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## Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa have been living in the tropical rainforests of the Andaman Islands for up to 60,000 years. The islands, in the Bay of Bengal, were colonised by the British in the mid-nineteenth century, and are now part of India.

## 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, product 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 (M CBT)**

## People's Voice

Thoda sa umeed jaagaye sunn ke ki LG sahab do saal ka Age Relaxation diya hai ...

- A Citizen



**Paracetamol, azithromycin, doxycycline... give Hindi names to these medicines!**

## Delegation of Opposition Parties Call upon Chief Secretary to Discuss Issues Pertaining to DBRAIT

### Administration will Continue to Pursue Issues Pertaining to Students of DBRAIT, Assures CS

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** A delegation of Opposition Parties in the Islands met the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration at his chamber today evening and discussed with him the issues pertaining to the students of DBRAIT. The Chief Secretary informed the delegation on the action taken by the A&N Administration to resolve the issue of DBRAIT students.

The Chief Secretary informed the leaders of the opposition parties that the Administration with the intention to help the students had taken up the issues with the Pondicherry University. The delegation urged the Chief Secretary to take all possible

measures to end the deadlock in the DBRAIT so that the students can appear at the examinations.

The Chief Secretary has assured the delegation that the Administration will continue to pursue the issues pertaining to the students admitted in the B.Tech courses during the year 2020 and 2021 and Lateral Entry students with the Pondicherry University.

The delegation consisted of Shri Rangalal Halder, President, PCC, Shri G. Bhasker, Chairman, Congress Campaign Committee, Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A&N State Organising



Committee, Shri AL Kulandai, State Organiser, DMK, Shri Manikya Rao, President, Telugu Desam, A&N Islands, Shri Biji

George, General Secretary, TDP and Smt Minoti Biswas of A&N Democratic Congress & Ex-Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad.

## Member of Parliament Requests Lt. Governor to Introduce New Undergraduate Courses in MGGC

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands to introduce some more Under Graduate courses like Physical Education, Computer Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Microbiology, Forestry and Fisheries to maximise the chance of North & Middle Andaman Students to get employment in high places of local, national and international level.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that Mahatma Gandhi Government College (MGGC) is the only degree college of North & Middle Andaman and since last many years only six subjects viz. History, Political Science, Economics, Geography, Commerce and Bachelors of Cooperative Management are being offered by the college.

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## National Ayurveda Day Celebrated with the Theme 'Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda'

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** Along with the rest of the country, various programmes including medical camps, POSHAN camps, awareness talks are being conducted by the Health Department in various parts of the Islands. Ministry of AYUSH celebrates Ayurveda Day every year on Dhanvantari Jayanti/ Dhanteras. The Ministry celebrates it in collaboration with all the Ministries and Departments of Government of India with a campaign for six weeks so that every person of the nation is made aware of traditional system of medicine. The theme for the celebration is 'Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda'.



The main function of '7th National Ayurveda Day' was organized at Community Hall, Chouldari village today by the AYUSH Wing of Directorate of Health Services and A & N State AYUSH Society. Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) graced the event as chief guest. Smti. Pramila Kumari, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad South Andaman was the guest of honor.

Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) highlighted the significance of the ancient

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## Lt. Governor Grants One Time Two-Year Relaxation on Upper Age Limit for Group B Non-Gazetted Posts

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** The direct recruitments proposed to be conducted by various Departments of Andaman and Nicobar Administration could not be conducted in the recent past due to COVID-19 pandemic. In the meantime, many aspiring candidates have become over aged and they could not apply for direct recruitments notified and to be notified in near future. Hence, there have been requests from various quarters to relax the upper age limit for direct recruitments notified and to be notified in near future by the various Departments.

