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Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa move around the forest in groups of 40 or 50 people. They build small temporary huts whilst on the move, and also build large huts where several families live together. They collect honey, roots and berries, hunt pigs and monitor lizards, and catch fish with spears.

Your Nature Guide

What is a Coral?

Corals are tiny animals that have an outer stony skeleton and live in colonies in the sea. They belong to the same animals group as the sea anemones, and jelly fish. Each coral animal is called a polyp and lives inside a cup of carbonate (Limestone). It has a mouth at the top surrounded by tentacles. The tentacles help to capture food like plankton for the coral. While it is alive, a coral polyp's tentacles protrude from the cups for feeding. In times of danger, the polyp can withdraw into its cup. This is similar to a turtle withdrawing into its shell when disturbed. A coral polyp cannot move and remains fixed to its cup throughout its life. Coral polyps can be of several species - in A&N alone, 135 species are found.

Coral Colonies : Many thousands of coral polyps are connected together to form a coral colony. These colonies are of many shapes and colours.

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

People's Voice

Tamasha bana ke rakha hai Airlines Companies mein ... Kya Administration ko yaad di lana padega ki Andaman mein Charter Flights chalta tha kabhi ...?

- A Citizen



Time to fly? But all the passengers are caught in the airport congestion!

Member of Parliament Demands Charging Single Seat Fare from Stretcher Patients of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 15: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India to give special concession to all stretcher patients of Andaman & Nicobar Islands so that they have to pay the cost of only one seat instead of nine seats to Airlines Companies.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, the Member of Parliament mentioned that Andaman & Nicobar Islands

are situated nearly 1200 KM (approx) away from nearest Airport in Mainland India, Chennai and Kolkata. For serious medical cases, evacuation in passenger aircraft remains the only option.

He said that in the recent past for evacuation of serious stretcher patients from Port Blair till now family members of the patient had to pay Rs. 1,32,000 (One lakh thirty-two thousands) one way, excluding cost of tickets for patient attendants.

He pointed out that nearly two months ago the rate of tickets for stretcher patients has been almost doubled without any valid reason to nearly Rs. 2,41,000 (two lakh forty one thousand only), which has come as a massive blow to the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, most of whom can't afford to buy tickets for stretcher patient in such a high rate in case of medical emergency.

He mentioned that charging such an exorbitant amount from stretcher

patients during the time of medical emergencies is unethical.

The MP further pointed out that prior to the year 2007 for few years the Government of India had fixed the rate for stretcher patients from Andaman & Nicobar Islands, under which a stretcher patient had to pay only Rs. 29,000 approx (lump-sum rate), which used to be issued through ANIIDCO. But in 2007 the fare was revised.

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Students Block Road at Kalighat, Demanding Timely Operations of the Diglipur Bound School Buses

Kalighat, Dec 15: The School students of Kalighat and Diglipur today blocked the road at Kalighat, raising demands to provide school buses on time. The 'Chakka Jam' protest continued for three hours from the morning at 7.00 AM and the transport services were kept on halt.

Soon after getting the information of the protest by the students, the Assistant Engineer of the State Transport Service rushed to Kalighat spot from his office at Mayabunder.



The Tahsildar too reached from Diglipur. The Parents accompanying the students in the strike expressed their agitation stating that the bus services are delayed quite often and

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State President BJP Meets Chief Secretary Raising Demands

Port Blair, Dec. 15: Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP, A&N Islands today met Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration at his office and discussed the below given issues and submitted two different representations with regards to the issues concerned.

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Awareness-cum-People's Education Programme Organised at Ograbraj

Port Blair, Dec. 15: An Awareness-cum-People's Education programme was organized in the Community Hall, Ograbraj in convergence with A&N Rural Livelihood Mission, Department of RD & Panchayat, Agriculture, Fisheries, Lead Bank and A&N State Cooperative Bank to sensitize about Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme, Flagship Schemes of Govt. of India implemented by Line Department

and initiatives of A&N Administration aiming at promoting self-employment and development of Industrial activities utilizing the resources available in agriculture and fisheries sector.

