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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

Chief Secretary, Keshav Chandra ke aane ke baad aisa lagta hai ki Andaman ke oopar jo kaala baadal tha, woh thoda hat raha hai

- A Citizen



Not stars or the Moon... just get me four tickets for the India-Australia match!

Keshav Chandra Dedicates Five e-Busses of Transport Department for Swaraj Dweep

Port Blair, Sept. 26: The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS during his visit to Swaraj Dweep flagged off five e-busses of Transport Department, A&N Administration today. This initiative is an effort of A&N Administration towards environment protection and preservation of Swaraj Dweep's scenic natural beauty.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Transport), Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary

(APWD/Shipping), Smti Nandini Paliwal, IAS, Secretary (Finance), Shri C Arvind, Secretary-cum-Director (Transport), Shri Vishwendra, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Secretary (APWD), Shri Kishore Kshirsagar Lakshman, IAS, Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS, PRIs, senior Officers of line Department, students, teachers and general public of Swaraj

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Chief Secretary Visits Kalapathar Beach at Swaraj Dweep



Port Blair, Sept. 26: The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS during his visit to Swaraj Dweep visited Kalapathar Beach and its adjoining village early in the morning today on the request of public representatives. During the visit, he was apprised of the issues and the challenges being faced by the villagers. Regarding parking space for vehicles at Kalapathar beach, the Chief Secretary said, the issue may be sorted out after proper demarcation of land. The request for creation of proper trekking route will also be looked into.

On the demand for starting water sports activities at Kalapathar Beach,

the Chief Secretary directed the concerned Officer to conduct survey of the area and accordingly demarcate the area for specific activities, keeping in mind the fragile marine life. He also directed that toilet facility at Kalapathar beach should be opened by 5 am as tourist visits the spot early in the morning and it may be handed over to Panchayat for its proper maintenance. The Chief Secretary directed to widen the footpath at Kalapathar Naya Basti to facilitate the residents with motorable path.

Regarding the request for construction of a platform at Vijaynagar Mita Pani where unloading

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GREETINGS

I extend warm greetings to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, particularly to those entrepreneurs who are in the Tourism Industry, on the occasion of World Tourism Day.

Tourism is the backbone of Andaman and Nicobar Islands' economy and one of the largest sectors to provide employment to our Island youths and hence we need to focus more towards Tourism.

There is a need to listen to all stakeholders of the Tourism Industry and form a Tourism Master plan keeping the next 20 years in mind.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands have tremendous potential for high value tourists and to shine globally in the Tourism Sector.

I am confident that very soon Andaman and Nicobar Islands will become one of the most preferred Tourist Destinations in the entire world.

I take this opportunity to greet the Islanders as well as tourists and express the hope that Tourism will achieve greater heights in the coming years and our Islands will emerge as one of the most sought-after eco-friendly tourist destinations in the world.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma
Member of Parliament
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that along with the rest of the world, the A&N Islands is also celebrating 'World Tourism Day-2022' befittingly on 27th September, 2022. It was on this very day in 1980 that the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) came into being.

The theme for this year's celebration, 'Rethinking Tourism' gives us the opportunity to reconsider how we can develop tourism as a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient manner.

Owing to its composite culture, the A&N Islands are aptly described as 'Mini India' and tell interesting tales woven its social fabric to the visitors. The pristine & unspoiled beaches, plethora of options for tourists in underwater, game fishing and water sports activities make our Islands one of the most sought after tourist destinations in the world. As we celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', commemorating 75 years of India's Independence, several tourism-related activities have been initiated by the Govt. of India, which are being fervently carried out in the Islands too.

The Tourism Department of the Administration, in tandem, with other Departments is also making efforts in reaching out to more tourists globally and extending best facilities to them in these Islands. In the coming days, more megatourism projects will come up in A&N Islands under the aegis of Islands Development Agency (IDA) with the cooperation of NITI Aayog. This will give further fillip to Island's tourism sector, providing employment opportunities to the local populace and taking us closer to fulfillment of the goal of making India 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

With the coming up of mega infrastructure projects in tourism sector, I am confident that the A&N tourism is poised for a big leap and will emerge as an ideal all-season destination for safe and sustainable tourism in the country.

On the occasion of the World Tourism Day, I once again congratulate all tourism stakeholders and islanders.

Jai Hind!

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

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Violent Front

On September 22, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested over 100 leaders and activists of the radical Islamist outfit, the Popular Front of India (PFI), after raids in 15 States. The PFI claims to be a 'neo-social movement', but its rhetoric and activities have left little doubt about its true nature. The latest demonstration of its violent, and threatening, character was seen the next day after the raids, when it called for a hartal. The PFI continuously invokes the Constitution, democratic values and rule of law, but all that cannot camouflage the violence in its action and speech as unleashed in Kerala last week. Kerala is its cradle and launchpad. Extremely provocative slogans and speeches formed part of the protest. The PFI and the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) which acts as its political front, often deny their association, as unconvincingly as their claims of being on the right side of the law and democracy. The NIA has accused the PFI and its affiliates of conspiring to foment hostility between different religions and groups, thereby disrupting public tranquillity and causing disaffection against India. The agency, which has so far registered 19 PFI-related cases, charge-sheeted 355 people and secured the conviction of 46, has charged them with propagating an alternative justice delivery system justifying violence, instigating vulnerable youth to join banned terror outfits such as al-Qaeda and conspiring to establish Islamic rule in India.

