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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

**Some Fish Food our Seas**  
Small pellets, beads, and other raw plastics are dumped into the ocean. Seabirds often mistake these pellets for fish eggs, fish eyes, or plankton and sometimes die from eating them.

Oil is a major killer of ocean life in large amounts. No one knows the total amounts of oil that spills into our seas from all the boats, trawlers and ships.

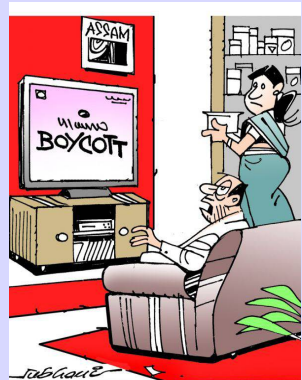
It is very important to remember that we have to keep the ocean clean, so we can continue to enjoy its beauty and all the many uses it provides for us. Why Water birds Don't Get Wet: Birds have a special gland called the oil gland situated near their tails. Oil from this gland is applied on the feathers with the help of their beaks. Oil and water do not mix and thus the oil prevents the birds from getting wet. This is very useful for water birds, especially the ones that dive into water to fish and get wet frequently. Some birds like cormorants and darters do not have oil glands, and have to dry their wings by spreading them out.

**Treasured Islands - By Sunita Rao. Courtesy: Kalpavriksh, ANET (MCBT)**

## People's Voice

Kya sahi mein ye 21 Islands Unnamed they? Kya Great Andamanese in Islands ko naam se nahi pukaarte the?

- A Citizen



No, audience do not need the CM's permission to watch the movie!

## Member of Parliament Requests Lt. Governor to Construct Overhead Water Tank of 15,00,000 Litres at Dairy Farm

**Port Blair, Jan 24:** During a recent meeting with the Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma requested to construct an overhead water tank with a storage capacity of 15,00,000 Litres (Fifteen lakhs Litres) at Dairy Farm Ward No.15 in Port Blair from Port Blair Smart City Project fund for proper water supply to the residents of Dairy Farm and its

adjoining areas. He informed the Governor that even after making all possible efforts by the A&N Administration to ensure providing proper water supply to the residents, many people in the thickly populated Dairy Farm area are facing acute shortage of water due to non-availability of sufficient water storage and pumping at Dairy farm.

He said that water is one of the basic needs for human consumption and the people residing in the area are fully dependent on the water being supplied by the Port Blair Municipal Council.

Owing to increase of population, houses, commercial activities etc. the residents of Dairy Farm and its adjoining areas i.e. Ranchi Basthi, Junglighat, School

Line etc. are facing acute shortage of water due to lack of water storage and pumping facilities.

He added that an overhead water tank with a storage capacity of 15,00,000 Litres would facilitate the PBMC for storage and subsequent supply of water to the residents of Dairy Farm and its adjoining areas.

## Full Swing Preparations on to Celebrate 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of the Nation

**Port Blair, Jan. 24:** Full swing preparations are on to celebrate '74th Republic Day-2023' in a befitting manner in these Islands together with the rest of the country on January 26. The Republic Day is celebrated with grandeur every year with ceremonious Parade. This year, in A&N Islands, the main function for the Republic Day will be held at Marina Park road stretch on Jan. 26.

As per the minute to minute programme chalked out for the Republic Day-2023, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM

(Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, will unfurl the National Tricolor at 8.35 am followed by fly past by MI-17 helicopter carrying National Flag. Thereafter, there will be presentation of medals, gallantry awards & distribution of Commendation Certificates by Hon'ble Lt Governor. Soon after the presentation of awards, Hon'ble Lt Governor will address the Islanders.

Before arriving at the main function, Hon'ble Lt Governor will visit National

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## EPFO to Organise Nidhi Aapke Nikat – A District Outreach Programme

**Port Blair, Jan. 24:** Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Port Blair will be organizing 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat-A District Outreach Programme' for awareness amongst stakeholders about the social security benefits under the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 on Jan.27, 2023 from 9 am to 4 pm. The programme will be organized simultaneously in the following venues:

**South Andaman:** Conference Hall, Labour

Commissioner Office, Supply Line, Port Blair

**North & Middle Andaman:** Conference Hall, APWD, Mayabunder.

**Nicobar:** Conference Hall, ALHW, Campbell Bay.

In addition to resolving grievances/doubts of the employees/employers/pensioners, the main theme of the programme will be about advances admissible under the Scheme viz. Advances for Illness, Advances for Marriage, Advances for House Building/construction and Advances for Education.

