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Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa resisted contact with the growing numbers of Indian settlers on their islands until 1998. Now, they are under serious threat. Poachers are camping for days at a time in their forest, hunting the animals they depend on and bringing disease, violence and exploitation.

Your Nature Guide

The Oceanic Giant Wheel: How does the complex web of life in the sea sustain itself? Who eats what? What happens when plants and animals die? Marine plants convert the inorganic nutrients available in the sea into organic matter and store it. These are eaten by the vegetarian forms of life, which in turn are eaten by the carnivores. When they die, the plants and animals of the sunlight zone start sinking down towards the ocean floor. They gradually decomposed along the way. Nutrients locked away in their body tissues are released. Some remains of dead plants and animals reach the deeper oceans and are fed on by the scavenger animals (like the deep water sharks) living there. Even wastes from animals in the surface waters provide nutrients for the animals living in the deep sea. This entire downward movement of organic debris recycles the nutrients that are gradually carried back to the surface to be used by the plants there to make food.

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

People's Voice

AAkhir Gadkari ji ke haathon tak pohonch gaya NH-4 ka kissa ... Ab dekhna hai hota kya hai ...?

- A Citizen



In the future, the EC may ask us to cast our vote through an app!

Member of Parliament Requests Lt. Governor to Approach Ministry of Shipping to Give Preference to Andaman Ships for Annual Survey in Mainland Dockyards

Port Blair, Jan 18: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands yesterday and took up some important issues of these Islands.

Among other crucial issues, he requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to take up this matter of shortage of ship for

Southern Group of Islands with the Ministry of Shipping to give preference to Andaman Ships for Annual Survey in Mainland Dockyards so that the turnaround timing of the ship after Annual Survey is reduced to minimum and round the year at least 50% of the ships are available for Hut Bay and Nicobar District

as shipping is the lifeline of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

He informed the Lt. Governor that there is a shortage of ships for Car Nicobar, Kamorta and Great Nicobar Islands.

He said that at present only MV Bharat Seema is available for Car Nicobar sailing while only MV Nalanda is available for

sailing for Kamorta and Great Nicobar.

The Member of Parliament added that presently there are eight ships for inter-islands sector viz. MV Sentinel, MV Chowra, MV Campbell Bay, MV Nalanda, MV Sindhu, MV Kalighat, MV Bharat Seema and MV Dering but out of these eight ships only three

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Culminating Celebration of Police Raising Week, At Home Function Held at Police Line

Port Blair, Jan 18:

The A & N Police is organising week long programme from 16th to 23rd January 2023 to celebrate the Police Raising Week. On 18th January, 2023 an "At Home Function" was organized at Police Lines, in which Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, graced the occasion alongwith Hon'ble



Justice Subhasis Dasgupta and Hon'ble Justice Saugata Bhattacharya (Calcutta High Court Circuit Bench at Port Blair).

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State BJP Leaders Brief Gadkari About the Pathetic Condition of NH-4

Port Blair, Jan 18: State President, BJP, A&N Islands, Shri Ajoy Bairagi and Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP met Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India at New Delhi and discussed about the extremely pathetic condition of NH-4 in North & Middle Andaman District and Construction of Chatham-Bambooflat Bridge.

The leaders also submitted a detailed letter along with photographs showing the condition of the road to the Honble Minister.



Inland Tourist Vessels to be Diverted to Junglighat in view of Republic Day Functions

Port Blair, Jan. 18: In view of the Republic Day Celebration on 26.01.2023, the movement of all Island Tourist Vessels operating from Aberdeen Jetty (RGWSC) to various tourist spot will be diverted as per details below:

24.01.2023: Full Dress Rehearsal for Republic Day Programme on 26.01.2023 - All vessels to be shifted to Junglighat on 23.01.2023 by 1700 hrs and operate from Junglighat to North Bay.

26.01.2023: Republic Day Celebration of 26.01.2023 - All vessels to be shifted

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Lt. Governor Reviews Reviews Preparations for Forthcoming Iconic Events



Port Blair, Jan 18: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency reviewed the preparations for the forthcoming Iconic events to be organized to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with particular emphasis on 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 23rd January, 2023 in A&N Islands.