The programme was organized involving the Gram Panchayats of Mithakhari, Tushnabad, Namunaghar & Chouldari which was attended by 209 participants mostly SHGs, Cooperative Societies, FPOs, Farmers &

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MP Sanctions Several Developmental Works for Little Andaman worth Rs. 74,93,311 from MPLAD Funds

Port Blair, Dec. 15: Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands has sanctioned several developmental works for the people of Little Andaman Islands under various Panchayats worth Rs. 74,93,311 (Seventy-four Lakhs ninety-three thousand and three hundred eleven rupees) from MPLADS fund.

The development works sanctioned by the Member of Parliament are:

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Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Donates Computer System Unit to Govt. Primary School, Ograbraj



Port Blair, Dec. 15: The smile and happiness on the faces of the students of Primary School Ograbraj was evident when the school received a complete Computer System with Printer from team PBGKR.

When Shri Bhupinder Singh, Head Master reached out to Shri Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR and requested for the Computer System Unit for the students of Primary School, Ograbraj as it was a long pending requirement, Shri Mandeep Grewal had approached Shri Dhanbalan of Max Computers who came forward and help team PBGKR to fulfill the demand.

"We will try our best to serve as many schools as possible. We are thankful to all who are coming forward to support us for the noble causes", said Grewal.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

An Energy Conundrum

At the core of India's energy transformation is its bet on solar power. Based on a commitment to address the global climate crisis, India has promised to source nearly half its energy from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 and, in the shorter term, source at least 60% of its renewable energy from solar power. However, a disclosure in Parliament by the Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy suggests that India faces significant headwind in this quest. A key central policy to source solar power is facilitating the establishment of large solar parks; small solar power projects usually translate to higher per-unit production costs. And so, in 2014, the Centre announced the 'Solar Parks and Ultra-Mega Solar Power Projects' policy to facilitate the creation of large parks. The initial plan was to set up 25 parks capable of generating at least 20,000 MW by 2019. In 2017, the Government scaled this to 61 parks with a target of 40,000 MW. It emerges, however, as of 2022, that only a fourth of the capacity has been achieved, that is, projects worth 10,000 MW have been commissioned. Four projects have been cancelled, by the Centre's own admission, due to tardy progress. The roadblocks, in the Centre's estimate, have been challenges in acquiring land with a clear title, setting up infrastructure necessary to transmit power produced at these parks to the grid and, in an unusual disclosure, "environmental issues" in Rajasthan and Gujarat, where projects have been halted because their transmission lines encroach upon the habitat of the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard.

Notwithstanding its claims on international podia that it is on track to meeting renewable energy targets, it is no secret that India is lagging behind. By the end of 2022, India had committed to having in place 1,75,000 MW of renewable energy capacity, with 1,00,000 MW from solar power. However, only around 61,000 MW of such capacity has actually been installed. For a few years now, there has been considerable hype around solar power achieving grid parity in India — meaning power companies are able to sell it at a price lower or as much as conventional sources — but this does not account for the subsidies or concessions front-loaded by the Government. While India should continue to expand its economy on the back of renewable energy, the Government must take a hard look at whether renewable power, solar, wind or nuclear, meets standards of economic viability and environmental sustainability. Solar power may be a valuable tool in India's energy transformation story, but it cannot be the panacea for every need.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Painful Unhealed Symptoms..!

A few years ago, I experienced excruciating pain one night! I swallowed painkillers, tried a hot massage, placed ice on my shoulder and arm but the ache refused to go. It came in spasms and my wife watched in dismay as I grimaced with every new attack.

I hardly slept.

"Take away the pain!" I prayed aloud the next morning. But the pain was still there and I did some tests. The phone rang later, it was my wife calling from the hospital. "Bob," she said, "I think I know what's causing the pain. It's uric acid. Just showed my colleagues your blood reports and they agreed." I put down the phone and looked up, "I understand God," I said, "why did you not heal the pain immediately! It was the symptom of something bigger you wanted me to check and handle!"

