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Jarawa Facts

The Andaman Trunk Road, which cuts through the Jarawa's forest, brings poachers, settlers and tourists into the heart of their land. The Supreme Court of India in 2002 ordered that the road must be closed, but it has never been complied with.

Your Nature Guide

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.

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

People's Voice

Suna hai Great Nicobar mein Kachwa log ko sikhaya jaa raha hai ki anda kahan par dena chahiye ... Kamaal hai Ambitious insaan log ...

- A Citizen



No need to worry, sir... the remote will be in our hands!

Chief Secretary Keshav Chandra Inaugurates 'Gyanodaya' – 2022-23

Science is basically a window of our society: Chandra

Port Blair, Jan. 16: "Science is basically a window of our society, our education system and the temperament that we exhibit. The scientific fervor once instilled in the minds of children becomes a real harbinger of the progress of the Nation and the Society", said the Chief Secretary, A&N Islands, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, addressing the gathering as the chief guest of the inaugural ceremony of the State Level Science & Mathematics exhibition 'Gyanodaya - 2022-23' organized by the Education Department, A&N Administration in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha, UT Mission



Authority, A&N Islands and Department of Education in Science & Mathematics, New Delhi in the auditorium of Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School

here this morning. The inaugural session was attended among others by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Education/

Sports), A&N Administration, Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Secretary (Education), Ms Veditha Reddy, IAS, Director (Education), Shri Aditya Kumar Jha, officials from Education Department, students, teachers and parents.

Lauding the students for the spectacular display of their exhibits/projects, he said, each student who has displayed their projects deserves a huge appreciation and applause. "Your work is no less or inferior to anybody else", the Chief Secretary told the students and encouraged them to continue learning and develop scientific temperament. He also

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Lt Governor Interacts with Tribal Leaders, General Public and HODs at Kamorta



Kamorta, Jan.16: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today held meeting with Tribal Captains & Representatives, Public & HoDs at APWD Guest House at Kamorta.

During the meeting, Hon'ble Lt Governor directed the officials of various Departments to ensure early examination & resolution of the issues raised.

On completion of his four day visit to Little Andaman and Kamorta, Continued on P2

A&N Police Celebrates 71st Raising Day DG Police Lauds the Services Rendered by the A&N Police Towards the Wellbeing of the Society

Port Blair, Jan. 16: On the occasion of 71st Raising Day, Andaman & Nicobar Police organized a Ceremonial Parade on 16th January, 2023, at Police Line Parade Ground. Shri Naveen Kumar, Assistant Commandant (IRBn) of A & N Police who was the ceremonial Parade Commander, presented the salute to the Shri Neeraj Thakur IPS, Director General of Police, A&N Islands.



The Director General in his address conveyed his greetings to the members of A&N Police & their families. He lauded the services rendered by A&N

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Island Lad Features Among Top 20 in the List of Engineering News-Record of USA

Port Blair, Jan 17: The ENR (Engineering News-Record), United States of America has announced its 2023 group of industry professionals named to the National Top



20 Under 40 list—recognition of the best of construction's next generation across 10 regions and the culmination of the annual Top Young Professionals conference. Among the top 20 featured Mr. Ankur Podder, S/o Mr Ranjan and Kakali Podder who hails from Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Continued on P2

7 More Specialists Posted across Health Institutions in the Isles

Port Blair, Jan. 16: The Andaman and Nicobar Administration is committed to provide better Health care facilities to the population of this UT which is scattered across different remote Islands. As part of the strengthening of Health facilities in A & N Islands, 7 more Specialists have been appointed by the A & N Administration and posted to different Health Institutions of these Islands following interview on 27.09.2022.