Lt. Governor Launches "Exam Warriors", a Book by PM Narendra Modi



Port Blair, Jan 18: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency launched the book "Exam Warriors" detailing how to approach exams with a positive mindset & a solid plan, authored by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi today at Raj Niwas in the presence of Chief Secretary, Shri Keshav Chandra, Director General of Police, Shri Neeraj Thakur and other Senior officials of Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Andaman & Nicobar Police and Andaman & Nicobar Forest.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

UNSC Sanctioning Abdur Rehman Makki as Sanctioned Terrorist

India has welcomed the designation of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) deputy chief Abdur Rehman Makki as a sanctioned terrorist by the UN Security Council, after China withdrew the "technical hold" it had placed on the listing last year. Makki, the brother-in-law of 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed, is on the most wanted lists of India and the United States for terror attacks in India, and support to terrorists in Pakistan. China's hold on the Makki listing process in June was one of five holds it placed on similar proposals against other wanted LeT/Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists based in Pakistan. It had led to an angry response from New Delhi, which accused Beijing of "double standards" on terrorism and "making a mockery" of UNSC counter-terror mechanisms. In that sense, China's decision to allow the listing is a win for India: this is the first time a listing proposal where India is a co-sponsor has been allowed to go through; and it is the first time a terrorist has been listed primarily for attacks in India, particularly in Kashmir, as most others have been listed for their al-Qaeda links and for attacks in other parts of the world. It is unclear what prompted China to relent, as it has continued to hold out despite the 14 other UNSC members agreeing to the listing. In 2019, China agreed to a decade-old demand from India to list JeM chief Masood Azhar only after international outcry over the Pulwama suicide bombing. The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called the Makki listing as "conducive to enhancing international counterterrorism cooperation" and a "recognition" of Pakistan's fight against terrorism.

As India knows from experience, the designation of UNSC terrorists, who are subject to an assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo, is only one step towards bringing them to justice. Pakistan has yet to hold even one of the many terrorists on the list accountable for the major attacks they are accused of: from the 1999 IC-814 Kandahar hijacking, to the Mumbai 26/11 attacks, and Pathankot and Pulwama. New Delhi will have to persevere in its seemingly Sisyphean task of keeping the spotlight on Makki and others to ensure that Pakistan continues to feel pressure to prosecute them successfully. It is possible that the Makki designation is the result of behind-the-scenes India-China negotiations at a time the relationship is mired in issues over the LAC standoff. The test of this diplomacy will perhaps be known if and when China acts on the listings of the four other terrorists proposed, i.e., Hafiz Saeed's son Talha, 26/11 handler Sajid Mir, LeT recruiter Shahid Mehmood and Abdul Rauf Azhar (Masood Azhar's brother) wanted for the IC-814 hijacking.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Build Bridges not Walls..!

Here's a small story of two brothers who lived side by side in their own farms for many years, until one day, a foolish argument caused a rift between them. This was the first serious disagreement the brothers had in all of their 50 years. Up until that day, they always worked their fields together, shared knowledge and produce, and lent a helping hand to one another in times of need. The fight began over a small misunderstanding, but the dispute dragged on and became an angry exchange of words, followed by weeks of silence.

One day, there was a knock on the older brother's door. When he opened it, he was facing an old, bearded carpenter, holding a toolbox. "Do you need any repairs in your farm?" asked the stranger. "Yes", replied the brother, "I've got a job for you. Across the creek, there's a farm that happens to belong to my younger brother. Until recently, the whole area between our homes was green, but then he changed the creek's path, making it into a border between us. I'm sure he did that for spite, but I'll show him..." said the older brother. "You see those trees by the barn? I want you to turn them into a 10-foot tall wooden wall. I never want to see his face again."

The old carpenter thought quietly to himself for a few minutes and eventually said: "I see".

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The farmer helped the carpenter carry his tools and the wood, and then drove off to the city on some errands. When he came back in the evening, the old carpenter had finished. Upon arriving at the creek, the older brother was stunned. His eyes were bulging out, and he couldn't utter a single word.