## Special Broadcast by All India Radio Port Blair on the Occasion of Republic Day

**Port Blair, Jan 24:** On the eve of Republic Day, Hon'ble President of India Smti. Draupadi Murmu will address the Nation at 1900 hrs on 25th January 2023. Thereafter a 'sarv bhasha kavi sammelan' will be broadcast from Delhi from 10 pm to 12 pm.

Running commentary of State level function on Republic Day and address by Hon'ble Lt. Governor Admiral D.K. Joshi to the Islanders will be broadcast LIVE by AIR Port Blair on 26th January 2023 from 0830hrs onwards from Marina Park Road. Commentators will be Shri. Zakir Hussain, Miss. Deviki Domnica Lakra, Ms. Sonia Kumari and Shri. Dinesh Kumar Singh.

AIR Delhi will broadcast the running commentary of the Republic Day parade and the cultural pageant 2023 from Kartavya Path and the function at National War Memorial New Delhi from 0940hrs which will be relayed by AIR Port Blair.

Listeners can tune into MW 684 KHz to listen to these programmes on Radio. Listeners can also download 'newsonair' App from Google Play Store to listen to these programmes on Mobile App.

## MESSAGE

Today is National Voters' Day. January 25th is observed every year as National Voters' Day in order to encourage, facilitate and maximize enrolment of new voters for a stronger and more vibrant democracy. It encourages youth to participate in the electoral process while helping uphold India's commitment to Universal Adult Franchise.

This is the 13th National Voters' Day. On this day, I call upon every single citizen of these Islands, who has attained the age of 18 as on 1st January 2023 to enroll themselves for a voter ID card and any citizen attaining the age of 18 years by April 1, July 1 and October 1 of 2023 can also submit an advance application for registration as a voter. I also call upon them to exercise their right to vote at the appropriate time. I am pleased to know that through consistent efforts, A&N Islands have achieved an electoral roll 3.08 lakh voters following the revision recently published; out of which 1.47 lakh are women voters.

The theme of this year's National Voters' Day is 'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure' and special focus has been placed on all segments including women, youth, Person with Disabilities (PwDs), Senior Citizens, Service Voters, Overseas Indians as well as other marginalized sections of the society. I am confident that residents of these Islands will heed this call and ensure that this theme is realized in this UT, thus helping to ensure that India continues to be a strong vibrant and inclusive democracy.

Right to vote is an important right in any democracy and every vote counts. Warm greetings on the occasion of National Voters' Day to all.

**Admiral D. K. Joshi**  
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)  
Lt. Governor, A&N Islands  
& Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

## Swimming Pool to Remain Closed

**Port Blair, Jan. 23:** Members and non-members of Swimming Pool, Netaji Stadium have been informed that the Swimming Pool is closed from Jan. 25 in connection with maintenance work.

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

## Misplaced Secrets

When his predecessor Donald Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago, Florida, was raided last August and a trove of thousands of government documents was discovered there, including several hundreds of classified papers, little would U.S. President Joe Biden have imagined that he would find himself in a similar sticky situation. Yet, Mr. Biden and the White House have so far reacted calmly to the discovery of classified documents by his own attorneys at several sites including the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement, a think tank in Washington, and in the garage and several other rooms of his home in Wilmington, Delaware. There are, of course, critical differences between the cases, which will probably be mirrored in varying legal consequences of each of the two classified leaks. First, the Trump stash is reported to be over 11,000, including about 300 marked classified or top secret, and includes photographs, whereas the papers associated with Mr. Biden are reportedly fewer than 12. Second, after Mr. Biden's lawyers first discovered classified files in a locked closet at the think tank, his team voluntarily notified the National Archives and the Justice Department and are 'cooperating with the investigation' fully. In Mr. Trump's case, after the U.S. National Archives found classified records to be missing and requested that Mr. Trump return them, he failed to comply and hence the matter was handed over to the FBI. Third, while both leaks are being investigated separately, the Justice Department is conducting a criminal inquiry into Mr. Trump's handling of the documents, but in Mr. Biden's case there is no indication of wilful intent so far and he is protected by a rule that a sitting President cannot be indicted.