After careful consideration of the requests, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT Andaman and Nicobar Islands has granted

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## Programme to Mark Establishment of Provisional Govt. of Azad Hind at Andaman Club

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** As part of commemoration of anniversary of the establishment of Provisional Govt. of Azad Hind (PGI) from Oct. 17 to 23, 2022, a programme will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 in the Andaman Club at 4 pm to highlight the contribution of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Freedom struggle. During the programme, INA songs will be presented by Teacher's Choir of Directorate of Education. Eminent historians, Shri G.S Pandey and Shri Mukeshwar Lall have been invited to speak on the significance of the day. Besides this, prizes will be distributed to the

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

Murders Most Foul

**October 20:** The dastardly murder of a Kashmiri Pandit farmer in Shopian in south Kashmir recently follows a series of attacks on the minority community in the Union Territory (UT), with at least six Pandits having been killed in targeted attacks by militants this year. Despite assurances on the community's protection, the recurring attacks have increased its sense of fear, with several families having fled the Valley earlier this year. At one level, these attacks reflect the desperation of radical elements in the separatist current in the Valley, who rely on such murders to create a fear psychosis, invite inevitable state repression in retaliation, and seek to exploit the discontent and disaffection from state actions. This is evident in the statement released online by the purported attackers who use the excuse of the change in the status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in the Indian Union for the targeted murders and also warn of further attacks. That hapless civilians — migrant workers, farmers and government officers — have been the victims brings back memories of the exodus of minorities following violence in the Valley in the 1990s, notwithstanding condemnation of the violence now by mainstream and separatist leaders and also civil society. A clinical approach to finding and punishing the perpetrators will be better than seeking to dragnet suspects; it is important to isolate the radicals. The UT administration must also not spare any expense in renewing its commitment to protecting the Pandits and migrants.

The attacks and killings also suggest the failure of the Union government's decisions — the dilution of Article 370 and the bifurcation of J&K — in arresting the trend of violence in the Valley in the latter part of the last decade. Worse, the renewed violence against minorities reflects the deterioration of the situation in the Valley just a few years after democratic participation had improved steadily, reflecting a sense of ease with the mainstream polity among the citizenry. That these attacks have continued with impunity calls into question whether the authoritarian turn to governance in Kashmir has had any fruitful impact. Besides the emasculation of nearly the entire Kashmiri polity — both mainstream and separatist — and persisting disaffection, there is now increased religious polarisation, which has led to the burgeoning of violent radical elements. The persistence of a security-centric approach to the Kashmir issue and the lack of ownership in governance among the citizenry due to the absence of an elected authority have only added to the alienation in India's most conflict-prone province.

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There are many who are not happy with our looks and here's a true story related by someone who went in for surgery:

'The plastic surgeon, a good fifteen years my senior, was a very attractive man. "Hmmm," he said quietly. "Are you a model?"

"Is he kidding?" I asked myself, "Anyone could see I was homely. After all, I had the scar to prove it."

"The accident happened in fourth grade, when a neighbour boy picked up a hunk of concrete and heaved the mass through the side of my face. An emergency room doctor stitched together the shreds of skin, pulling cat-gut through the tattered outside of my face and then suturing the shards of flesh inside my mouth. For the rest of the year, a huge bandage from cheekbone to jaw covered the raised angry welt."

"A few weeks after the accident, an eye exam revealed I was nearsighted. So above the ungainly bandage sat a big, thick pair of glasses. "Well," sighed my father that evening, "you'll always be pretty to me," and he hesitated, "even if you aren't to the rest of the world."

"Right. Thanks. In a culture that values beauty, an ugly girl is an outcast. My looks caused me no end of pain. I sat in my room and sobbed every time my family watched a beauty pageant or a "talent" search show."



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"And now, I was engaged to be married. The scar, shrunken and faded with age, stood between me and a new life. "Of course, I'm not a model," I told the doctor with a small amount of indignation.

The plastic surgeon crossed his arms over his chest, "Then why are you concerned about this scar? If there is no professional reason to have it removed, what brought you here today? Let me tell you what I see. I see a beautiful woman. Not a perfect woman, but a beautiful woman. Lauren Hutton has a gap between her front teeth. Elizabeth Taylor has a tiny, tiny scar on her forehead, every person has an imperfection, and that imperfection makes their beauty more remarkable because it makes them human!"