Surgical Specialist: 01 - G. B. Pant, Hospital, Port Blair

Medical Specialist: 02 - CHC, Rangat, CHC, Diglipur

Anesthetist: 01 - G. B. Pant, Hospital, Port Blair

Gynecologist: 01 - G. B. Pant, Hospital, Port Blair

Pediatrician: 01 - CHC, Bambooflat

Dermatologist: 01 - G. B. Pant, Hospital, Port Blair

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

The First of the Four

Popularly known as the 'Happy Slam', the Australian Open has been anything but in recent times. Unprecedented bushfires, COVID-19 lockdown restrictions and Novak Djokovic's unsavoury deportation over his unvaccinated status marred the competition in each of the previous three years. But come Monday, as the 2023 edition of the tournament gets underway, the season's first Major looks set to regain its free-spiritedness. So unshackled is the atmosphere that even COVID-positive players can compete, a far cry from the happenings of the last two years. It is expected that the on-court action would march in step, despite the absence of the now-retired duo of Roger Federer and Ash Barty, two-time Australian Open women's singles champion Naomi Osaka, and the reigning men's World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz. Djokovic's mere presence makes him the automatic favourite, for Melbourne is to him what Paris is to Rafael Nadal. The Serb has won the event nine times, an Open Era record, and was undefeated in his last 21 matches at the site. He has also warmed up well by securing the tune-up in Adelaide after saving a match-point in the final against Sebastian Korda. Nadal — the top seed, defending champion and a men's record 22-time Major winner — looks underprepared, but as the Spaniard proved in 2022, he is not one to be discounted.

Among women, all eyes will be on World No.1 and three-time Grand Slam champion Iga Swiatek. A disappointing loss to Jessica Pegula in the United Cup and a right shoulder injury may have affected her preparations, but the Pole is still the player to beat. Second seed Ons Jabeur, who has emerged as a solid all-court threat, will look for her maiden Slam title after finishing as runner-up at the Wimbledon and US Open last year. The championship will also be an opportunity for the next rung of players to stake claim as the stranglehold of the 'Big Three' (Federer, Nadal and Djokovic) will only loosen going forward and the women's game has already moved into the post-Barty, post-Serena Williams era. Daniil Medvedev, the 2021 US Open champion and a two-time finalist in Australia; Casper Ruud, runner-up at two of the four Majors in 2022; Stefanos Tsitsipas; and Felix Auger-Aliassime will all want to come good. So will the in-form American Pegula, also the third seed; Frenchwoman Caroline Garcia; Belarus's Aryna Sabalenka; and the continuously rising Coco Gauff.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Be a Father to Him..!

Sometimes we wonder as we see our loved ones in pain, why good people go through suffering. I remember my feelings many years ago, when I heard my dad in the US was diagnosed with cancer:

"Dads cancer," said my mom's voice on the phone, "has reached the bone. He's in pain!"

"Dear God," I prayed, "don't do this to a man who hardly caused pain to others. A man who taught me to be brave in the face of adversity. To laugh when troubles assailed me, and yet to cry with others in sadness."

I remembered days when even as a father with immense knowledge, he sat with me and listened to my half baked theories, not laughing them away, but shaking his head and sometimes agreeing and sometimes discussing, but allowing me to grow as a thinker, and not a parrot vomiting out tested formulas.

"Dear God," I whispered, "just put your strong arm around him and let him feel your strength. Let him put his head against that omnipotent muscle, and feel his pain disappear, just as he in my days of childhood held me tight when cuts and bruises and later emotional hurts racked my body and my soul.



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"Let him not feel the pain, dear God," I cried, "shield him, just as he shielded his family from the onslaughts of the outside world. When cruelty and harshness, injustice and fear were stopped at the threshold and not allowed to enter, so that we inside were nurtured in gentleness and love."

"Let your heavenly friendship envelop him oh God, just as he became more friend than father as the years went by. Two friends who walked in the cold impersonal streets of a foreign shore, watched the pigeons at Rockefeller Center and the waters of the Hudson. Friends who respected each other for what they were and a friend who did not try to forge me in his mould, but let me blossom into my own form."

"Dear God!" I shout, "why do good men have to suffer so? Why can't you pick the cruel, the ruthless, the tyrants of the world, why pick a man for whom wonder was childlike, and for whom gentleness was a way of life? Why God, why?" I asked in despair.

I felt an arm around my shoulder. It was his, my father's. I sobbed, unashamed, and then I felt his hand, wiping away my tears. I leaned against his arms, and slowly felt a peace. Somewhere far away, I knew my Dad had felt my pain.....he felt not his own.....