Notwithstanding these facts, it is clear that Mr. Biden's — or his team's — improper handling of classified material will cost him politically. Already, polls have found that his job approval rating, which enjoyed a bump towards the end of last year, has slumped back to around 40% — the all-time low of his presidency. The President is also facing difficult questions on why, after the initial discovery of the classified papers on November 2, his team suppressed that information until well after the November 8 midterm elections. Similarly, Republicans led by House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy have called for a Congressional investigation into the Biden classified leaks. The backlash could well be a setback for the case to prosecute Mr. Trump for violating the Espionage Act, even though he appears to have wilfully taken the classified documents from their proper place of holding and then possibly obstructed justice when asked to return them.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### The Charge of Our Light Brigade..!

"Forward, the Light Brigade!  
Charge for the guns!" he said.  
Into the valley of Death  
Rode the six hundred.  
"Forward, the Light Brigade!"  
Was there a man dismayed?  
Not though the soldier knew  
Someone had blundered.  
Theirs not to make reply,  
Theirs not to reason why,  
Theirs but to do and die.  
Into the valley of Death  
Rode the six hundred.

The strange moves being made by constitutional governors against elected governments and even a minister fighting the Supreme Court judges, reminds us so much of Tennyson's poem, 'The Charge of the Light Brigade!' The poem was written after the British Light Cavalry Brigade suffered great casualties in the Battle of



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Balaclava. Tennyson wrote the poem based on two articles published in The Times: the first, published on 13 November 1854, contained the sentence "The British soldier will do his duty, even to certain death, and is not paralyzed by the feeling that he is the victim of some hideous blunder," which provided the inspiration for his phrase in the poem, "Someone had blunder'd."

Yes, some general is blundering even here in our country as like duty-bound soldiers, these respectable men who have been selected as governors and a minister ride ferociously against elected governments and the more formidable, Constitution of India!

But 'there's not to make reply, there's not to reason why, there's but to do and die!'

But, here the situation in our country changes from the poem, because as these gentlemen in high places, 'flash all their sabres bare' and rush into the thick of it all, it is not just they who are going into the 'jaws of death' but on their backs, our country!

On the 26th in a few days we celebrate our Republic Day, a day as sacred as Independence Day, and the 'charge of our light brigade' is against those same laws and regulations that were written a few years after independence that allow us to remain a free nation, without any one person, or community dominating the other!

That Constitution is being charged at by the 'light brigade'!

Yes indeed, as the last few lines of the poem go on to say, 'Charging an army, while all the world wondered.' Today, all the world wonders what suicidal mission we are on!

And today as 'Cannon to right of them, Cannon to left of them, Cannon behind them, Volley and thunder' it is only we who need to wake up before those proud celebrations we do on Republic Day, turn meaningless!

Yes, the cannons of right and wrong, the cannons of justice keep going on as these ill-advised 'duty bound' soldiers of ours ride into the jaws of death carrying our country in their arms..!

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## Full Swing Preparations on to Celebrate 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of the Nation

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Memorial Cellular Jail and place wreath at the 'Martyr's Column' there.

Meanwhile, as part of the preparation, a full dress rehearsal for the 'Republic

Day was held at Marina Park road stretch here today.

The main attraction of the Republic Day is the march past in which the contingents of Defence Forces, Police, NCC, School (Boys & Girls)

will participate. Cultural programme by school children will add grandeur to the Republic Day function at Marina Park road which will conclude with the National Anthem.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Shah Rukh Called me, Expressed Concern Over Protest Against Film Pathaan: Assam CM