He pushed back the stool and stood up. "I won't touch it. Don't let anyone fool with your face. You are delightful just the way you are. Beauty really does come from within. Believe me." Then he left. I turned to the face in the mirror. He was right. Somehow over the years, that ugly child had become a beautiful woman. Since that day in his office, I have been told many times by people of both sexes that, "I am beautiful". And, I know I am. When I changed how I saw myself, others were forced to change how they saw me. The doctor didn't remove the scar on my face; he removed the scar in my heart..!

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He mentioned that with changing local, nation and international scenarios regarding job opportunity and employability there is an

urgent need to introduce some more courses which have high demand everywhere.

He pointed out that introduction of these courses

will not only provide more choices to students of North & Middle Andaman but also it will generate lots of jobs for unemployed youths of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Lt. Governor Grants One Time Two-Year  
Relaxation on Upper Age Limit for Group  
B Non-Gazetted Posts

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relaxation of upper age limit by two years over and above the upper age limit prescribed in the relevant Recruitment Rules, as a onetime measure, for the direct recruitment of all the Group 'B' (Non Gazetted) posts to be notified by the Departments

concerned. The relaxation shall be applicable for the first direct recruitment to be made for each cadre by the Departments concerned after issue of the order or it will be in force until 31.12.2023, whichever is earlier. The Departments have to follow the other conditions

prescribed by the Finance Department before notifying the vacancies with the onetime relaxation. The age relaxation available to various categories shall also be applicable over and above the relaxation now given.



## ENTERTAINMENT

### Vaishali Takkar Suicide Case: Indore Police Arrest Prime Accused Rahul Navlani

**October 20:**

R a h u l Navlani, the prime accused in Vaishali Takkar suicide case, was arrested near Indore on Wednesday, an official said. I n d o r e Commissioner of Police (CP), Harinarayan Chari Mishra told ANI, "A reward of Rs 5000 and a lookout circular was issued against him at all the airports in view of the possibility of him running out of the country. Three teams of police were sent to different states to nab him. Today, he was arrested near Indore".

TV actress Vaishali Takkar died by suicide at her residence in Indore on the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday. A suicide note was also recovered from the spot which suggested that she



was stressed and harassed by her neighbour, businessman Rahul Navlani. In her suicide note, Vaishali had accused Rahul Navlani of torturing her physically and mentally, in which Rahul's wife Disha was also supporting him.

Rahul is married and has two children, but due to his closeness with Vaishali, he was not letting Vaishali get married. Rahul sent a personal photo of him with Vaishali to her fiancé

Mitesh Gor to break the marriage which was planned to take place in Indore itself on October 20.

Fed up with all this, the TV actress had ended her life.

The Tejaji Nagar Police have booked Rahul Navlani and his wife Disha under sections 306 (Abetment of suicide) and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Indian Penal Code for allegedly persuading the actor to kill herself.

### Gulshan Grover Suggests Mukesh Chhabra is Blacklisting Senior Actors: 'Anupam Kher Told Me...'

**October 20:**

Gulshan Grover was recently seen in the short Baj Gai Seeti, in which he played an ageing thief contemplating retirement alongside co-star Manu Rishi Chadda. In a recent interview, Gulshan drew parallels between his character and his real life, and said that this is an issue people are currently facing in different professions where there aren't many jobs to be found for the older generation.

"When this short film was offered to me, I saw it was not about that ageing thief, but as something with a larger connect with life. What happens is that many of the people who are not so young are facing this problem in various professions. They are unable to find that



moment to shine. Therefore, I felt it had a larger metaphor for life," Gulshan told Hindustan Times.