"Dear God," I had whispered that day, "be a Father to him, just as he is still a father to me!"

May this prayer be yours whose loved ones are going through pain or sickness right now..!

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Lt Governor Interacts with Tribal Leaders, General Public and HODs at Kamorta

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Hon'ble Lt Governor returned back to Port Blair today. He was given an affectionate

send off by senior officials of Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Andaman & Nicobar Police and Tribal

Captains & representatives at Kamorta.

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Ankur Podder was recognised as Research Engineer - Industrialized Construction Innovation, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Denver. Originally submitted to ENR Mountain States.

ENR's National Top 20 Under 40 were selected from

nearly 600 entries received this summer during regional Top Young Professionals competitions.

Nominees represent all construction industry segments and came from all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. Panels of independent industry judges in each region selected up to

20 winners whose profiles appeared in ENR regional magazine.

Highest scoring candidates from all regions were scrutinized by a new panel of judges to select a national Top 20 Under 40 list that represented the best young leaders from across the country.

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This step will not only improve the Health services in these Islands but will also reduce the referral of the

patients to mainland for further treatment. By posting Specialists, the Administration has fulfilled the long pending demand of

the people of these Islands. Further, the Health Department will make efforts to extend better health facilities in future too.

Pradhan and Ward Members of Kanyapuram Panchayat Join Congress Party

Port Blair, Jan 16: Expressing faith in the leadership of the Member of Parliament of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Shri. P Abdul Basheer, the Pradhan of Kanyapuram Panchayat along with his supporters today joined Congress Party after leaving Andaman & Nicobar Democratic Congress Party.

Gram Panchayat Member Ms. Reshma and Ms. C P Maimuna and Social Workers Shri. P K Abdul Gafoor and Shri. Shabaz also joined Congress party today along with Shri. P Abdul Basheer, who were welcomed in the Congress Party by the Member of Parliament.

Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma expressed hope that the newly joined members will continue to work for the betterment and welfare of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.



Open to All Night Cricket Tournament 'Challenger's Trophy 2k23' Commences at Muslimbasti

Port Blair, Jan 16: On 14th January 2023 with an aim to infuse sportsmanship, camaraderie and brotherhood among the local youth & with the tagline "Say Yes To Cricket & No To Drugs", the "Ek Nazar SHG" & "NS Sporting Club" in collaboration with Gram Panchayat Mithakhari at Muslimbasti Flood Light Playground organized an Open to All T10 Night Cricket Tournament in the name of "CHALLENGER'S TROPHY 2k23".

Shri. Tej Bhadur, Superintendent Engineer APWD declared the tournament open by hoisting the flag of the tournament as a Chief Guest in presence of Guests of Honours Shri. Gautam Sarkar, Executive Engineer E&M APWD, Shri. Subba Raj, Executive Engineer RCD APWD, & Shri. Pradeep Sarkar, Executive Engineer ZPSA.

The occasion was also graced by the PRI's of Gram Panchayat Mithakhari, other nearby Panchayats, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers of APWD, PRI and ZP members.

Shri. Mohd Safiq, Pradhan Gram Panchayat Mithakhari welcomed the gathering and expressed the heartfelt thanks to Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament A&N Islands for giving such a beneficial asset like Permanent Flood Light under MPLAD at Muslimbasti Playground under Gram Panchayat Mithakhari for encouraging the youths towards sports activities. He also



expressed his gratitude towards APWD for timely completion of the work. He also admired the organizing committee for organizing such a mega tournament in a grand manner with the tagline of "Say Yes to Cricket & No To Drugs" which is really a need of hour in today's time.

The Opening Ceremony generated immense enthusiasm among the locals. Overall, 35 teams from different parts of Islands are participating in the tournament. "The pleasant evening felt warmer and upbeat than usual courtesy the bonhomie and cheerful milieu at the ground", the public opined. The intense cricketing duels and contests between bat and ball would inevitably entice to draw large crowds to the field in all the league matches. Youth of Ograbraj have managed and excelled

in this sport mainly due to their passion and dedication towards cricket.