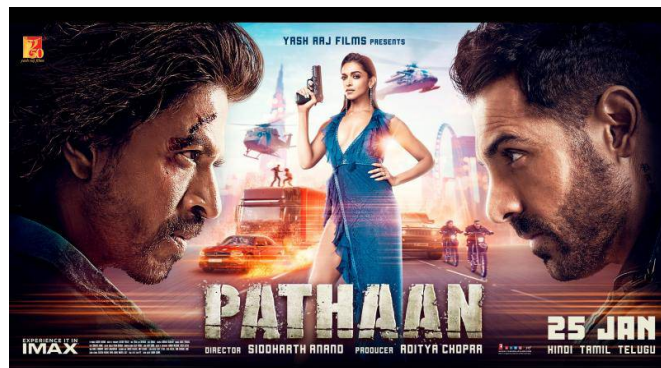
**January 24: Guwahati:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan talked to him over the phone early on Sunday and expressed concern over a protest against his new film 'Pathaan' in the city. Sarma assured the actor that his government will enquire about the demonstration against the movie and ensure that "no such untoward incidents" would occur again.

The development comes a day after the CM had said "who is Shahrukh Khan? I don't know anything about him or his film 'Pathaan'," while responding to queries by reporters about the violent protest by Bajrang Dal activists, who held a demonstration in front of a theatre at Narengi in the city on Friday, where the film is slated to be screened.

The far right-wing group's volunteers tore down the film's posters and burnt them.

"Bollywood actor Shri @iamsrk called me and we talked today morning at 2 am. He expressed concern about an incident in Guwahati during screening of his film. I assured him that it's duty of state govt to maintain law & order. We'll enquire and ensure no such untoward incidents, Sarma said on Twitter.

Opposition leaders tore into the CM's statement made on Sunday as volteface after his nonchalance a day before, with the Congress describing it as a "publicity stunt" and AJP questioning why Sarma took Shah Rukh's call at 2 am in the



night since he doesn't even know the actor.

Notably, the CM had on Saturday said action would be taken if law and order is violated, though Khan had not called him over the matter.

Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan and the movie 'Pathaan' are facing a backlash from far-right 'Hindutva' groups for showing Deepika Padukone in a saffron bikini in a song 'Besharam Rang'.

Many leaders, including those in the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, have demanded a ban on the film. 'Pathaan', which has been directed by Siddharth Anand, will be released on January 25.

Opposition parties took a jibe at the chief minister for his "who is Shah Rukh Khan" remark, maintaining that it was a "publicity stunt".

Reacting to the CM's comment on the actor, Congress' senior spokesperson Bobbeeta Sharma said, "Our chief minister is in the habit of uttering such things. Just the other day he said he didn't know our senior leader Jairam Ramesh whereas Sarma was a

Congressman for decades."

"It could be a kind of publicity stunt to draw attention," said Sharma, a former chairperson of Assam State Film Finance and Development Corporation and actor.

Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) general secretary and cultural activist Jagadish Bhuyan took a swipe at the CM on the microblogging site and wrote: Who is Shah Rukh Khan??? Why was the chief minister waiting till 2 am to pick up call from a Shah Rukh Khan he doesn't even know?"

Sharma also wrote on social media that the Bollywood actor had also called the owner of Gold Cinema franchise in Guwahati. Bajrang Dal activists held the demonstration in front of one of its theatres.

That's really nice of @iamsrk. Came to know that he called the owner of Gold Cinema, Rajib Bora too around the same time at night. That's what makes #ShahRukhKhan who he is !!, the Congress leader wrote, sharing the CM's Tweet about the call from the actor.

### 'USA Today' Predicts Jr NTR Jr as Best Actor Contender for Oscar 2023

**January 24:** American publication 'USA Today' has shortlisted Tollywood star and 'RRR' lead actor Jr NTR as one of the frontrunners for the Best Actor Award at Oscar 2023. The official nominations for this year's Academy Awards will be announced on January 24. Jr NTR has been in the global limelight after SS Rajamouli's 'RRR' has won the Golden Globe and Critics Choice awards for 'Naatu Naatu' in the

Best Original Song category. 'RRR' is a fictional story based on the lives of two Telugu freedom fighters, Alluri Seetharama Raju and Komaram Bheem. Ram Charan and Jr NTR played lead roles, respectively. The film collected over Rs 1200 crore worldwide. Alia Bhatt, Ajay Devgn and Shriya Saran also starred in the film. The official Oscar nominations will be announced January

24, 2023 with the ceremony on March 12, 2023 at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. On the work front, NTR Jr will begin shooting for his upcoming 30th and as-yet-untitled film, now only known as NTR30, directed by Koratala Siva of 'Janatha Garage' fame. The film will hit the cinemas on April 5, 2024. The actor also has NTR31 on the cards which will be helmed by 'KGF' director Prashanth Neel.