The actor then went on to state that in the entertainment industry as well, this is quickly becoming something of a 'trend': "Even in the film industry, there is a major trend. Anupam Kher told me that several film houses and a particular casting director, Mukesh Chhabra,

have decided not to cast people who have been in the business for a long time. Just because we have been in the business for a long time, someone is feeling that a person's ability has diminished or reduced, then you are a short-term gainer."

However, Gulshan admitted that this is not an issue he has himself faced. "I have never faced that difficulty but I see several friends who are facing this," the actor signed off.

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## Health, Science /Tech

### Global Smartphone Demand Continues Fall as Economic Woes Hit



**October 20:** The global smartphone market had its worst third quarter since 2014 as economic headwinds pushed consumers to delay discretionary purchases like personal electronics.

Shipments of smartphones around the world fell 9% in the three months ended September, extending a decline that's lasted the entirety of 2022, according to market research firm Canalys. The downward trend in demand is likely to continue for a further nine months, Canalys added.

Interest rate hikes and rising energy prices have dampened consumer appetites this year, with China's economic slowdown and Covid-19 lockdowns playing a key role in sapping momentum for smartphones sales. Domestic players like Xiaomi Corp., Vivo and Oppo have all registered double-digit drops in sales this year, with only Apple Inc.'s iPhone showing resilience in the market.

Samsung Electronics Co., which lacks a significant presence in China, held on to its leading global position with 22% of the market, aided by heavy discounts and promotions, the data showed. Apple, whose iPhone 14 series went on sale in September, grew its share to 18% while Oppo and Vivo both saw smaller shares than last year.

"Going into the sales season, consumers who have been delaying purchases will expect steep discounts and bundling promotions as well as significant price reductions," Canalys analyst Sanyam Chaurasia said. "Compared to the strong demand period of the previous year, a slow but steady festive sale is anticipated" in the fourth quarter.

Although Apple was the main winner of market share in the third quarter, it has ditched plans to increase production of its iPhone 14 product family, Bloomberg News reported last month.

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## Deputy Commissioner and Team Visit More Areas Predominantly Inhabited by Ranchi Community

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, along with Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SA), Smti Pramila Kumari, Adhyaksha, Zila Parishad, Shri Vinayak Chamadia, IAS (P), Shri Rahul Dev Boora, IAS (P), Tehsildar, Ferrargunj, Zila Parishad member, and concerned Gram Pradhan, ward members visited the areas predominantly inhabited by Ranchi community in Mithakhari, Namunaghar, Brindaban, Tushnabad Gram Panchayats.

During the visit, the DC (SA) interacted with the Ranchi community residents in these areas. The common issues raised during the interaction were frequent power cuts, irregular distribution of LPG cylinders, water supply, construction/repair/maintenance of roads etc.

In Mithakhari GP, The people raised the issue of electricity cut specially on 18/10/2022 from evening 06.00 pm to next morning 09.00 am, due to which activities of people were affected badly. The residents further requested for set apart of land for playground and PHC, separate Power sub-station, separate feeder for the Gram Panchayat and shifting of one of the transformer from Surya Chakra. Regarding the issue of irregular supply of LPG cylinders DC (SA) requested the concerned distributor to prepare monthly schedule for LPG cylinder distribution and strictly adhere to the schedule.



The Tehsildar, Ferrargunj and the area Patwari were directed to handover the unutilized old building constructed under MPLAD fund to the Gram Panchayat, so that it can be used for Youth Club activities. It was informed that the road work towards Boating house and Boating house complex will be undertaken by Zilla Parishad, South Andaman for which estimate has been prepared already.

In Namunaghar Gram Panchayat, Ranchi Community people requested for Primary School renovation including compound wall construction, and set apart land for development of Mini Stadium. Officials were requested for maintenance of Street light and water pipeline and it was informed that the construction of road under SFA has been proposed. The Ranchi Basti people requested to cover them under PMAY scheme as they were settled there by APWD and have been living for 70 years without pattas.