We all cry for something or other to God every day, don't we? Sometimes, it is a relief from illness or disease. Or maybe"

A cry for love? A cry for caring? A prayer for a new job?

We then wonder why our prayer isn't answered. Could it be we are asking for a cure for the symptom, whereas God wants us to search and look hard for the disease?

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A mother in law who feels she is ill treated at home, and prays everyday for more love from her daughter in law, could she be asking for relief from the symptom? Could the disease be that she herself lacks giving or expressing love?

The unemployed man who has tried every prayer in the book for employment could actually be having a laziness disorder or that of inconsistency or lack of persistence. When he realizes and starts building character into himself, healing arrives!

The middle-aged woman with a cervical collar round neck and with the pain of spondylosis could be carrying unresolved anger. An anger which could fester in her, till with ulcer or heart failure she succumbs. She sorts out that anger, maybe learns to forgive, and festering stops, and pain vanishes!

A student failing his or her exams, despite spending hours praying for success might begin with concentrating on more effort or a change in the method of studying.

I wondered as I drove back yesterday how easy it would be if there were only green lights at every junction. And yet what a catastrophe it would be. We would sail through the lights into and onto other cars and into major accidents. We need the red lights, because they warn us of problems ahead, just as we need the pain and illnesses and adverse circumstances to warn us of a lurking disease.

The uric acid problem was cured and today I thank God for symptoms which are miracles towards healing..!

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Member of Parliament Demands Charging Single Seat Fare from Stretcher Patients of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

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In 2009, replying to a Parliament Question the Civil Aviation Ministry has stated that Air India had revised the stretcher fare with effect from 15.05.2007 from a single fare to six fares for carrying invalid passengers on stretcher from Port Blair since they need to remove a maximum of 9 seats for accommodating the stretcher.

He pointed out that if cost of 9 seats are calculated,

considering Rs. 10,000 as average fare for one seat then also the total cost remains Rs. 90,000, which is much lower than Rs. 2,41,000 (two lakh forty one thousand only), the present fare.

Hence, he requested the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation to intervene in this matter and give special concession to all stretcher patients of Andaman & Nicobar Islands so that they have to pay the cost of only

one seat instead of nine seats to Airlines Companies, which will be a great support to the family members of serious patients.

The Member of Parliament also requested to issue necessary directions to all private Airlines Companies to allow evacuation of stretcher patients as presently only Air India is allowing stretcher patients.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ranbir Kapoor Poses with a Chimp in a Treehouse Setup; Fans Scratch their Head

December 15: Fans are going crazy over Ranbir Kapoor's latest photos as they try to figure out what project he is working on amid speculations of him taking a paternity break. In the viral pictures, Ranbir can be seen posing with a chimpanzee in what appears to be a treehouse loaded with books and antiques.

Ranbir fans took to the comments section of the post and tried deducing the pictures. Some eagle-eyed fans noticed a beverage bottle on the table next to Ranbir and instantly began to theorise that the pictures might be for an advertisement.

Recently, soon-to-be-father Ranbir Kapoor made headlines when it was revealed that he would take a paternity break. According to Bollywood Hungama, a



source said that "it was Ranbir's idea to take a paternity break. He is a very excited father-to-be. He suggested that Alia should return to work while he would look after the baby."

Ranbir also told Filmfare, "We grew up in a generation where our fathers were quite busy with work and were not around us, so more or less we've been brought up by

our mothers, so we were close to our mothers. I want to have a different dynamic with my children, I want them to be close to me also."

Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt got married in April and announced their pregnancy in June via social media. Ranbir and Alia were recently seen in Ayan Mukerji's fantasy drama Brahmastra, which became a box-office hit despite mixed reviews.