Where a wooden wall should have been standing, a bridge now stood. A quaint and special bridge, truly a work of art, with an intricately carved banister. At the same time, the younger brother happened to come to the same spot. He rushed over the bridge and embraced his older brother, and said: "You're something special... Building a bridge, after all I've said and done!" While both brothers were hugging, the old carpenter collected his tools and started walking away. The brothers turned to him and said "Please, stay for a few more days - we have more things that need fixing!"

"I would have loved to stay, kind sirs," said the carpenter, "But I have many more bridges to build and things to fix, especially here in this country!"

What a beautiful story, isn't it? So here's some work for us; as leaders in our country build walls and polarize people, let's instead start building bridges, with the same emotional material, but instead of binding with hate, use love..!

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Member of Parliament Requests Lt. Governor to Approach Ministry of Shipping to Give Preference to Andaman Ships for Annual Survey in Mainland Dockyards

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ships are presently operational and sadly out of these three operational ships, MV Dering cannot be sent to Nicobar District. He pointed out that when ships from

Andaman go for Annual Survey, the ships have to wait for several weeks for dry-dock works, which causes delay in repair of ships and due to which Islanders suffer.

He added that as summer vacation is nearing there is a need to keep more ships seaworthy for catering to the needs of a large number of passengers.

Inland Tourist Vessels to be Diverted to Junglighat in view of Republic Day Functions

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to Junglighat on 25.01.2023 by 1700 hrs and operate from Junglighat to North Bay.

27.01.2023: Full Dress Rehearsal for Beating the Retreat.

29.01.2023: Beating the Retreat programme - All vessel to be shifted to Junglighat on 28.01.2023 by

1700 hrs and operate from Junglighat to North Bay.

However, operation of IV Tourist boats from Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports complex to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Island and North Bay shall be permitted on 25th & 28th upto 1600 hrs and thereafter normal operation will be

restored from 30.01.2023. All owners of Jetski have also been directed to park their Jetskis at their designated place on the above date and time as no water sports activity will be permitted from RGWSC as per schedule above due to security consideration.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pathaan: Shah Rukh Khan-Starrer's OTT Release Date on Prime Video Revealed During Court Proceedings

January 18: Nine days before the theatrical release of Shah Rukh Khan's much-awaited actioner Pathaan, the Delhi High Court on Monday directed Yash Raj Films to make some changes in the film, for its OTT release. Pathaan, also starring Deepika Padukone and John Abraham, has already been approved by the Central Board of Film Certification, but will have to be submitted again to the CBFC for re-certification ahead of its streaming premiere on Prime Video on April 25.

According to Bar & Bench, The Delhi High Court asked the producers of Pathaan to provide Hindi subtitles, closed captions as well as audio description for the OTT release of film for the benefit of those with visual and hearing impairments.

Since Pathaan is just days away from its big screen release on January 25, the court observed that directions for inclusion of audio description and other measures for theatrical release cannot be passed at this stage, but passed directions with respect to the release of the film on Prime Video in April, asking the CBFC to consider re-certification of the same by March 10 after the producer prepares subtitles.



While hearing a plea seeking visually and hearing impaired persons to access the film as per the rights guaranteed under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, a single-judge bench of Justice Prathiba Singh observed: "The present writ petition raises very important issues as to access of entertainment to the hearing and visually impaired persons. Under Section 42 of the RPWD Act 2016, the government has an obligation to take measures to ensure that all content is available in accessible formats for persons with disabilities. In the context of films, most importantly, special measures would have to be taken for hearing and visually impaired persons, as the experience of watching a film in a movie theatre cannot be denied to such persons."

The plea was moved by four persons – a law student, two lawyers and a disability rights activist – who sought the enforcement of various rights and accessibility requirements as prescribed under the 2016 Act. Apart from Yash Raj Films and OTT platform Prime Video, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment were added as respondents in the plea.

Pathaan marks the return of Shah Rukh Khan to starring roles, four years after his last appearance, in Zero. The action-thriller has been directed by Siddharth Anand and will be the first release of the year for the superstar, who will also be seen in Atlee's action thriller Jawan and Rajkumar Hirani's Dunki.

