act wisely in the matter of VFX given that audiences are

watching Hollywood films with top-rung production standards," add the sources.

The number of films that are in the Sankranti race could also be a factor in the postponement decision. Chiranjeevi-starrer Waltair Veerayya, Balakrishna's Veera Simha Reddy and Vijay's film Varasudu are all being released for the festival, and will occupy most of the theatres.

A solo release for Prabhas' film will get it maximum traction and revenue. As such, the makers are pressing for a summer release.

## 'Our Film's Title was Chosen Before Pushpa Released'

**November 1:** Ananya Raj, who was part of Hindi films like 7 hours to go, City of Dreams, Ghost, etc., is now gearing for her Tollywood debut with Thaggedhe Le, directed by Srinivasa Raju. The title happens to be part of a famous dialogue from the film Pushpa, starring Allu Arjun.

Surprisingly, Ananya says the filmmakers had registered the title before Pushpa was released last year.

"I read the script in December 2020 in Mumbai and we decided on the title Thaggadhe Le. It's a great coincidence. We started shooting around July 2021," she asserts, but admits that it's hard for her to convince people about the sequence of events. The actress reveals that the entire team was surprised and thrilled when the dialogue Thaggedhe Le became famous. She says like Pushpa, her film is set in the Rayalaseema region. "Our film is a revenge drama



between a cop and commoners — it picks up action as the film progresses," she shares, adding that there's also a beautiful love story woven into the script. She plays a honey trap for the protagonist Naveen Chandra. "My role is mysterious and there's also a lot of drama and intensity to it," she reveals.

Born in Lucknow, Ananya grew up in Mumbai and was a model and a theatre actor before entering films. She says that her theatre experience came in handy.

"I wanted to become an actress and make a career in the entertainment industry from my childhood but I did not know how to get a breakthrough. After having tried modelling, films came to me," she explains.

Ananya has also shot for a Tamil film, a remake of 2019 super-hit Telugu film, Brochevarevarura. She says working in South films has been an enriching experience. "It's giving me a different vibe; this experience is making me understand what cinema is all about," she explains.

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## Health, Science /Tech

### Arctic Circle Moots Himalayan Council to Prevent Global Warming; India not Amused

**November 1: NEW DELHI:** Arctic Circle, a non-profit organisation promoting international dialogue among countries surrounding the North Pole, has mooted a similar initiative for the Himalayan region with the UAE leading the efforts in this direction.

The Arctic Circle Assembly, held in Reykjavik in Iceland earlier this month, featured a separate session on the 'The Third Pole Process' where it was mooted to start an Himalayan Council, with representation from nations from the Hindukush-Himalayan vicinity to discuss issues related to climate change and its impact on the region.

A senior government official said Indian diplomats present at the meeting voiced strong reservations about the Third Pole Process and insisted that any initiative for the region should be led by the Himalayan nations and not the Arctic Circle.

The Hindukush-Himalayan mountainous region, the largest accumulation of ice after the North and the South Poles, is regarded as the Third Pole and consequences of climate change are likely to impact the lives of more than two billion people residing in the region. The Arctic Circle, along with the UAE, plans to introduce the Arctic model of collaboration to the Third Pole region comprising countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, China, Nepal and Bhutan among others.

"It will be designed to become an instrumental contribution to the preparations for COP28 in the UAE towards the end of 2023," a statement issued by the Arctic Circle and the UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment said. It said that the Third Pole Process will engage scientists, experts, policy makers and members of the political establishments into a sustained dialogue. "Parties involved in Arctic collaboration through the years will share their experience via articles and interviews. Experts and policy makers in the Third Pole region and from the Arctic will contribute to the dialogue by sharing current information from the respective regions," the statement said. UAE Minister for Climate Change and Environment Mariam Almhairi said the UAE was committed to supporting global efforts to protect the natural world.

If left unchecked, glacier melting will trigger higher biodiversity loss, impede economic growth, and lead to more acute food and water shortages, she was quoted as saying in the statement.

"To avoid this bleak future, we are joining forces with Arctic Circle to roll out the Third Pole Process that will go a long way in forging meaningful partnerships and sharing experience to mitigate the impacts of climate change on the Third Pole region," Almhairi said. Founded by the then Iceland Olafur Ragnar Grimsson in 2013, the Arctic Circle has emerged as the largest network of international dialogue and cooperation on the future of the Arctic. The Arctic Council was established in 1996 when the prospect of the adverse effect of climate change made the countries along the Arctic Ocean realize the need for active cooperation.



## Canine Distemper Virus Detected Among Dogs in and Around Port Blair, Pet Owners Cautioned

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Fahrenheit (Diphasic fever), dry nose, congested eyes, oculonasal discharge, pneumonia, loss of appetite, vomiting, abdominal pain, etc.