The tournament provides a perfect platform to the local youth to showcase their performance and hone their skills. The main aim of the tournament is to inspire the youth participation towards the sports instead of other abusive activities like drugs and all in the region.

It is pertinent to mention that the Youths of Ograbraj and Muslimbasti has been organizing different sporting events to promote physical activities among youth and divert their energy towards a positive direction. The locals expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards the youths for organizing this event and appealed for more such events in the future to nurture the sporting talent in locals.

WITH YOU Distributes Clothing to Needy Village Residents

Miletilak, Jan 16: On January 15, 2023 WITH YOU (NGO) distributed clothing to the needy residents of Miletilak village. The clothes were generously donated by members of the community and were warmly received by the villagers.

Children, women, and men came out with enthusiasm to choose their desired clothing. The President and members of WITH YOU have expressed deepest gratitude to the society for coming forward to support



this noble cause. The organization was committed to continue its

efforts to assist those in need and making a positive impact in the community.

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Health, Science /Tech

PIO Student Gets Scholarship for Research in Water Treatment Using Membrane Tech



January 16: New York: An Indian-American PhD student has received a fellowship from the American Membrane Technology Association (AMTA) and the US Bureau of Reclamation for undertaking cutting-edge and innovative research in the field of advanced treatment of alternative water supplies.

Harsh Patel, a Chemical Engineering PhD student and Graduate Research Assistant at the University of Michigan was named among the four recipients of the USD 11,750 fellowship, said the AMTA statement.

Patel's research looks at establishing novel low water content membranes capable of selectively removing targeted ions to meet rising water and energy demands, it said.

Innovations in membrane technology have significant potential to reduce the cost, energy, and environmental impact of advanced treatment of recycling wastewater and seawater that would offer clean, safe, abundant, and cost-effective water supplies in arid areas.

"I am extremely pleased to have received this honour knowing that successful work in this area will have direct implications on global problems like water scarcity," said Patel.

Patel did his Bachelor's in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2021 and is currently associated with Michigan's Kamcev Lab which aims to develop next-generation polymeric materials for water treatment and energy generation and storage applications.

Patel is set to attend the 2023 Membrane Technology Conference and Exposition to share his research through a podium presentation or poster in Knoxville in February.

The AMTA and Reclamation Fellowships together award four scholarships each year to support graduate students who are pursuing a full-time Master's degree or a PhD student conducting research in the advancements needed to pursue innovation in membrane technologies.

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complimented the teachers and parents for the support and guidance rendered to the students in coming up with such innovative ideas and solutions for day to day challenges through their projects and models, making it envision worthy.

Mentioning that the philosophy of Science is extremely important, the Chief Secretary said, it was the American Historian and Philosopher of Science, Thomas Kuhn’s scientific philosophies that changed the entire gamut of Science, thereby enabling people to differentiate between Science and pseudo-science. He said, the 18th century Industrial revolution was based on scientific revolution with one single principle i.e. to make life simpler where there is a challenge or difficulties in human existence. Science is based on the fundamentals of consistency, accuracy, truthfulness, simple and it is replicable, the Chief Secretary said. He urged the teachers to continue to instill in children the wonders of Science and how it can play a crucial role in mitigating the challenges of life.

Congratulating the Education Department led by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Secretary (Education) and Director Education for the tremendous work in the betterment of education in Isles, the Chief Secretary said, the students-teacher ratio in A&N Islands is one of the best in the country with 10.7 students to 1 teacher, 17 Atal Tinkering Labs are functioning in the Islands and 67 schools have Integrated Science Labs and 22 Sr. Secondary Schools are having Science Streams with well-equipped separate labs for Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Maths. He remarked that it is a matter of great pride that the Island territory with its geographical distance from mainland has been able to produce such competent students who are at par with mainland students who have access to the best institutions and coaching facilities. He said, every year, many students from Isles are able to get into premier Medical and Engineering Colleges in mainland, which is not a mean achievement and this kind of exhibition is a stepping stone to further showcase their talents and compete with the students in mainland.