Keerthy Suresh, Nani Complete Filming for Telugu Movie 'Dasara'

January 18: MUMBAI: Actors Keerthy Suresh and Nani have concluded shooting for their upcoming Telugu movie "Dasara".

Suresh, 30, shared the news on Instagram and posted photos from the sets of the film, including selfies with co-star Nani.

"Few films knock on your door and say - 'Hey, I will be a feather in your cap!' That's #Dasara for me. Love, Vennela #wrapup" the National Award winner wrote in the caption. "Jersey" star Nani also posted about the shoot wrap on Instagram.

"An Epic called #DASARA is done. It's a WRAP! This diamond will shine FOREVER" the 38-year-old actor posted.

Set against the backdrop of Singareni coal mines near Ramagundam's Godavarikhani of Telangana, "Dasara" is written and directed by debutante filmmaker Srikanth Odela.

The project is produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri with music by Santhosh Narayanan. It will also feature actors Samuthirakani, Sai Kumar, Prakash Raj and Zarina Wahab in pivotal roles.



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Elon Musk Unveils 'First Part' of Upcoming Large 'UI Overhaul' on Twitter



January 18: Los Angeles: Twitter CEO Elon Musk recently made a major revelation about the microblogging site's user interface.

Taking to the platform, the multi-billionaire announced the features which will appear in the 'first part' of a 'much larger UI overhaul'.

<https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1611932793130438656>

"Easy swipe right/left to move between recommended vs followed tweets rolls out later this week," he wrote.

"Bookmark button (de facto silent like) on Tweet details rolls out a week later," he added.

The Tesla CEO further revealed that 'Long form tweets' will be a part of Twitter from 'early Feb'.

Netizens lauded Musk for the changes he introduced, showing excitement for the upcoming upgrades on the microblogging platform.

"Can't wait for long form tweets!! Loving the new changes and updates so far," a user wrote.

"Boss moves. Thank You!!!" another user wrote.

Meanwhile, yet another user wrote, "Those are good upgrades".

The upgrades came after Musk tweeted the announcement of a change in the User Interface of the platform's 'Bookmarks' feature in December 2022.

Musk had hinted that the upcoming changes would make it "Easy to create folders to bookmark tweets into various categories".

The Tesla CEO replied to a user asking for a 'bookmark organizer' positively, hinting at it being part of the new feature.

Before that, the SpaceX owner earlier announced "Significant backend server architecture changes" on the platform.

The update followed an outage of the microblogging platform in the wee hours of December 29. According to a report by Al Jazeera, the web version of the platform suffered a major outage. It was difficult for many users who were greeted with an error message when they tried signing in. More than 8,700 users reported problems with the site as of 7:30 am EST (12:30 pm GMT), Al Jazeera reported citing Downtdetector, which tracks website outages.

NSUI State President Demands Construction of the College Canteen at ITI Campus

Port Blair, Jan 18: The State President of National Students' Union of India A&N Islands, Mr. M.A Sajid has requested the Administration for Constructing of the College Canteen at the ITI Campus, Port Blair.

In his letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, he said that

the Students of ITI are covering a long distance from rural areas at morning hours to reach the College Campus to facilitate their proper well-being health and Studies. Establishment of the Canteen in the College Campus might help the students to balance them equivalently.

He stated that most of the ITI Students feel that to have

a College Canteen in the Campus as the students get tired and hungry at morning and afternoon hours and it would be an immense help by the College Management in providing Canteen facilities to the Students Commuting from long distances.

Awareness Programme on TB & Community Support to TB Patients Organised

Port Blair, Jan. 18: Under National TB Elimination programme (NTEP) the State TB Unit, Port Blair organized awareness programmes on TB & Community Support to TB Patients-Ni-kshay Mitra (Donor) under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan at Govt. Senior Secondary School, Bhatubasti, Govt. Senior Secondary School, Garacharma and Govt. Middle School, Wandoor

with the objective to provide additional nutrition support to TB patient and augment community involvement to eliminate TB by 2025.