Nervous symptoms include restlessness, excitement, chumpy jaw, excessive salivation and convulsions, epilepsy, chorea (jerky movements of a group of muscles), muscle spasms in lips, cheeks, jaw, head, neck, and limb muscle. Cutaneous symptoms like hyperkeratinization of footpads making them hard, the dog experiences difficulty in walking on hard objects leading to lameness.

There is no cure for canine distemper infection.

Treatment typically consists of supportive care and efforts to prevent secondary infections; control vomiting, diarrhea and neurologic symptoms; and combat dehydration through administration of fluids.

Pet owners are advised to take up the following measures to control the spread of infection.

1) Maintain cleanliness in the premises by using mild disinfectant and antiseptic lotion and isolation of affected pet.

2) Make sure your dog is properly vaccinated. Typically the first dose of vaccination is given from 6-8 weeks of age, and then every 3 - 4 weeks until the pup reaches 16 - 20 weeks of age.

3) Limit your unvaccinated dog's exposure to other dogs.

4) Keep food and water bowls clean, not just because of the risk of distemper infection, but as a measure of good hygiene. Most regular household disinfectants kill distemper virus, including a 1:20 dilution of household bleach with water.

5) Feed a semi-solid soft or liquid diet to the dog suffering from Distemper. The balance of water, electrolytes, and probiotics in the body should be maintained by feeding curd. If the dog is suffering from vomitings and diarrhea, then infusion of fluids is a must with the consultation of the Veterinarian.

## Jolly Calls Upon Chief Secretary Demanding Early Resumption of All Waters Sports Activities

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The runway closure has already dented the entire season by 40% which has led to incomprehensible losses for the stakeholders. In such times, the failure to renew permissions in a time bound manner has come as a deep shock to the industry.

Jolly requested the Chief Secretary to issue necessary

directions to the Directorate of Information Publicity & Tourism to immediately renew the permissions of all water sports at the earliest so that the stakeholders can continue their business for the season without any further losses and the visiting tourists also do not face disappointment after having spent huge sums to travel to Andamans.

## ANACS Conducts Mainstreaming Training

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participated the training programme.

Shri Girish Kumar, AD (SPM), ANACS conducted the training programme. He informed Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is an infection that attacks the body's immune system, specifically the white blood cells called CD4 cells. HIV destroys these CD4 cells, weakening a person's immunity against opportunistic infections, such as tuberculosis and fungal infections, severe bacterial infections etc.

HIV infection can be diagnosed using simple and affordable rapid diagnostic tests, as well as self-tests. It is important that HIV testing services follow the 5Cs: consent, confidentiality, counselling, correct results and connection with treatment and other services.

Further, he also informed about HIV/AIDS (Prevention & Control) ACT, 2017 to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS, prohibits discrimination against persons with HIV and AIDS and No person shall be compelled to disclose his HIV status except by an order of court.

Shri S. Senthil Nathan, AD (CST) explained about the HIV infection. People can lead a healthy life for a long time with appropriate medical care. Anti-retroviral therapy (ART) effectively suppresses replication, if taken at the right time. Successful viral suppression restores the immune system and halts onset and progression of disease as well as reduces chances of getting opportunistic infections. Medication thus enhances both quality of life and longevity.

The participants were asked to come forward for 'Knowing their HIV Status' by voluntarily getting themselves tested which will be kept confidential.

## IGNOU Assignment Submission Last Date Extended

**Port Blair, Nov. 1:** The last date for submission of Assignments for TEE December- 2022 session of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been extended upto 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The students can submit their assignments at their respective study centre during its working hours.

For more details, visit IGNOU Website – [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair over Phone: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: [rcportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:rcportblair@ignou.ac.in).

## Last date for IGNOU Admission Extends

**Port Blair, Nov. 1:** The last date for fresh admission for PG and UG Programmes (except certificate and semester-based Programmes) in Indira Gandhi National Open University's for July 2022 session is further extended upto 07<sup>th</sup> November 2022. For Online admission, please log on - <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in>. For more details, visit IGNOU Website – [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) or for offline admission contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair over Phone: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: [rcportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:rcportblair@ignou.ac.in).

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The e-tender from and other details can be downloaded from the website. The Last Date and Time of bid submission will be **28.11.2022 upto 09:30 hours**. Other details / information can be seen on website. <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

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## Rahul Gandhi Confident on Victory in TS, Says will Come to Power

**November 1: HYDERABAD:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday ruled out any possibility of the Congress having an alliance with the TRS or the BRS. He felt that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, who recently announced BRS, has the right to think of himself as a 'global leader' but that would not change the ground situation. Addressing a press conference at Kottur, where the Bharat Jodo Yatra stopped for lunch, he made light of Rao's aspirations. "Rao believes that TRS is a big party even at the national level, let him believe that. He may also believe that his party will contest elections in the US or even in China," the Congress leader said, while stating that the

Congress cannot partner a corrupt party like the TRS. He was confident that the Congress would come to power in Telangana.