Hrithik Roshan's Throwback Selfie Features Girlfriend Saba Azad Sitting on a Bench, See Photo

December 15: From attending weddings and movie screenings to vacationing together, Hrithik Roshan and Saba Azad are breaking the internet with new pictures every day. Recently, Hrithik took to Instagram and shared an adorable picture of girlfriend, actor Saba. In the photo, Saba is seen sitting on the bench, unaware of Hrithik, who's trying to fit her in his selfie. The Rocket Boys actor's facial expression is cute as she seemed confused.

Hrithik shared the picture and wrote, "Girl on a bench. Summer 2022. London." Fans were quick enough to flood the comments section of the post. One fan wrote, "Both are looking amazing," while another commented, "Best couple."

A few days ago, the couple was spotted at Hrithik Roshan's makeup artist Vijay Palande's engagement party in Mumbai. The duo stepped out of their car with wide smiles on their faces. The actors, who were twinning in white outfits,



struck poses for photographers.

Hrithik Roshan and Saba Azad also attended Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal's wedding reception in Mumbai. While the duo looked amazing in their outfits, a few trolls on Instagram criticised Saba's green attire. However, Saba gave a befitting reply to the troll and wrote, "This is Shruti apparently she loves her love but she also just follows me to share her abundant hate – there are

many like her out there – don't be like Shruti – feel free to unfollow me. Incidentally, Shruti hasn't met the block button yet – they shall be well acquainted soon!!" The troll's comment read, "U were looking like chheeee, eeew, yaak, whatever you understand...Take it."

Saba and Hrithik have been dating for a while now and the duo made it official at Karan Johar's 50th birthday bash when they walked the red carpet together.

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Health, Science /Tech

Modified Wood Likely to Turn Transparent to Replace Glass, Say Researchers



December 15: HYDERABAD: Wood that is made of plant fibre has transformed into a translucent material, thanks to Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI). The innovation was first of its kind in the state and only second in the country after the Institute of Wood Science Technology (IWST), Bengaluru.

The research was carried out by Ch. Mahesh, a student of the department of forest product and utilization under the head of the department Kapil Sihag and professor Sumit Yadav.

Wood has components like cellulose, hemicelluloses and lignin, wherein both cellulose and hemicellulose are optically transparent but lignin is optically opaque.

Researchers modified lignin to alter the characteristics of wood.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, HoD Kapil Sihag said, "We have been working on this research for the past one year and have been successful in modifying the lignin with the help of chemicals such as sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) to alter the opaque characteristics of wood into translucence. Upon further infiltrating the polymer of the same refractive index as translucent wood, we could make the wood transparent."

Bamboo and Balsa wood was used in the research process and it was also found out that the innovation could be carried out on any locally available wood material. With further research, there was a possibility of processing the furniture wood into translucent planks and efforts were being made for the same.

"As far as the application of transparent wood is concerned, it will be a promising alternative for glass. Moreover, it will be more durable than glass due its flexibility and strength and transparent wood is easier to handle and operate than glass," Sihag added.

Plea in SC to Expedite Division of Assets Between AP, TS

December 15: VIJAYAWADA: The Andhra Pradesh government has moved the Supreme Court seeking that the apex court direct Centre to expedite division of assets and liabilities between residuary AP and Telangana as per the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014. AP pointed out in its plea that even as erstwhile Andhra Pradesh got bifurcated to form the new state of Telangana way back in June 2014, apportionment of assets and liabilities under the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act has not been done so far despite repeated efforts by the AP government.

The plea underlined that assets and liabilities specified in Schedule IX having 91 institutions and Schedule X having 142 institutions of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, and another 12 institutions have been apportioned between the two states.

Non-division of these assets valued at ₹ 1,42,601 crore is only benefitting Telangana, as 91 per cent of these assets were situated in Hyderabad, the erstwhile capital city of AP, which is now the capital of Telangana.