The Chief Secretary along with the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Secretary (Education) and Director (Education) also released the

Gyanodaya Souvenir on the occasion. Earlier, the Chief Secretary went round the exhibits and evinced keen interest in the models on display by the students. He interacted and patiently listened to their explanation about the themes and working of their models and projects.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Shri Nikhil Kumar lauded the students for their wonderful exhibits. He appreciated the innovative models displayed by the students and remarked that some of it can be developed into economically viable projects, which can be replicated in real life including educational institutions. He complimented the teachers for their efforts in making this exhibition a scientific blend of minds. He stated that modern civilization is scientifically driven and the modern comforts are based on science. Science empowers, emancipate and enlightens us in many ways, he remarked. Urging students to continue with the scientific temperament and quest for innovation, he called upon them to share such scientific knowledge and learning with the community and society at large and also to encourage the masses to incorporate scientific excellence in their day to day activities and help make life easier, smarter and better.

Welcoming the gathering, the Secretary (Education), Ms Veditha Reddy thanked the Chief Secretary for his constant support, guidance & motivation and under whose leadership ‘Education’ always takes the prime focus. She said, ‘Gyanodaya’ is a State Level Science & Mathematics exhibition which is held every year. However, due to COVID Pandemic, it could not be held since the last three years. She informed that the Block level and Zonal Level exhibitions were conducted in the month of October and November in which various Schools participated in the competition including Private Schools, out of which, 115 students including 22 students from Private Schools were selected to represent and showcase their exhibits today. The best selected projects will represent A&N Islands at the National Level Exhibition to be held in New Delhi, she said. The Secretary further remarked that this exhibition not only gives students the platform for their scientific temperament but also inculcates the power of processing how Science can be

utilized in day to day life. She informed that in A&N Islands, there are 22 Senior Secondary Schools having Science Stream in which about 1100 to 1200 students are pursuing their studies in Science stream. To develop scientific temperament among students, 10 Atal Tinkering Labs in Govt. Schools and 7 in Private Schools are functioning in the Islands, she said.

More than 100 exhibits were on display at the exhibition by the students from nine educational zones from Diglipur to Campbell Bay. Earlier, students from Govt. Model SSS and Govt. Boys SSS presented a welcome song. The Director, Education, Shri Aditya Kumar Jha proposed the vote of thanks. The inaugural programme concluded with a silent National Anthem presented by the Special Children.

Meanwhile, the closing ceremony of the State Level Exhibition – ‘Gyanodaya’ 2022-23 was held today in which the Secretary (Education), Ms. Veditha Reddy, IAS was the chief guest. In her brief address, the Secretary (Education) said that such exhibitions help in developing creativity & scientific temperament among students. She also showered praise for the teachers, students and parents for their hard work in preparing the exhibits and models.

The Secretary had a special mention for the students of schools of Nicobar zone for creating innovative & extraordinary models. She also appreciated the students of North & Middle Andaman zones for their participation, displaying good science models and explaining it efficiently.

Mentioning that some of the models created by the students for environment protection, projects of mathematics and biology and paintings were innovative, the Secretary said these models can be replicated at School level for the benefit of students and the residents of the area. She also handed over trophies to the students whose models were adjudged first, second and third respectively. The Director Education, Shri Aditya Kumar Jha and Deputy Directors also handed over trophies to the winner students. The Rolling Trophy of the Gyanodaya-2022-23 was bagged by South Andaman Zone. The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Deputy Director Education (Science), Smt. Archana Singh.

A&N Police Celebrates 71st Raising Day

DG Police Lauds the Services Rendered by the A&N Police Towards the Wellbeing of the Society

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Police towards the wellbeing of the society and highlighted the major achievements of A&N Police force in the past one year.

In the past one year, 28 Police Officers were honoured with various medals and prizes. Departmental promotions to 101 deserving Police Personnel including Fire, PMF, Communication & IRBn from the rank of Constable to Inspector were awarded and 905 personnel were granted MACP. Many other welfare measures like reinstatement from suspension of police personnel, speedy finalization of Departmental proceedings and timely settlement of medical claims were also taken up in the administrative measures. Police Sub-Inspector Regina Kiro has brought laurels to the Andaman and Nicobar Police Force by winning 01 gold medal in Kayaking and 02 bronze medals in Canoeing in the 36th

National Games held in Gujarat.