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### Health, Science /Tech

### WhatsApp Users Sceptical of Latest Update



**January 24: Hyderabad:** WhatsApp's latest version, which is requesting additional access to files on one's phone, besides the regular photos and media, has city users wary of the Android 2.23.2.8 update.

"While these permissions may not be inherently dangerous, because WhatsApp cannot access them unless the user grants permission, they have the potential for misuse. We read about some or the other cyber scam happening due to certain privacy breaches or access to data. Requests for additional access make no sense, especially when the user has granted them years ago at the very beginning," said Amman Raj, an educator.

WhatsApp's privacy policy, under its 'How we use your information' and 'Safety, Security, and Integrity' sections, reads, "Safety, security, and integrity are an integral part of our services. We use information we have to verify accounts and activity; combat harmful conduct; protect users against bad experiences and spam; and promote safety, security, and integrity on and off our services, such as by investigating suspicious activity or violations of our terms and policies, and to ensure our services are being used legally."

Raj said that the additional requests, however, do not match the policy.

Cyber safety expert Rupesh Mittal said that although the update is yet to be studied properly, the permission request still sounds fishy, given WhatsApp's 'assured encryption' policy. Abhishek S., a former employee of Meta, said that these permissions are mostly harmless. "Sometimes, when a phone is reset or newly updated, the app could have lost its original access to your media and so asks for them to be renewed. It's not uncommon," he said.

Rupesh, founder-director of Cyber Jagrithi and Safety Foundation, said, "Choose wisely what permissions and accesses are of absolute importance. For example, ever since Facebook became Meta, many got pop-ups asking them to agree to the updated policy and allowed only to get rid of it. Some haven't and don't mind however annoying the pop-up gets."

Another way is to turn on privacy notifications that tell you whenever your camera or microphone is being accessed, sometimes even when you haven't turned them on. This feature is now built into most android phones. The final trick is to permit access only when you have a file to share and turn it off once done."

## National Issues to Dominate Telangana Budget Session

**January 24: HYDERABAD:** In its first Budget session of the Telangana Legislature after rebranding the TRS as the BRS to enter national politics, the ruling party is expected to corner the Narendra Modi-led BJP government at the Centre on a range of issues including agriculture, irrigation and power.

BRS president and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, according to party sources, plans to use the session beginning on February 3 to deride the Modi government's "lopsided policies" regarding the Centre's power reforms, financial restrictions on Telangana, curbs on the MNREGA scheme, paddy procurement, unemployment, inflation, privatisation of PSUs, higher fuel prices, among others.

The CM is expected to attack the Modi government about how its "skewed policies," in addition to harming the irrigation and power sectors, have affected farmers and the agricultural sector. Further, the BRS government would also highlight the Centre's "discrimination" towards Telangana in sanctioning of funds and projects in the last nine years.

## Race for Council Posts Heats up in BRS, Whip Post Likely for Vani Devi

**January 24: HYDERABAD:** The race within the BRS for nominated posts in the Telangana Legislative Council heated up with the positions of deputy chairperson, chief whip and five whips lying vacant. Speculations are rife that former prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's daughter Vani Devi is likely to get the whip post.

The upcoming Budget session has further fuelled speculation that BRS president and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao would fill the posts. The term of deputy chairperson Nethi Vidyasagar ended in June 2021 and has been lying ever since.

Many aspirants are trying to meet Chandrashekar Rao and party working president K.T. Rama Rao and lobby for their candidature. The Chief Minister and Rama Rao were reportedly weighing options



The CM announced that a special session of the Assembly will be held in December to expose the "discrimination" of the Centre towards Telangana as well as highlight the financial restrictions the Modi government had imposed on Telangana by cutting loans, which prevented Telangana's growth.

Rao was preoccupied with national politics, the expansion of BRS into other states in December, and the first public meeting in Khammam on January 18 after the party's name change. As a result, the special session of the Assembly was postponed. However, the CM surprised everyone by scheduling the Assembly session only three days into the Budget session of Parliament, which would get underway

on January 31. It has been a tradition to hold the Assembly Budget session in March since the days of undivided Andhra Pradesh. This tradition was followed even after the formation of Telangana state in 2014.