The AP government listed in its plea how resources of erstwhile AP had mostly been invested for developing infrastructure in and around Hyderabad. The value of Schedule IX institutions is estimated to be ₹ 24,018.53 crore. Of these, assets worth ₹ 22,556.45 crore (93.9 per cent) are located in Telangana. The value of Schedule X institutions is ₹ 34,642 crore and assets worth ₹ 30,530.86 crore (88 per cent) are located in Telangana. The remaining 12 institutions are valued at ₹ 1,759 crore and they are all located in Telangana.

AP contended that non-apportionment of these assets has led to several issues, which have adversely affected the residuary state and violated the fundamental and

other constitutional rights of AP people. Nearly 1,59,096 employees working in these institutions since 2014 are facing adverse conditions. Those employees who have retired from these institutions have not even got their terminal benefits.

Moreover, all these institutions perform a series of activities. Non-division of their assets between AP and TS in affecting the very functioning of these institutions and having an adverse impact on people.

Andhra Pradesh has asked Supreme Court to declare that Telangana's inaction on division of assets is violating the fundamental rights of the people in AP.

Rains Predicted Over Nicobars

Port Blair, Dec. 15: As per Indian Meteorological Department's weather forecast, heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Nicobar Islands on

Dec. 16. 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 assistance, call Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554.

Awareness-cum-People's Education Programme Organised at Ograbraj

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unemployed rural youth. The Department had also setup 2 dedicated Help Desk for PMFME and PMEGP Schemes manned with Technical Resource Persons for filling and uploading applications in the PMFME and PMEGP portal.

The programme was graced by Shri Rahul Dev, IAS (Pbr.) as the chief guest. Shri Rajender Pal, BDO (Ferrargunj), Shri Umar Farroq, Lead District Manager, Shri Sindhupathi Raja, Nodal Officer (PMFME), Shri Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Director (Agri.), Ms. Gurjeet Kaur, Extension Officer (RD), Shri Mohammed Shafique, Pradhan (Mithakhari), Shri Venkat, Pradhan (Namunaghar), Shri Tapashi Shah, Pradhan (Chouldhari), and Officials of Industries, Fisheries, Agriculture, RD & Panchayat, A&N KVIB and A&N State Co-operative bank were also present.

In his inaugural address, the chief guest briefed about the importance of this programme considering the scenario of A&N Islands in terms of unemployment vis-a-vis the potential of A&N Islands in different sector. He also urged participants to avail the schemes of the developing agencies for their economic development.

The BDO explained about PM Aawas Yojana and other block schemes and motivated the participants to utilize the opportunities created by the Govt. for addressing their personal needs. Shri Sindhupathi Raja, Nodal Officer (PMFME) delivered key note address and gave detailed presentation about PMFME scheme of MoFPI implemented by Industries Department under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahatso. Besides this, other Flagship and UT Schemes implemented by Line

Departments and implementing agencies viz. PMEGP, PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, Standup India, Social Security's Scheme etc. were explained in details by their representatives.

In the concluding session, the forum was opened up for interaction and Q&A session for the participants in which clarification sought by the participants on the different schemes were answered by the Department representatives. The CRPs accompanied by the SHGs requested for creating marketing assistance ensuring availability of packaging material, poultry chicks & other inputs for livelihood of farming community. The programme ended with a proposal for conducting frequent awareness programme at different panchayat of A&N Islands.

Students Block Road at Kalighat, Demanding Timely Operations of the Diglipur Bound School Buses



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as a result the students reach late to their schools at Sita Nagar and Diglipur. Many parents complained that it has become a regular practice and the studies of the students are affected badly. There were many parents from Ramnagar and Nabgram also, whose children are studying in Kalighat Senior Secondary School.

Having heard the grievances of the parents and students, the AE and the other higher officials of the Administration of the Tehsil assured them that everything would be streamlined from tomorrow and the school bus would be provided on time. The problems of the students of the far flung areas coming from Ram

nagar, Kalighat to the Model Senior Secondary School Sitanagar would be solved on priority, they assured.