On the enforcement front, during the year nearly 17,000 Traffic Challans were issued. Apart from this, more than 2000 persons were booked under drunken driving. In 2022, Fires Services Unit attended 223 calls & saved property worth more than Rs.85 crore. Further, a strict vigil over the illegal activities like bootlegging, drug peddling, poaching activities etc., has been kept around the clock for maintaining law & order in these Islands. During the year many training programmes were conducted related to First Aid, Fire Fighting and Disaster Preparedness for students, teachers and general public.

Highlighting the challenges before the Police Department, the DGP, A&N Islands encouraged the staff to discharge their duties with utmost dedication, sincerity and exhibit greater professionalism, transparency, integrity and sensitivity in their functioning in order to effectively serve the people of A&N Islands.

Tourism Department Imposes Guide Fee for Tourists Visiting Natural Bridge at Laxmanpur-II

Port Blair, Jan. 16: It has come to the notice of the Tourism Department that some tourists while on visit to the Natural Bridge at Laxmanpur-II, Shaheed Dweep walk on corals and protected marine biodiversity due to lack of information and knowledge. The coral reef & coastal ecosystem is fragile in nature and therefore, it needs to be protected & conserved.

In view of this, it has been decided by the Tourism Department of A&N Administration that henceforth, tourists visiting Natural Bridge at Laxmanpur-II should compulsorily take the services of Certified Tourist Guide, to properly guide

visitors/tourists with Do’s & Don’ts etc. This step has been initiated to conserve and protect the fragile ecosystem of this unique terrain.

The visiting tourists/visitors/general public have been requested to abide by the instructions/directions of the authorities and co-operate and also be part of the conservation of marine ecosystem.

The prescribed fee for Certified Tourist Guides for visiting Natural Bridge, Laxmanpur-II, Shaheed Dweep are as under:-

No. of Tourists 1-10: Rs 500/- (1/2 an hour) Point 1

No. of Tourists 1-10: Rs 1000/- (1 hour) Point 2

No. of Tourists 1-10: Rs 1 500/- (1 ½ hour to 2 hours) Point 3

Fisheries Beneficiaries Advised

Port Blair, Jan. 16: The beneficiaries selected for availing subsidy towards ‘Construction /Purchase of New Motorized/Mechanized Fishing Boats’ under UT plan during the year 2021-22 have been informed that the time

period for submission of complete report along with required documents for claiming financial subsidy to the respective Assistant Director of Fisheries has been extended up to 31st March, 2023.

Road Closure Notice

Port Blair, Jan. 16: Half portion of the road from Minnie Bay Junction to Utkrosh Gate will remain closed for resurfacing of the road w.e.f 16.01.2023 (AN) to 21.01.2023, a notification issued by DM (SA) said.



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Hundreds of Workers Participate in Victory Processions Organised by CITU Across the Islands

Port Blair, Jan 16: At the call given by the CITU Andaman & Nicobar State Committee, hundreds of workers participated in the Victory Processions all over the union territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands today (16.01.2023) to celebrate the Court case won by the Andaman Sarvajanik Nirman Vibhag Mazdoor Sangh (ASNVMs), affiliated to CITU, in the Calcutta High Court on the 1/30th of pay plus DA case to all the Daily Rated Mazdoors.

At Port Blair, the Victory Procession began from Tiranga Park, Aberdeen Bazar which after making a round of the Port Blair town converged into a public meeting at Tiranga Park. Hundreds of Workers from various trade unions functioning at Port Blair participated in the victory procession. Addressing the public meeting, B. Chandrachoodan, General Secretary, CITU State Committee said that the Division Bench of the High Court at Calcutta (Port Blair Circuit Bench) in their judgment on 19th December, 2022 had directed that all the daily rated mazdoors working under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration should be extended the financial benefits under the 1/30th of pay plus Scheme of the A&N Administration