Shri Tapan Kumar Ray, IEC Officer, spoke in detail about the transmission, clinical manifestation, prevention and control of TB, TB/HIV Co-infection, the ill-effect of alcoholism and smoking particularly in relation to the treatment of TB. He also informed about

the incentives given to the patient during the treatment under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojna and about Nikshay Mitra (Donor) under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan and requested the Teachers to come forward and become Ni-kshay Mitras and make this Abhiyaan a success. The gathering was also urged to propagate the message in the community.

DLSA to Hold National Lok Adalat in Port Blair and Mayabunder

Port Blair, Jan. 18: The District Legal Services Authority, Andaman & Nicobar Islands will be holding National Lok Adalat in the District Court Complex at Port Blair and Sub-Divisional Court Complex at Mayabunder and Circuit Court at Diglipur on Feb.11 by adopting all COVID SOP issued by the MHA from time to time.

Besides the compoundable nature of

cases pending in different courts, disputes at the pre-litigation stage will also be entertained by the National Lok Adalat for disposal upon consensual settlement between the parties. Pre-litigation disputes include NI Act cases u/s 138, money recovery cases, labour dispute cases, electricity and water bills cases (excluding non-compoundable), maintenance cases Civil disputes and disputes

under the Consumer Protection Act.

The general public having any such dispute at the pre-litigation stage or post-litigation stage are at liberty to submit their disputes in writing to the Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Port Blair before 30.01.2023, so that their disputes may be processed and made ready for hearing before the National Lok Adalat on 11.02.2023.

Sailing Schedule of MV Bharat Seema Preponed

Port Blair, Jan. 18: Due to Administrative reasons, the promulgated sailing programme of MV Bharat Seema from Port Blair to Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on Jan. 21, 2023 has been preponed. Now, the vessel

will sail for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 20.01.2023 at 0700 hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 21.01.2023 at 1600 hrs from Car Nicobar via Little Andaman. Passenger

tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from Jan.19, 2023 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

Firing Practice by Coast Guard

Port Blair, Jan.18: Firing will be carried out by Coast Guard at Chinte Long Range, Brichgunj on Jan. 27

from 9.30 am to 5 pm. All concerned have been informed that to keep themselves and livestock

away from the firing range during above mentioned date and time.

Power Suspension

Port Blair, Jan. 18: General public have been informed that the power supply will remain suspended at Tanki Basti, Wimberlygunj to Shoalbay, Wimberlygunj to Ferrargunj, Bambooflat to Jirkatang on Jan. 19 from 8 am to 2 pm in connection with HT and LT line clearance work.

Culminating Celebration of Police Raising Week, At Home Function Held at Police Line



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Lt. Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman Nicobar Command, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration and other dignitaries from A&N Administration, Armed Forces, Member of Electronic & Print media were also present. The guests were welcomed by Sh Neeraj Thakur, Director General of Police, ANI.

The history of A&N Police dates back to the year 1875, when an organized police force was established in Andaman & Nicobar Islands to deal with crime and criminals. In the year 1924, the Civil Police Force was formed as a separate branch

under the control of a Commandant.

After Independence, it on 16th January, 1953, Mr. Naushirwan Feroz Sauntook, the first IPS officer took over the charge of the Superintendent of Police from Shri M. Macfarland. Since, then this day is celebrated every year as the "Raising Day" of Andaman & Nicobar Police.

On the occasion, Hon'ble Lt. Governor greeted the police personnel and lauded the effort of the entire police force in making the Islands crime free. He appreciated the work of all the ranks of the A&N Police who were putting day and night for the safety and security of the citizens of A&N Islands.

The occasion was made pleasant with the euphonious music played by the Brass and Pipe Band of A&N Police.

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AP mOves Supreme Court Against HC's Interim Stay on GO – 1



January 18: Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh government filed a special leave petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, challenging the interim stay ordered by the state high court on GO-1 that had put curbs on public meetings on national and state highways.

The state government told the apex court that the GO was issued in view of the death of 11 persons in two incidents of stampede in Kandukur of Nellore district and Guntur, when TD chief

Chandrababu Naidu held public meetings. The state government wanted to avoid recurrence of such incidents, it said, and requested the apex court to vacate the interim stay. CPI secretary Ramakrishna had filed a petition before the AP HC, saying the GO was in violation of Articles 19 (1) (a) and 19 (1) (b) of the Constitution and section 30 (2) of the Police Act, 1861. The HC thereon suspended the GO-1 up to Jan. 23 and posted the next hearing of the case to Jan. 20.