On getting a positive response, the students called off the 'Chakka Jam'. Our correspondent from Kalighat informed that the worst condition of the road under construction has been disturbing the STS to operate buses on time. Many times the buses succumbed to technical faults while on run. The PRI members had also raised this issue of poor road conditions in the past. But now the road construction work has got momentum after the intervention of the Hon'ble High Court, from the past few days and the people of this rural region are hopeful that this time work will progress to its completion.

State President BJP Meets Chief Secretary Raising Demands

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Points Discussed-
Request for releasing of salary of Anganwadi Workers and providing of Nutritious Food / Ration Articles to Children.
Request to provide immediate relief to 18 families affected / ruined by the construction work of

Defence at Doctors Colony, Nayagaon Village.

Issues raised by Pradhan, Rangat regarding non-availability of quarry products, permission for earth cutting and diversion of land for development and other important issues were submitted.

MP Sanctions Several Developmental Works for Little Andaman worth Rs. 74,93,311 from MPLAD Funds

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1) Installation of Floodlights (LED) at RRO Playground at Hut Bay Gram Panchayat, Little Andaman for development of sports and cultural activities. Youths of the area will be able to play under floodlights till night hours. The cost of the project is Rs. 14,93,311.
2) Construction of children's park at RK Pur, Little Andaman at a Cost of Rs. 10 lakhs.
3) Installation of Multi Gym at Panchayat Bhavan, Vivekananda Pur, Little

Andaman for physical activities of youths at a Cost of Rs. 15 Lakhs

4) Construction of Mini Stadium gallery of 100 seating capacity at Playground, Rabindranagar GP, Little Andaman for sports and cultural activities of the youths at a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs

5) Installation of Multi Gym at Chidambaram Park, Hut Bay for physical activities of youths at a Cost of Rs. 10 lakhs

6) Providing Mortuary Van to the Panchayat Samity, Little Andaman for transportation of dead bodies at the Cost of Rs. 15 lakhs.



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The e-tender Notice which was published by this office for procurement of materials under MGNREGA, Diglipur Block vide this office e-tender Notice No.12-1/Tools/Genr./MGNREGA/DP/2022-23/134, dated 16/11/2022 vide website e-tender ID No.2022_RDPRI_8090_1 is hereby extended by **20/12/2022** due to Administrative reason.

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Bathubasti

Home Secretary to Chair
Meeting on Delhi
Airport Rush



December 15: New Delhi: Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla will chair a high-level meeting on airport rush here in the national capital on Thursday morning.

The meeting is likely to be held after 11 am in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Senior officers in the MHA, officials in the Minister of Civil Aviation and others concerned with the matter, including those in Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), will attend the meeting.

The meeting is being held considering the complaints on social media by irate passengers about missed flights and serpentine pre-boarding lines at India's busiest airport in Delhi.


The pictures posted on Twitter showed overcrowding at Delhi International Airport. There were reports of passengers grumbling about long waits for security checks and mismanagement by the airport staff. The government has even stepped in to help ease the congestion, with India's Civil Aviation

Ministry earlier saying in a statement that it's working with airlines to reduce flight departures to 14 during peak hours. It did not disclose data for normal traffic.

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia also visited one of the terminals earlier this week and said that he will look into concerns around the management of security checks at Delhi's T3 Indira Gandhi (IGI) airport in response to a complaint by a passenger on social media. The minister has ordered airport officials to resolve the issues on priority.

Additionally, the Delhi airport is adding baggage screening systems at the security checks and increasing traffic marshals to avoid vehicles clogging the departure.

Delhi airport has deployed 26 additional staffers to help passengers in the entry forecourt and security area and is working with the security agency Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) to have full manning through Flexi shift from 5 am to avoid queue build-up.





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Counseling for Seats in Mainland Institutions

Port Blair, Dec. 15: The candidates who have applied for allotment of various Professional/ Technical/Non-Technical courses reserved at mainland institutions for the academic session 2022-23 have been informed that the counseling of the courses viz. BDS-1 seat (surrendered seat of Cat – IV) (Govt. Dental College, Aurangabad, Maharashtra); BAMS-1 seat (reserved for Category – III A) (MMM Govt. Ayurvedic College,

Udaipur, Rajasthan) and BHMS-1 seat (reserved seat of Cat-III A) (National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata) will be held on Dec.16, 2022 at 3.30 pm in the Conference Hall of Secretariat.