formulated in September, 2017 without linking it with sanctioned post / vacant posts, etc. He said that the Court also ordered that the workers be given the benefit from September, 2017 within two months from the date of judgment. He traced the valiant struggles conducted by the CITU during the last 30 years because of which the 2017 scheme was formulated by the Administration. R. Surendran Pillai, President CITU State Committee, who presided over the meeting, called upon the workers to remain united to conduct more struggles in case the Government did not implement the court order. Addressing the public meeting D. Ayyappan, Vice President, CITU State Committee explained in brief the failure of the BJP-led government at the Centre to solve the power, water and communication problems of these islands. SP Kalairajan, Shipra Bala and MV Yugander, Secretaries of CITU State Committee also addressed the meeting. M. Boominathan, BC Bhattacharjee, NKP Nair, Vice Presidents and P. Sathyapal and Anand Rajan, Secretaries of CITU State Committee were also present at the public meeting.

At Diglipur, Victory Procession was taken out in the



Diglipur bazaar which culminated into a public meeting. The programme was led by Ramjeeban Sarkar, Vice President, AIKS, S. Arummugam of NGOs Association, Sunil Bepari, Vice President and Barun Biswas Secretary of CITU Diglipur Zonal Committee. A large number of workers participated in the Victory Procession. At Rangat, Victory Procession was taken out in the Rangat Bazar which culminated in a meeting in front of the office of the Assistant Commissioner which was addressed by Projit Kumar Sarkar, President and C. Karuppaiah, Secretary of CITU Rangat Zonal Committee. A large number of workers from APWD and Electricity Department participated in the programme. At Hut Bay, a large number of APWD workers assembled in front of the Executive Engineer's office and staged mass demonstration which was led by P. Rajesh. At Katchal, the APWD workers staged mass demonstration in front of the APWD office which was led by Rajesh Khanna.





LOWER BACK PAIN

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National Startup Day Celebrated at IGNOU, RC



Port Blair, Jan 16: As part of Institutions Innovation Council (IIC), Ministry of Education (MOE), Government of India and National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education (NCIDE) campaign, the IGNOU, Regional Centre, Port Blair has observed the National Startup Day-2023 today, to foster a culture of entrepreneurship among youth. Dr. N. Rajvel, Head of the Department, PG Department of Commerce, Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyala (JNRM), was the chief guest for the function.

In his speech, Dr. Rajvel, has elaborated the significance of the day and urged the gathering to take up startup for future endeavour. He also stated that the Startup Day aims to engage startup ecosystem stakeholders across to encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation in India. Moreover, the Startups are often the first to bring innovative ideas to market and play an important role in driving economic growth and creating jobs.

Earlier Dr.RVR Murthy, Regional Director welcomed the Chief Guest and other guests were present The learners and staff of IGNOU, Regional Centre, Port Blair were participated the programme.



SPORTS

Mumbai Marathon: Course Records Shattered as Ethiopia's Hayle Lemi and Anchalem Haymanot Make Most of Cool Weather

January 16: Records tumbled at the Mumbai Marathon on Sunday, fueled by the city seeing it's coldest day this season so far.

Ethiopia's Hayle Lemi bettered the elite men's course record by more than 30 seconds, comfortably finishing the race in 2:07:32 to better the record of 2:08:09 set in 2020 by Derara Hurisa. Lemi's compatriot Anchalem Haymanot finished the race in 2:24:15 to better Kenyan Valentine Kipketer's record of 2:24:33 set in 2013.

Lemi and Anchalem took home prize money of \$45,000 as well as a course record bonus of \$15,000 each. Kenyan Philemon Rono finished behind Lemi with a timing of 02:08:44, followed by Hailu Zewdu, who clocked 2:10:23. Rahma Tusa and Letebrhan Haylay completed an Ethiopian sweep in the women's event with timings of 2:24:22 and 2:24:52 respectively.

While the cooler temperatures played a massive part in the records being broken, 10 of the men's elite runners have better personal bests than the previous record.

The temperature in South Mumbai, where the race was held, saw temperatures of 16.2 degrees Celsius while the temperature in Santacruz — near the end of the Bandra-World Sea link — went as low as 13 degrees.