He said the plan to walk across India was in his mind when he was around 26 years old.

The Congress slammed the Centre for causing damage to the constitutional institutions. Once the Congress returns to power at the Centre, it will liberate the country from the clutches of RSS. He lamented at the unemployment problem and the financial crisis while the Union government was concentrating on helping select capitalist businessmen to become richer. On the




internal clashes within his party, Rahul Gandhi clarified that the DNA of the Congress was democracy where each member has a right to question and express his view. It was this very governing principle that saw the party elect a new president.

A photo exhibition on Indra Gandhi, to mark her death anniversary, was organised at Kottur by the Youth Congress. The yatra camped for the night at Shamshabad and will enter Hyderabad on Tuesday.

## The Mind's Eye

DEVELOPMENT THROUGH POSITIVE INTENTIONS



**RAJYOGI  
BRAHMAKUMAR  
NIKUNJ JI**

**The motive behind development in many cases has been devoid of any feeling of concern for the fellow beings**

Science has enabled man to make rapid strides on the path of progress and development. However, a close look at the sign-posts of progress and the dynamics of development shows that, in the absence of purity of mind and motives, this progress has subliminally been leading the world to a great catastrophe even though it has been leading to material comfort and prosperity. Many examples can be cited of how ignoble intentions have gravely affected the use of inventions and how purity, or lack of it, has often determined our purposes. For instance, knowledge of the release of atomic energy through nuclear fission resulted not only in building up of atomic reactors for generating power but also, in the first instance, man's violent tendencies led him to preparing nuclear weapons for massive destruction. Inventions, in the field of industry and engineering, led to more and more machinery and newer and bigger plants but the unsocial intention of making more and more profits by spending less and less, prevented man from taking proper measures for preserving the environment, as a result of which the pollution has, today, reached disastrous proportions. Not only have man's selfish motives, aggressive intentions, vindictive tendencies, exclusive ambitions and impulses of arrogance led to the harmful uses of science and technology but also his impure mind has led to over-consumption and wanton plunder of mineral and natural resources so much so that it has resulted in the worrying depletion of non-renewable resources. In fact, we find that, in a country which has made more industrial progress, the per capita consumption of energy, industrial goods, water and other natural resources is many times higher as compared to their per capita consumption in a lesser developed country and the sustainability of this greater consumption has been possible, in many cases, only through one or the other form of exploitation of the undeveloped countries. Thus, the motive behind development in many cases has been devoid of any feeling of concern for the fellow beings and was often coloured by narrow considerations and, as such, it has caused conflict between nations and has often generated rancour and enmity. Purity of mind and motives is, therefore, imperative for the happiness and well-being of all and for a meaningful and real progress. We must remember that a noble mind guided by a pure intellect is the perfect combination for making the world both comfortable and secure for everyone.

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## Delhi's Air Quality Slips Into 'Severe' Category on Tuesday Morning

**November 1: New Delhi:** Delhi's air quality worsened on Tuesday morning as the AQI slipped into the 'severe' category, even as the minimum temperature settled at 15.2 degrees Celsius, a notch below normal. Delhi's overall air quality index (AQI) had read 361 — 'very poor' — at 8 pm on Monday. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered "good", 51 and 100 "satisfactory", 101 and 200 "moderate", 201 and 300 "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 "severe". According to Central Pollution Control Board data shared on the SAMEER

app, the AQI in Delhi on Tuesday morning stood at 426 at 9:10 AM. The minimum temperature on Tuesday was recorded at 15.2 degrees Celsius, one notch below the season's average. The city recorded a relative humidity of 94 per cent at 8:30 AM, according to data shared by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The minimum temperature on Monday was recorded at 15.1 degrees Celsius, a notch below normal, while the maximum temperature stood at 31.1 degrees Celsius. The meteorological Office has forecast mainly clear sky later in the day, with the maximum temperature expected to settle around 32 degrees Celsius.





# SPORTS

## T20 World Cup: India Face Selection Headaches Over KL Rahul and Dinesh Karthik Ahead of Bangladesh Game

**November 1:** After their batsmen succumbed to South Africa's pace and bounce on a fiery Perth pitch on Sunday, the India team management will have had some time to reflect on their first defeat in the T20 World Cup on the three-hour flight from the Western Australian capital to the South Australia capital, Adelaide. And as they prepare to meet their next opponents, Bangladesh, at the picturesque Adelaide Oval on Wednesday, captain Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid have at least a couple of selection dilemmas, concerning KL Rahul and Dinesh Karthik, to mull over.