All the interested candidates whose name appeared in the merit list of above courses have been directed to appear in person with all educational qualification certificates/ testimonials in original along with five passport size photographs and 2 permanency certificates for

sureties and other documents in support of their category for counseling on the date, time and venue as specified above. If the seats are un-utilized from the respective categories, the same may be allotted from Category-V as per merit. No subsequent claim will be entertained or considered from any candidate, irrespective of his merit, fails to appear in person or does not produce necessary certificates in original at the time of counseling/selection.



SPORTS

Scorer Turns Provider as Griezmann Shines in France's Midfield

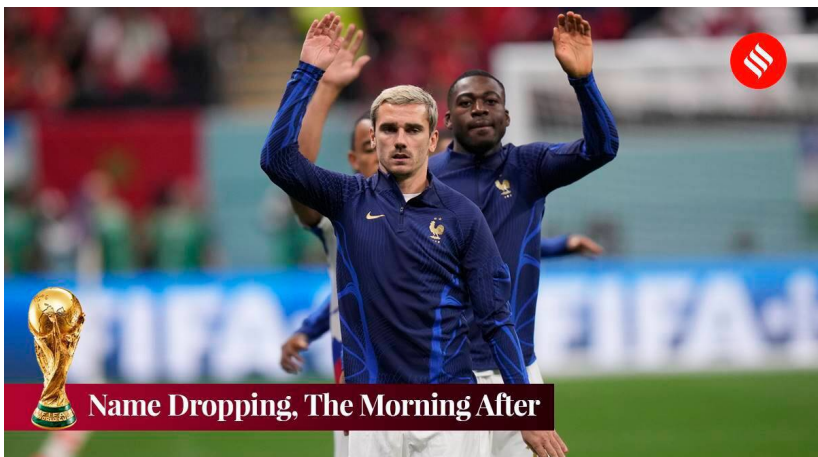
December 15: Back in 2018, Antoine Griezmann had told reporters about how he feels after scoring a goal. "Whenever I score a goal, I go back to being a child," the France forward had said in a press conference. On Wednesday night, the 31-year-old did not score, but there was a child-like enthusiasm in the way he played.

Griezmann linked up with the forwards, assisted build-ups towards the Moroccan goal, won midfield-battles and tracked back to help his defence as France overcame the gritty African trailblazers 2-0 to reach the final of the World Cup, where they will face Argentina on Sunday.

Griezmann, who is being played as a midfielder by coach Didier Deschamps in the World Cup, would first play a role in France's first goal scored by Theo Hernandez before contributing to key moments in the game as well as being roughed out passes by the Moroccan players, who were constantly on his back.

Griezmann would praise the Moroccans post the match. "Morocco impressed me tonight. They set up very well tactically, offensively. They caused problems for us," Griezmann said post the match. Born in 1991 with his father hailing from France and mother of Portuguese-French origin, a young Griezmann grew up in Macon, a region famous for Burgundian wine in France. As a child, the diminutive Griezmann was rejected by French clubs like Olympique Lyon, Saint-Etienne and Auxerre before Spanish club Real Sociedad's scout Eric Olhats saw a 13-year-old Griezmann playing in a youth tournament in Paris. "He did not stand out above everyone else. He played for ten minutes as he came off the bench because he was, physically, completely overwhelmed by other players. But that technique, that flow and that ease in play caught my eye," Olhats once told website LaInformacion.com in an interview.

With the French law requiring young players to attend school in their home country, Griezmann continued his studies in the French town of Bayonne, a city closer to the Spanish border and playing for the junior teams of Real Sociedad in Spain starting 2005. The France youngster would stay for more than six years at Olhats's home in Bayonne. "I became his father, mother, his grandma and his best



friend," Olhats recalled in the interview.