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Before the Family Court Wayanad at Kalpetta

OP (D) 231/2022

Renjini K.S.

Petitioner

Jithu Nambiar,

S/o K. Raveendran Nambiyar, aged 42 years,

104, PRO Colony, Opposite to Sadipur,

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Respondent

Where as it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court, that the respondent above named cannot be served notice in the ordinary way of service. Hence, this proclamation under O 5 R 20 CPC is hereby issued against him and he should appear before the Court personally or through his counsel on 08/02/2023 at 10.30 AM. Take notice that, in default of his appearance on the day above mentioned, the above case will be heard and determined in his absence.

(sd)

Adv. Saji Mathew

Nepal Plane Crash: Search
Continues for Last Missing Person

January 18:

Kathmandu: The search for the last missing person in the Nepal plane crash resumed on Wednesday after rescuers on Tuesday pulled out one more body from the crash site where a Yeti Airlines aircraft carrying 72 people, including five Indians, had plunged in a river gorge in the resort city of Pokhara.

Two days after the fatal crash, a woman's body was found deep down in the Seti River gorge on Tuesday. With this, the bodies of 71 people who died in the crash have been retrieved.

The search for the missing person started early morning on Wednesday with the help of divers and four drones, rescuers have given up hope of finding the

missing person alive, MyRepublica newspaper reported. The Yeti Airlines aircraft took off from Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport at 10:33 am on Sunday and crashed on the bank of the Seti River between the old airport and the new airport in Pokhara, minutes before landing. Fifty-three Nepalese passengers and 15 foreign nationals, including 5 Indians, and four crew members were on board the Yeti Airlines aircraft when it crashed. The five Indians, all from Uttar Pradesh, have been identified as Abhisekh Kushwaha, 25, Bishal Sharma, 22, Anil Kumar Rajbhar, 27, Sonu Jaiswal, 35, and Sanjaya Jaiswal. As many as 48 bodies of the deceased have been brought to Kathmandu, the report added. The dead bodies except that of the locals and

those who could not be identified and those of foreigners were flown to Kathmandu on Tuesday afternoon. The bodies of the 48 victims have been brought to Kathmandu via Nepal Army helicopters for post-mortem at Maharajgunj-based Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital. Superintendent of Police Dinesh Mainali of Kathmandu Police Range said the bodies will be handed over to the respective families only after the completion of an autopsy. "Forensics experts are currently working to complete the autopsy of the deceased. After we get the autopsy report, we will hand over the mortal remains of the deceased to the respective family members," he said.

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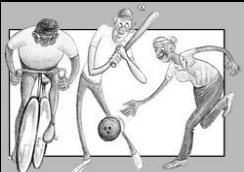
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SPORTS

'Whenever I am Batting, the Mood in the Dressing Room is Relaxed'

January 18: The past few days have been tough to walk through for Sarfaraz Khan. Only hours ago had the 25-year-old conceded to The Indian Express that 'he wasn't able to sleep' after he was not picked in India's Test squad for the first two Tests against Australia. But with the support and trust of his Mumbai teammates, he dispelled the disappointment to construct a Ranji Trophy century against Delhi.

"Everyone supports me. The team trusts me so much and I don't want to break that," he said at the end of day one's play at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. "Jab tak mai wicket perehta hu, team ka mahol thanda hi rehta hai. Mujhe accha lagta hai ki mai waha enjoy karu aur ye log yaha enjoy karein. (Whenever I am batting, the mood in the dressing room is relaxed. I feel good that I am enjoying myself in the middle and they are in the dressing room).

Enjoy is just what the Mumbai dugout did as Sarfaraz thigh-fived after picking a single to reach triple figures against Delhi, eventually 125 runs off 155 deliveries. 'What a shot' shoutouts had followed throughout his innings, at times even when he nudged the ball for doubles. Just as he reached his century, standing ovations and a hat-tip followed.