In Brindaban Gram Panchayat, upon the request of Ranchi community

members, DC (SA) directed Tehsildar, Ferrargunj to submit proposal for set apart of land for Bus stand development. It was further informed that the maintenance work of road from Shaitan Khari to Ferrargunj will be taken up by APWD.

In Tushnabad Gram Panchayat, the Ranchi community members requested for renovation of Community Hall and set apart of land for construction of Anganwadi building and road connectivity through GDPD works. The DC (SA) requested the Gram Panchayat to submit the estimates for the renovation of the community hall and further concerned officials were requested for proper repair and maintenance of water pipeline and street lights.

The DC (SA) motivated the Ranchi community members that the District Administration is always bounded for the welfare of the general public and requested them to freely approach the authorities with any genuine issues related to development of their area.

## Deputy Commissioner South Andaman Visits Gram Panchayat Mithakhari

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** The Deputy Commissioner South Andaman, Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS along with Adhyaksha ZPSA, Smti. Pramila Kumari and Sub-Divisional Magistrate Shri. Dilkhush Meena, IAS, visited Ranchi Basti under Gram Panchayat Mithakhari on 20.10.2022 and interacted with the villagers.

The villagers raised several concerns which were

addressed on the spot by the DC. The main issues like Electricity, LPG distribution, Development of Playground, Sanctioning of Primary Health Centre at Lal Tekrey were raised by the public. The DC gave a patient hearing and addressed several issues in-situ. The Pradhan Gram Panchayat Mithakhari Shri. Mohammed Safiq thanked the Administration for the people friendly approach.

## National Ayurveda Day Celebrated with the Theme 'Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda'

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Ayurvedic Health System which is very much embedded in the society and households of our country. He stressed on the preventive as well as curative aspects of ayurvedic therapies in public health. He further highlighted the efforts of Govt. of India through Ministry of AYUSH for the mainstreaming of AYUSH Systems and appealed the gathering to inculcate the principles of Ayurveda in their daily routine for healthy living.

In her address, the Adhyaksha, ZP, S/Andaman praised the various initiative and programmes being taken up by the Health Department for the betterment of the health of people and also emphasized on the importance of Ayurvedic System.

Earlier, Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Health) welcomed the gathering. A power point presentation on 'Evolution of Ayurveda and Healthy Living through Ayurveda' was presented by Dr. Rekha, Specialist Panchakarma. 'Prakriti Parikshan' (assessment of

body constitution) and persons specific advice on diet and lifestyle was given to the general public by the Ayurveda Doctors. The immunity booster AYUSH Kada was also distributed among the gathering consisting of Govt. Officials, IRBn Jawans, students and local residents.

An exhibition on ayurvedic medicinal plants, dry herbs, panchakarma procedures and healthy food recipes was inaugurated by the chief guest. ANMs, ASHAs and Anganwadi workers of nearby villages participated in the recipe competition and the selected recipes were awarded with cash prizes along with certificates by the chief guest.

A play on the significance of Healthy Lifestyle by families was performed by the Health staff of PHC Chouldari. The event concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Anil Agarwal, Mission Director (NHM & NAM). Dr. Munni Singhanian, DHS, Dr. Kalyan P. Kadbhane, DD (AYUSH), Smti. Tapasi, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Smti. Chaitali, Member, Panchayat Samiti, Chouldari village and Dr. Supriya Roy, PHC Chouldari were also present along with many other officials of the area.

## Programme to Mark Establishment of Provisional Govt. of Azad Hind at Andaman Club

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winners of all competitions of weeklong activities. Earlier, during the day, 6 surviving members of INA/ IIL personnel will be felicitated.