The Union Budget will be presented in Parliament on February 1. After going through its proposals to get clarity on the state's share in Central taxes and centrally sponsored schemes (CSS), the CM wants to arrive at the actual size of Telangana Budget 2023-24 and present it in the Assembly on February 3, sources said.

The state Budget has been drafted but the CM is awaiting for the Union budget for clarity, and would revise the final Budget figures accordingly.



before finalising the names, taking into consideration the Assembly polls scheduled for December. This is because few senior MLCs such as Kadiam Srihari and S. Madhusudhana Chary were hoping to contest the Assembly elections. Since the Chief Minister has promised tickets to all MLAs, it would be difficult to consider MLCs for the Assembly polls. To pacify such leaders, Rao may utilise this opportunity and give them nominated posts in the Legislative Assembly.

The deputy chairman post has a cabinet rank.

Gutha Sukender Reddy was re-elected as chairman of Legislative Council last March. Vani Devi got elected as MLC on BRS ticket (then TRS) from the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar Graduates Constituency in March 2021.

Since then, speculation is doing the rounds in BRS circles that Chandrashekar Rao would give her a nominated post in the Council.

## Traffic Arrangements for Republic Day

**Port Blair, Jan. 24:** General public have been informed that the following Traffic arrangements have been made in connection with Republic Day Function on 26th January 2023.

The carcade of Hon'ble Lt. Governor and the cars of other higher officials, holding the 'P' (Green & Pink) parking card shall alight at the alighting point on the road inside Marina Park. After dropping the officials/dignitaries at the alighting point the vehicles shall proceed for parking near Swimming Pool by taking the route Girls School Junction - Scout Hut Junction - Netaji Stadium - 'P' Parking.

The holders of 'P' car parking label except the Hon'ble LG's carcade, may use the routes:

a) Clock Tower - Y-Narayan Junction - Dharamsala Junction - Marina Park gate (Children's Traffic Park).

b) APWD Junction - Fire Brigade Junction - Scout Hut Junction - Netaji Stadium - Y-Narayan Junction - Dharamsala Junction - Marina Park gate (Children's Traffic Park).

The holders of 'P-1' car parking label to use the routes of Clock Tower - Y-Narayan Junction - Netaji Stadium - Parking near Sports Hostel and inside the Netaji Stadium towards SAI Hostel side.

The holders of 'P-1' car parking label shall be seated to the right side (Swimming Pool end) opposite to the main dias of the Chief Guest. The holders 'P-1' cards are requested to reach the place of function through the way beside swimming pool latest by 0745 hrs.

After the departure of VIP from the place of function, the vehicles bearing car parking label 'P' shall proceed towards the alighting point inside Marina Park and will take exit towards Girls School side & then take the route through Girls School Jn. - Scout Hut Jn. - Vikas Bhavan (ANIIDCO Office) - Fire Brigade - APWD Crossing to their destinations.

After the departure of VIP from the place of function, the vehicles bearing car parking label 'P-1' shall proceed from Parking near Sports Hostel-

Netaji Stadium - Y-Narayan junction - Clock tower to their destinations.

All other vehicles without any parking label including two and four wheelers shall be parked inside the Netaji Stadium Near Multipurpose Hall and shall be seated to the left side (towards Velodrome side) opposite to the main dias of the Chief Guest. After completion of the function the vehicles of general public shall be diverted from Netaji Stadium parking towards Y-Narayan junction/Clock Tower.

The vehicles intending to proceed to South Point from Aberdeen Bazaar and vice versa shall be diverted towards Model School Crossing — APWD Crossing — Murugan Temple — Siddiqui Jn. - Shadipur Jn. from 0800 to 1030 hrs.

Heavy vehicles & Buses coming towards Model School/Clock Tower shall be diverted to Goalghar and Junglighat from Bengali Club from 0730 to 1030 hrs till dispersal of the parade and invitees.