Mumbai coach Amol Mazumdar couldn't resist saluting him. The latter provides some context. "Amol sir keeps

telling me, 'Your job is to score runs. You are the one who, if our wickets fall early, can take the game to the opposition,'" Sarfaraz said.

Sarfaraz has scored the most runs for Mumbai across the previous two Ranji editions, and only sits behind Sir Don Bradman in terms of batting average after 53 first class innings. A stat he shared on Instagram after his recent snub from India's Test team.

"No one can argue over Sir Don Bradman. Khushi hoti hai ki mai unke record ke aaju baaju chalte rha hu teen saal se (Happy that I am moving there or thereabouts his record). It won't stay the same all the time," the Mumbai middle-order batter said after his recent hundred, third this season.

When Sarfaraz walked in to bat, Mumbai were three down at 62. Four runs later, they'd lose another, the in-form captain Ajinkya Rahane.

It took the 25-year-old 25 deliveries before hitting his first boundary of the day. But once he did, Sarfaraz discovered his rhythm, adding 144 runs for the fifth wicket alongside Shams Mulani. "We knew he'll counter-attack in the second session," said Delhi all-rounder Pransh Vijayran.

While Vijayran was successful in tempting Mumbai batters including captain Rahane to the outside-the-off-stump trap, Sarfaraz kept his calm, going only after his odd loose ball.



Harshit Rana was dispatched down the ground on the off when he pitched further up. Switching round the wicket and pitching short next over barely helped as Sarfaraz hooked him for another maximum. "The wicket had bounce and they were swinging the ball as well, so I was taking my time in the first session. I knew there'll be an opportunity to score after lunch, owing to laziness after eating and that's exactly what happened."

Sarfaraz further flexed his ability to play spin by forcing Delhi to take Hrithik Shokeen off the attack after he scored for 14 runs off the off spinner's second over. Against left-arm spinner Yogesh Sharma, he illustrated a variety of avenues to score big, dancing down the track, sweeping, cover driving and back-foot punching his way through before eventually being stumped while looking for glory.

"There's no grass on good length at one side of the wicket, from where they were bowling spin. I was thinking of not letting them settle in and take control of the play before they do so."

Brief Scores: Mumbai (Sarfaraz Khan 125, Shams Mulani 39) 293 all out vs Delhi (Pransh Vijayran 4/66)

Watch: Luis Suarez Grabs Hat-Trick on Debut as Gremio Begin Season with a Trophy

January 18: Uruguay striker Luis Suarez had a dream debut for Gremio when he grabbed a first-half hat-trick to help his new Brazilian club win the Recopa Gaucha Super Cup on Tuesday.

Suarez, who joined Gremio on a free transfer after leaving Uruguayan side Nacional, scored three goals inside 37 minutes as they beat Sao Luiz 4-1 in the curtain-raiser for the new season.

The goals included a lob over the goalkeeper and a stinging

volley as Gremio scored all four goals in the first half.

It was the first time since December 2013 that the 35-year-old had scored a first-half hat-trick after he netted three for Liverpool against Norwich in the Premier League.

Suarez, who also played for Ajax Amsterdam, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid, bid farewell to Nacional in October after helping



his boyhood club win the Uruguayan championship.

Gremio will play in Brazil's Serie A this season after earning promotion last year.

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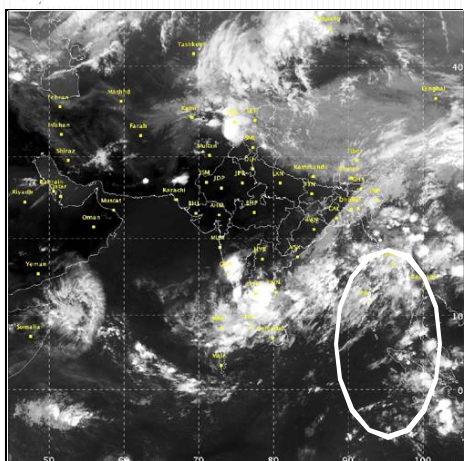
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.0 °C	Min.: 20.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 59%	1730 Hrs: 69%
Sunrise: 0544 Hrs.	Sunset: 1716 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, 2023 till date):	003.5 mm

Forecast

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