In the School level Drawing Competition, 1st prize was bagged by Zia, a student of Govt. Model SSS, 2nd Prize was won by Suhana Khatun of Govt. Girls School and 3rd Prize winner is M Srinidhehra from SSS Boys. In the patriotic song competition, first three

winners are C Abhirami, M Jhansi and P. Harchitra of Boys SSS, GSS Junglighat and GSS Dairy Farm respectively. In College level Elocution Competition, G. Ajith from TGCE bagged first prize and K.G Ankitha of ANCOL, Puja Halder of Andaman Law College were second and third prize winners respectively. Shubha Laxmi was adjudged as Consolation prize winner. All prize winners have been requested to be present at the Andaman Club on Oct. 21 at 4 pm to receive prizes.

## NIDDCP to be Organised today as Part of Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** As part of the observance of Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day, the National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) is scheduled to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2022 by the Directorate of Health Services in association with Union Territory Health Mission with the aim to zero mental and physical retardation, deaf & mutism, cretinism, still births, abortion etc., due to lack of Iodine.

Iodine is an essential micronutrient required daily at 100-150 micrograms for normal human growth and

development. To achieve the last mile of iodized salt coverage, concerted efforts need to be made by developing contextual and targeted strategies at the sub-national level. A deep dive into the India Iodine Survey 2018-19 by Nutrition International reveals that the progress in household coverage of adequately iodized salt has plateaued at 76%.

It is an excellent example of 'Made-in-India and Made-for-India' national health program model, acclaimed as a global public health success story. Indian scientific

institutions, Government and industry collaborated and complimented in shaping the programme and ensuring its success. Iodine nutrition is essential to protect the population from iodine deficiency disorders. For ages, salt has been the perfect staple as the source of Iodine in our diet. It is especially critical during the first 1000 days of a child for their brain development. Hence, it is important for the population, especially pregnant and lactating women to have adequate and sustained iodine intake in their daily diet.

## Heavy Rainfall Likely over A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Oct. 20:** Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Oct. 21 & 22. Due to formation of Low pressure area over north Andaman Sea and adjoining areas of South Andaman Sea & Southeast Bay of Bengal in the morning of 20th October, 2022 and likely intensification of the system, fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea from till Oct. 23, 2022.

For further enquiries / information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.



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# Mallikarjun Kharge, a Gandhi Family Loyalist, Becomes New Congress President

**October 20: New Delhi:** Apparently backed to the hilt by the Gandhis, Mallikarjun Kharge trounced his rival Shashi Tharoor by a huge margin for the post of Congress president. Mr Kharge's victory in the party presidential election ended the quarter century reign of the Gandhis (both Sonia and Rahul Gandhi). Of over 9,500 votes cast, Mr Tharoor could manage only 1,072 votes. While the Gandhis welcomed the new party chief, Mr Tharoor complained of "serious irregularities" in the conduct of the poll process in Uttar Pradesh. As the party insiders describe Mr Kharge as the "new front man" for the Gandhis, Rahul Gandhi tried to clear the air by saying his "role in the party will be decided by the new party president". He said in a press conference: "I am very clear as far as my role is concerned. The (new) president will decide what my role is and how I am to be deployed." Mr Kharge will take charge of his new role at the AICC office here on October 26.

Making the formal announcement, Madhusudan Mistry, the chairman of the Congress election authority, said: "As per Article 18D of the constitution of the Indian National Congress, I, Madhusudan Mistry, hereby declare Shri Mallikarjun Kharge as the president of the Indian National Congress," he announced. Responding to the complaint raised by Team Tharoor, he said: "We have made a point by



point response to those queries after preparing a report. This is an internal matter and I would not be making our response public."

Congratulatory messages started pouring in for Mr Kharge. Outgoing party president Donia Gandhi and AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra visited the residence of Mr Kharge in the national capital to wish him. His election rival, Mr Shashi Tharoor, also visited Mr Kharge to congratulate him. Mr Tharoor said: "I wish Mallikarjun Kharge all success in that task. It was a privilege to have received the support of over a thousand colleagues, and to carry the hopes and aspirations of so many well-wishers of the Congress across India."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday congratulated Mallikarjun Kharge for being elected the new Congress chief. He said: "My best wishes to Shri Mallikarjun Kharge for his new responsibility as


President of INC. May he have a fruitful tenure ahead."