No vehicle shall be allowed to proceed towards place of function from Cellular Jail, Y-Narayan Junction, Fire Brigade Junction, Murugan Temple via RK Mission, Flag Point & Water Sports tri-junction after 0800 hrs till dispersal of the parade and invitees. No vehicle shall be allowed to proceed towards Girls School from Scout Hut Junction or RK Mission or Machi Line or Govt. Press or Hotel Sinclairs/Circuit House from 0600 hrs till completion of the function.

The vehicles carrying parade contingents, after dropping the contingents at Girls School junction shall proceed towards Fire Brigade and will remain stationed there. After the culmination of the parade, they will leave for their respective units with their parade contingents.

Ambulance and vehicles with medical emergency cases proceeding to GB Pant Hospital shall take the route of Y-Narayan junction - Cellular Jail - GB Pant Hospital and this route shall remain closed from 0805 to 0835 hrs for all other vehicles except ambulance and vehicles with medical emergency cases.

Further, the vehicles stationed inside GB Pant Hospital shall be allowed to proceed towards back gate of the hospital and diverted towards Dignabad sea shore road from Water Sports tri-junction from 0700 to 1000 hrs.

## Training on Coconut Handicraft at ICAR-CIARI

**Port Blair, Jan 24:** ICAR- Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair has proposed to conduct a six days training on Coconut Handicraft making in collaboration with KVK, Sipighat with support from Coconut Development Board, Kochi. The training is tentatively scheduled during the second week of February 2023 with an objective to train and promote unemployed youth for making attractive handicraft items from coconut plant parts. ICAR-CIARI invites the interested candidates to register their name along with a copy of Aadhar card and other details at KVK, Sipighat on or before 31.01.2023. The suitable candidates will be selected on First cum basis.

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**T**oday we see that there are 2 distinct India's that seem to have been created in the post-independence era, of which the first is an India of millions living in poverty, for whom 75 years of independence has made little difference. These less fortunate Indians do not have access to even basic amenities like drinking water and adequate food, or to healthcare and education as a result of which they migrate to cities where they often fall victim to economic exploitation and live in subhuman conditions. On the other side, there is an India that belongs to the crème de la crème section, which has cornered all the gains of progress and leads a life cocooned from the worries of the rest of the population. Founding fathers of independent India had envisioned truth, non-violence, sacrifice and service to be the salient principles of life for building a strong and prosperous nation. However, all through these years, we devoted all our attention and energies to achieve material progress without paying serious attention to developing our characters, particularly of the younger generation. We forgot that material gains can be undermined by the lack of a robust moral foundation, as is happening in every sphere of national life today. The rampant corruption bedeviling our development projects is the direct result of our failure to ensure the development of an honest, dedicated and upright citizenry. If after spending billions of rupees on poverty alleviation and rural development projects, the miseries of our poor compatriots remain unmitigated we only have our imbalanced priorities to blame. Right? We should not forget that Gandhi ji's dream of establishing a true Ram Rajya in India will remain a far cry unless we give top priority to spiritual empowerment of our countrymen. For, only those who are spiritually enlightened can ensure the lasting growth and well-being of a nation. Once the human soul realizes its own identity, and the nature of its role in the drama of this world, it easily gets rid of many illusions and negatives that come by identifying oneself with one's body. With this realization, when the soul begins to commune with the Supreme, it gets filled with HIS powers and virtues. This practice, over time, empowers the soul so that it is able to play its role in this world untouched by any negativity and even enables it to transform the negativity of others into something positive.

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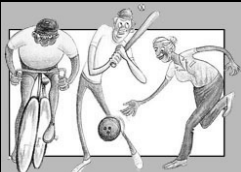
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## IND vs NZ 3rd ODI: The Chahal Conundrum

**January 24:** "Aaj Chahal TV pe koi player nahi aayenge, aaj hum aapko survey karwayenge dressing room ka"

Like an energetic vlogger, Indian leg spinner Yuzvedra Chahal holds a mic and makes a touring video of the Indian dressing room at Raipur. From being the first-choice leg-spinner in the limited-overs setup, he has been warming the bench of late. And the question on everyone's lips is why is the team management utilising his services more with the mic than with the ball lately.

Chahal flew to the T20 World Cup hoping that bigger grounds in Australia will favour suit his bowling only for the team management not field the leg-spinner in any of the games. Even as other teams preferred wrist-spinners, Chahal warmed the bench the entire tournament. He played in New Zealand, and in the three T20Is and one ODIs against Sri Lanka before making the way for Kuldeep Yadav.