Winner of the 2016 Boston Marathon, Lemi, whose personal best is 2:04:33, said he could've gone for a time of two hours and five minutes but since it was his first time running in Mumbai, he was warned by his compatriots



who've run the race before about the weather becoming slightly unbearable in the latter stages of the race. He was also warned about the difficult uphill route (Peddar road flyover) post the 32km mark. Lemi, with a hint of regret, said that had he not listened to those warnings, he could've run a better race as they didn't affect him anyway. "The weather was great. It didn't get hot like I was told it would. The uphill was also not difficult. In fact, I didn't know that uphill was the difficult part and I thought maybe it was further in the race so I was conserving my energy. I think I could have finished at least two minutes earlier than I did," Lemi said at the post-race press conference, adding that he was actually surprised he was able to win as he hadn't trained completely. Advertisement It was a dream debut for Anchalem in the women's elite race who kept pleading with her pacer to push harder throughout the race.

"This was my first marathon and I won gold. I was nervous regarding the weather and the

conditions. Before the start, I didn't tell myself that I have any hope of winning as the women's field was very strong but I just stuck to the basics. My whole body was feeling good in the end so I went for the win," she said.

Opposite styles The elite men and women began their respective races with completely different strategies. While the women pushed from the start and slowed down towards the end, the men's race began relatively slowly and it was only after the 25km mark that they actually began upping their pace.

After breaking from the rest of the group post the 26km mark, Lemi, Rono and Zewdu climbed Peddar Road together. Seeing that his opponents were struggling to keep up with him, he pushed even more to take a comfortable lead on Marine Drive. In the women's race, there were as many as five runners in the lead pack at the midway stage before 2019 champion Worknesh Alemu took the sole lead. She however couldn't match the drive of Anchalem and Tusa who kept pushing each other till the end.

Virat Kohli Gets to his 74th International Century in 3rd ODI Against Sri Lanka

January 16: Virat Kohli brought up his 46th ODI century against Sri Lanka in Greenfield International Stadium on Sunday. Kohli is now just four ODI centuries away from breaking Sachin Tendulkar's record for most hundreds in the format. Kohli has 46 ODI centuries, whereas Tendulkar has scored 49 ODI hundreds in his career. This was also his 74th hundred in international cricket. He took 10 fours and 1 six to reach his latest ton. He also broke

Tendulkar's record for most centuries at home with 21 hundreds to his name at home now.

Kohli also broke into the list of top 5 batters to have the most ODI runs in history, leapfrogging Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene. He is now only behind Tendulkar, Kumar Sangakkara, Ricky Ponting and Sanath Jayasuriya in the elite list. Kohli had ended his ODI century drought during India's tour of Bangladesh in the fagend of last year.

The number 3 batter had remained century-less for 1214 days. Kohli will likely break more ODI records as India has a packed ODI calendar in the 10-month window in the build-up to the World Cup in October-November.

Earlier, India skipper Rohit Sharma won the toss and elected to bat against Sri Lanka in the third ODI on Sunday. India made two changes as Hardik Pandya and Umran Malik made way for Suryakumar Yadav and Washington Sundar in the playing XI.

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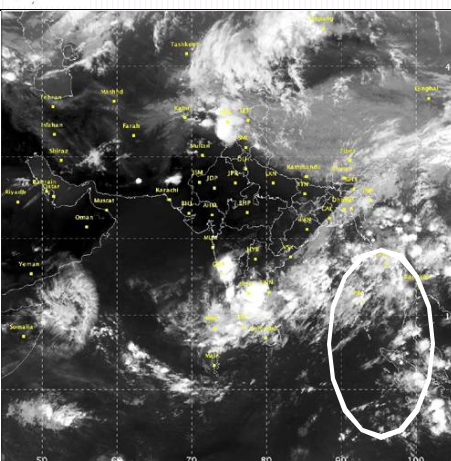
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.2 °C	Min.: 22.9 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 60% 1730 Hrs: 64%	
Sunrise: 0544 Hrs.	Sunset: 1715 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

CLEAR SKY. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 29°C and 21°C respectively on Tuesday 17/01/2023.

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