The 80-year-old veteran leader from Karnataka has become the second Dalit leader to lead the century-old party. Mr Kharge said on Wednesday: "We need to fight against every conspiracy to kill democracy." He said the party election had strengthened democracy in the country.

Of the 12 elections he has contested, Mr Kharge has lost only once — in 2019. He was elected to the Karnataka Assembly nine times consecutively, between 1972 and 2008. Eight of the victories came from Gurmitkal constituency, when it was reserved for Scheduled Castes, and once from Chitapur.

The new president has his task cut out. Apart from resolving the crisis in Rajasthan, he also has to ensure that the party's performance is good in the poll-bound states of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh by snatching at least one of them from the BJP.

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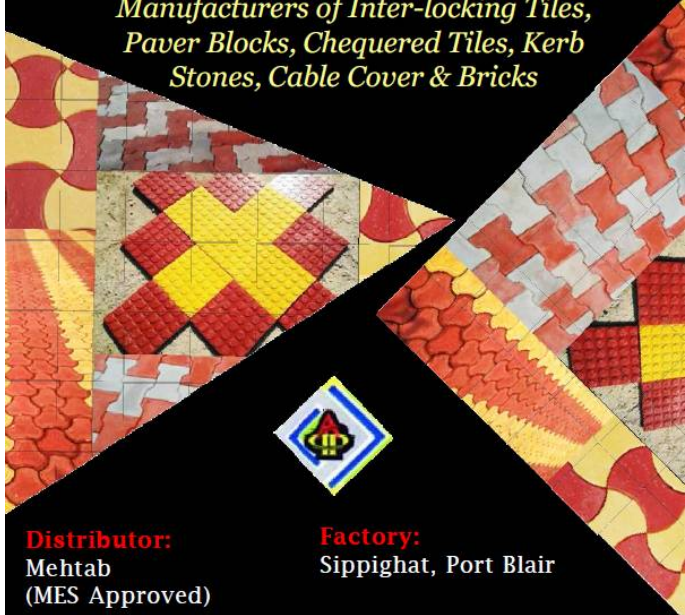
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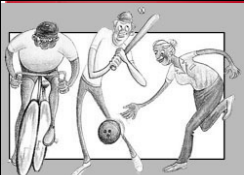
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# SPORTS

## Looking Forward to Leading India in World Cup: Rohit Sharma

**October 20:** India captain Rohit Sharma said he was pretty excited to lead the India team for the first time in a World Cup, adding that it gives a great opportunity for the team to do something special in the tournament.

"Firstly, it's a great honour to captain. This will be my first World Cup as a captain so I am pretty excited about that. It also gives us a great opportunity to come here and do something special. Every time you come for the World Cup, it's a great feeling. The boys are quite pumped up. We had a great prep in Perth," he said in an interview on the BCCI website.

Talking about India's approach to the World Cup, the skipper said, "It's a big event but at the same time, we have made a constant practice of not talking about it too much because it is important to be in the present and think about what you need to do on that particular day. That will allow us and help us to execute what we want to do on the game day."

The swashbuckling batter also said that Australian conditions will pose a different challenge for the players and that is why they had opted to come early to get used to the conditions. "Australia will

be a different challenge. It was important for us to get used to the conditions. A few of the guys have not come to Australia before so we wanted to come here a little early and get used to the conditions. Even though it'll be challenging, when I look at the whole group, they are pretty excited," Rohit said.

India play Pakistan in a highly anticipated clash on October 23 and while Rohit acknowledged the massive hype around the match, he also stressed on keeping things calm and composed in the middle.