Rahul has had a dry tournament, with scores of 4, 9 and 9 so far. He's been highly tentative in the middle, and the manner of his dismissals has made former India captain Sunil Gavaskar raise questions over his footwork and frame of mind. Will India continue to persist with their opener or will they consider giving Rishabh Pant or someone else a go at the top of the order?

And will Dinesh Karthik continue to be the finisher of choice after twin failures against Pakistan and South Africa? On Monday, Karthik wasn't named in the squad for the three T20Is against New Zealand scheduled immediately after the T20 World Cup, but chief selector Chetan Sharma refrained from commenting on the team management's selection choices in Australia, saying that picking the XI was their prerogative.

Rahul came into the T20 World Cup on the back of four successive fifties, against South Africa at home and in the practice games. But he seems to have gone into a shell since; against Pakistan, he inside-edged a nervy defensive prod onto his stumps; against Netherlands, he went leg-before to an incoming delivery, and didn't even review the decision, even as replays would later show the ball to be missing leg stump; against South Africa, he tamely guided a shortish delivery straight to slip.

During the Netherlands game, Gavaskar said that Rahul's first movement of the left foot gets him into a problem. It's clear that he needs to get it sorted out. He



doesn't really commit forward or back or stay still – one of the three decisive elements is needed; instead he sort of wobbles a bit, and has been getting tentative with his defensive prods. Gavaskar has also blamed Paddy Upton for "not doing anything with Rahul," and added that the team's mental conditioning coach should impress upon the opener that he can get the big scores.

The team management has backed their first-choice opener until now. Especially with India's two remaining group games to be played against smaller opponents in Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, there is a case for him spending some time in the middle and attempting to rediscover his rhythm ahead of the semi-finals.

**The Karthik dilemma**

The India team management, along with the senior selection committee, had picked the 37-year-old Karthik specifically for the finisher's role, a new position that the team hadn't designated before. The specialist of death-over batting, they called it. Karthik's performance before the World Cup, including in the Indian Premier League, also made mostly the right noises.

In Karthik's defence, he has batted only twice so far in the tournament. Against Pakistan, he went second ball, and that too against spin, which isn't his strongest suit. Against South Africa, it was not just Karthik but the entire batting line-up that failed to fire, barring Suryakumar Yadav.

Like in Rahul's case, it can be argued that Karthik might have a better chance of getting some runs against Bangladesh and

Zimbabwe to boost his confidence. The team management has invested immensely in Karthik after the IPL in the build-up to this World Cup, and it will be interesting to see how long a rope they will afford him as the business end of the tournament approaches.

Pant recently expressed his desperation to get a game during a nets session. Former India opener Virender Sehwag wants Pant to play as he has done well in Australia in the past, while Karthik has been more successful in subcontinent conditions. In fact, there isn't too much of a difference in their T20I strike-rates this year: Pant's is 136.84 from 17 innings, Karthik's is 141.41 from 21 innings. The team management has already tried Pant as an opener before and it shouldn't be a surprise if he is asked to face the new ball again.

Meanwhile, Karthik had to go off the field in the last few overs against South Africa due to back issues but he looked alright on the flight to Adelaide. The team will assess his situation before the Bangladesh game. If Karthik were to be ruled out, India have a ready replacement anyway.

India had opted for off-spin all-rounder Deepak Hooda over left-arm spinner Axar Patel in Perth, with South Africa having four left-handers in their top seven. Hooda didn't bowl and fell for a three-ball duck. Will Hooda get one more game? Adelaide won't be like Perth, where fast bowlers called all the shots and spinners found no purchase. However, even Bangladesh have plenty of left-handers, and Hooda's had just one bad game. This one is more tactical, though, unlike Rahul and Karthik's cases.

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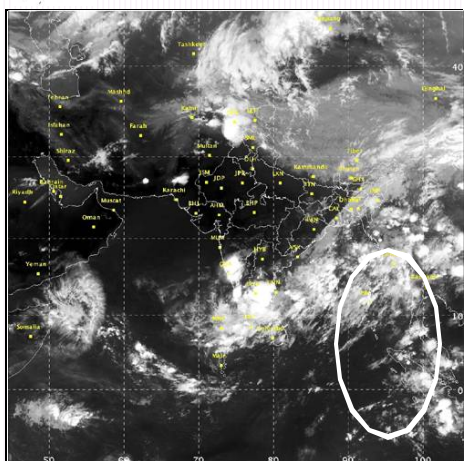
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### Weather



Max. Temp: 30.5 °C	Min.: 25.3 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 75%	1730 Hrs: 76%
Sunrise: 0512 Hrs.	Sunset: 1654 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):	2414.5 mm

### Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain or thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 02/11/2022.

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