With the 50-over World Cup taking precedence and the need to find balance means, India have been forced to take a few calls. And to make up for their batters who don't bowl, they have opted for spinners who can bat and that means there is only one spot available for Chahal and Kuldeep. And in that context, the former seems to be the one who is being sacrificed for the bigger cause. Since making his comeback, Kuldeep has not only out-bowled Chahal, but is also giving the team a wicket-taking option in the middle-overs. Plus, not all teams have a Chinaman in their ranks and the unfamiliarity that Kuldeep brings is always going to work in his favour once he found the mojo back.

And given his recent performances, Kuldeep also seems to have won back the trust of the team management. And to partner Kuldeep and lend more balance to the team India are looking at one of Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel and Washington Sundar as the second spinner – with the latter being the preferred choice in the ODIs against New



Zealand in the absence of the other two.

These factors have now pushed Chahal to the backseat and it remains to be seen what sort of an effect it has on his bowling now. Spinners, especially wrist-spinners, need confidence to prosper. Given the risk factor of giving a few more runs in search of a wicket, unless they have the full trust of the captain and the team management, wrist-spinners can lose confidence quickly. When the two made the Indian team cut post the 2017 Champions Trophy, the then team management backed the duo to go for wickets even at the expense of runs. With MS Dhoni around to guide them from behind, they were soldiers who just followed their master's instruction.

In 2018, Chahal had attributed his success to the freedom given by the team management the support he received from Virat Kohli. "Wrist spinners are mostly attacking and when your captain is so attacking, you get more freedom to attack," the lanky leggie had said. And it seems line in the post Ravi Shastri and Kohli era, Chahal is not getting the same freedom he once enjoyed. No guaranteed spot in the XI, and not enough game time seems to have had an impact on his bowling.

On the eve of their third and final ODI against New Zealand at the Holkar Stadium on Monday, Chahal kept bowling to Hardik Pandya and Shubman Gill at the nets. With India already clinching the series, this is a dead-rubber game, and Chahal will be hoping to get a chance on Tuesday.

Even head coach Rahul Dravid said the team would be looking to give opportunities. "Even here, there are a few guys who are yet to get a decent run in ODIs. We have been striving to give optimum opportunities in these 15-odd games before the World Cup to the ones who are in the mix," the coach stated.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has already identified 20 players for the 50-over World Cup and the team will rotate these players till the multi-nation tournament in October-November. Apart from Chahal, Umran Malik, Shahbaz Ahmed, Rajat Patidar and S Bharat are yet to get a game in the series. However, Dravid has made it clear that the team will give opportunity to only those who are in fray for 50 over World Cup meaning the likes of Bharat, Patidar and Ahmed may have to wait.

Although benching Chahal is seen as him dropping down the pecking order, former India spinner Narendra Hirwani said the team has enough confidence in the leg-spinner and is only trying new players. "Chahal is the match winner. He has great maturity and team management has full confidence in him that is why they aren't worried much about him. He is such a kind of bowler, who even after a few gaps between games will win you matches. He has a big heart and it's just that the Indian team is rotating its players," Hirwani said.

The Indian team had an optional practice session at the venue which has always been a batting paradise. The tickets for Tuesday's game have been sold out and a full house is expected. There will be some on the bench hoping to leave some mark in an insignificant game for the hosts.

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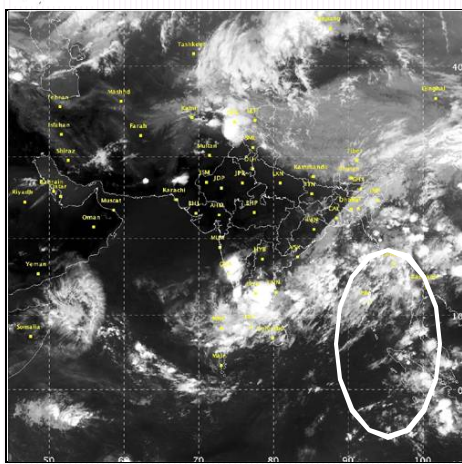
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Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
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