Griezmann played for the Spanish club for more than nine years before he joined Atletico Madrid. The early Spanish influence in his life does show in Griezmann's daily life and he talked about this in an interview with La Parisien, a French newspaper. "Every training session was at the intensity of a match. In daily life, I feel Spanish more than French. I eat at 3 pm, I talk to my dog in Spanish," Griezmann told La Parisien.

After signing with Atletico Madrid in 2014, the French striker played for the Spanish Club for five years before he was signed by FC Barcelona for a then record fee of 108 million pounds in 2019. The two years at Barcelona saw him scoring 35 goals in 102 games before he returned to Atletico Madrid last year on loan. With coach Diego Simone not starting Griezmann for major part of last year and playing him for less than 30 minutes per match to avoid Atletico Madrid paying a sum of 40 million euros if Griezmann played for more than 45 minutes on average during the loan period, a part of the loan clause, the French striker would feel disappointed.

He though surpassed Paco Campos's tally of 146 goals to become the club's third highest scorer for the club. The forward also talked about lack of game time for his club last year. "I am feeling physically very well in my legs. Pre-season did a lot of good for me, I needed that. I had a big empty spell last season where I wasn't doing well mentally. Now I am doing a lot better and I am giving it my all," he told Canal+ earlier.

Griezmann made his debut for France in 2014 and since then he has played in 113 matches for France prior to the World Cup in

Qatar including 72 consecutive matches for France. The striker, who was the player for the tournament and Golden Boot winner in Euro 2016 and man of the match in the 2018 World Cup Final claiming the bronze ball, has a total of ten goals in Euro 2016 and 2018 World Cup and is placed third on France's all time scorer list with a total of 42 goals.

With Deschamps deciding to play Griezmann in midfield, the striker was open to the idea. "I am not wracking my brains figuring out how to score, the team needs me more at the heart of the game. I enjoy being the link between midfield and attack. I'm more in a role where I drop deep and try to help others. I am here to do what the coach asks me. I want to be proud of the jersey and make the coach proud. I want to make things as easy as possible for my teammates. I'm in very good shape physically, and when that happens I feel better in my mind," Griezmann had said earlier in the tournament.

While his goal against Tunisia was disallowed by VAR, the 31-year-old now leads the tournament in terms of assists with a total of four, ahead of Portugal's Bruno Fernandes and England's Harry Kane. Prior to the semi-final, he also led in terms of key passes with a total of 17 key passes, six great chances and most crosses with 34 crosses, according to website Livescore.com. Wednesday's assist also saw him extend his all-time assists to 29, highest for France followed by 27 assists by Thierry Henry and 26 by Zinedine Zidane.

Back in the late 2000's as a ball boy at Real Sociedad Stadium, Griezmann had once asked France legend Zinedine Zidane for his shirt but had got shorts. "He had already swapped with a rival, but I was so disappointed that he gave me some shorts," Griezmann had written in his biography, Behind the Smile.

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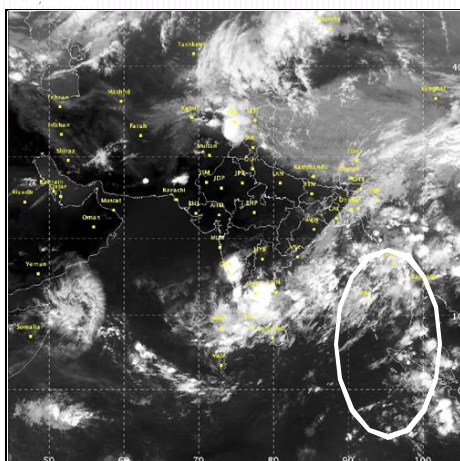
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Weather



Max. Temp: 29.6 °C	Min.: 26.2 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 64%	1730 Hrs: 67%
Sunrise: 0531 Hrs.	Sunset: 1658 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2584.8 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain and thunder/lightening is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 16/12/2022.

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