"Whenever we play Pakistan, we know it's going to be a blockbuster. People will want to come out and watch the match and feel the atmosphere. They would obviously want to enjoy the cricket as well but at the same time, the atmosphere in the stadium for the fans and the spectators, even people who are watching from home is pretty exciting. For us as players, of course it is a big game, the starting of our campaign but at the same time, we want to keep ourselves relaxed and focus on what we need to do as individuals



because that is going to be the key for us. If individuals can keep themselves calm and composed in the game, we'll get the results we are looking for," he said. Rohit Sharma also said that they are taking it one match at a time in the World Cup and are not thinking too far ahead about the semifinals and the final from now itself. "It's been a while since we have won the World Cup. Obviously the motive and the whole thought process is to win the World Cup but we know we need to do a lot of things right together. So one step at a time for us. We can't think too far ahead; you really can't think about semis and finals from now onwards. You just need to focus on each team that you come against and try and do your best and prepare for that. Our focus will be to prepare well against each team and make sure that we move in the right direction," he signed off.

## Jay Shah's Statement Disappointing, Unilateral, Can Impact Pakistan's Visit to India for 2023 World Cup: Pakistan Cricket Board

**October 20:** The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Wednesday responded officially to the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), after BCCI secretary Jay Shah had said that the Asia Cup 2023 which is to be hosted by Pakistan will be shifted to a neutral venue. Bilateral series against Pakistan or touring the neighbouring country have been prickly issues and the BCCI needs government approval before going ahead. Expressing concerns about Shah's statement, the PCB wrote: "The PCB has noted with surprise and disappointment of yesterday's comments made by the ACC President Mr Jay Shah with regards to shifting of next year's Asia Cup to a neutral venue. The comments were made without any discussion or consultation with the Board of the Asian Cricket Council or the

Pakistan Cricket Board (event host) and without any thoughts towards their long-term consequences and implications.

"After having presided over the ACC meeting during which Pakistan was awarded the ACC Asia Cup with overwhelming support and response from the ACC Board Members, Mr Shah's statement of shifting of the ACC Asia Cup has clearly been made unilaterally. This is contrary to the philosophy and spirit for which the Asian Cricket Council was formed in September 1983 - a united Asian cricket body to safeguard the interests of its Members and organise, develop, and promote the game of cricket in Asia," PCB said in a letter they posted on social media. Shah, who is also the president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), in his statement more or less ended any

possibility of the tournament being held in Pakistan. "The Asia Cup 2023 will be held at a neutral venue. I am saying this as ACC President. We [India] can't go there [to Pakistan], they can't come here. In the past also, the Asia Cup has been played at a neutral venue," Shah had said after the 91st BCCI annual general meeting in Mumbai, in the presence of new Board president Roger Binny.

While speaking to reporters, he stressed that on the issue of playing with Pakistan, there is a policy in place and the BCCI will follow that. BCCI vice-president Rajeev Shukla, seated next to Shah, explained that the Board will need government clearance to play Pakistan. India last travelled to Pakistan for a bilateral series in 2005-06 under the captaincy of current Team India coach Rahul Dravid. However, India did travel to Pakistan in 2008 to compete in the Asia Cup.

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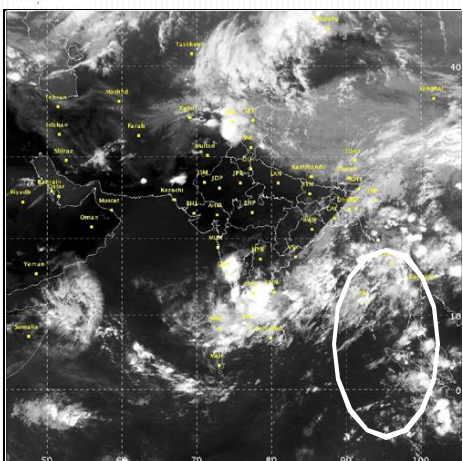
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### Weather



Max. Temp: 28.4 °C	Min.: 23.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 89%	1730 Hrs: 92%
Sunrise: 0508 Hrs.	Sunset: 1705 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	023.4 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.8 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2276.0 mm

### Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Friday 21/10/2022.

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