During these searches on the outfit and its members, the NIA claims to have seized a hit list of prominent leaders of a particular community. Going by the claims of the enforcement agencies, the outfit has been continuously indulging in unlawful activities, ever since the Narath arms training case of 2013 in which members of the PFI and SDPI were convicted for organising a terrorist camp with the intent to train youth in explosives and weapons use. In 2020, some PFI members were arrested for their alleged role in inciting people during the Delhi riots. The outfit also faces the charge of raising money domestically and overseas to fund its operations, thus attracting money laundering investigations by the Enforcement Directorate. As it turns out, the rise of the PFI-SDPI axis is being resisted by moderate Muslim organisations. These outfits are profiting from the sense of insecurity among Muslims caused by Hindutva aggression and allied Government measures that seem prejudiced and fuelled by majoritarian politics. The state must act against radicalism of all kinds, rather than being selective in its approach to communal hate.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



No Free Sari..!

As I see the multiple floor crossings by our politicians, I realise that these men and women have no ideology they believe in and it is only we voters who have been made fools by believing them when we cast our votes for what we think they stand for.

But in my imagination my wife and maid servant were not as foolish as I was after we cast our votes in the last election as you will see:

The wife was furious, "I cast my vote. Where is my free sari?"

"It is not for free saris or free pressure cookers, TVs or vada-pavs that we cast our vote, but for the strengthening of democracy!" I said.

"Biriyani!"

"What?"

"No more vada-pavs or lime juice, it is biriyani and beer the political parties offer for your vote, and women get saris."

"I didn't cast my vote for a bribe," I said proudly.

"Are you sure?" asked the wife, "The way you were trying to convince me to vote for that funny looking fellow, I had a notion you were getting something. Where is my sari?"

"I did not get anything," I said, "And he is not funny looking!"

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"See there you go again, defending him. Did you get your beer and biriyani?"

"Do I look like someone who can be bought with a beer and biriyani?"

"You could be bought for less," said the wife, "Where is the sari?"

"I did not get any sari!"

"Are you sure?"

"What would I do with a sari, other than giving it to you?"

"So why didn't you negotiate?"

"Negotiate?"

"Yes husband, the whole country negotiates for votes, ask our maidservant what she got for her vote? Ask her?"

"Madam this sari I am wearing, and my husband got a pant piece!"

"For one vote?" I asked incredulously.

"No sir, we went three, four times. There are many dead people in our area, for whom we gave vote!"

"We could have also done that," said the wife, "Mr Kumar died last year, and Mrs.."

"I do not look like dead Mr Kumar!" I said stubbornly.

"Those officers are not very particular sir!" said the maid helpfully.

"I guess they won't be if they also get a biriyani and a bottle of beer!" I said.

"Stop grumbling," said the wife, "All of them have made the best use of our great electoral process and like fools we go and give our vote for free. No wonder I saw that electoral officer sniggering when I entered. What did that funny looking fellow we voted for promise you?"

"He said, he would fix the potholes on our roads! At least one hour a day of water supply, and less sewage in our drinking water!"

"Ha, ha, ha!" laughed my maid.

"Ha, ha, ha!" laughed the wife bitterly as she looked with envy at my maid's free sari..!

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Chief Secretary Visits Kalapathar Beach at Swaraj Dweep

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of cargo is done, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to see for its feasibility. The fishermen

may also be allowed to have access to the Vijaynagar beach area, he said.

Later, the Chief Secretary also visited Govt. Sr. Sec.

School, Govind Nagar-3 and inspected the facilities at the school. He also interacted with the teachers and students.

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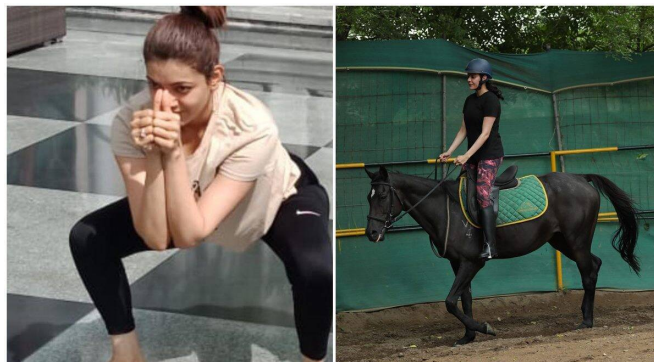
ENTERTAINMENT

New Mom Kajal Aggarwal Learns Kalaripayattu for her Role in Indian 2

September 26: Actor Kajal Aggarwal will be seen next in a pivotal role in Kamal Haasan-starrer Indian 2. The mom of a four-month-old is leaving no stone unturned in the preparation for her role in the sequel of Indian.

Kajal recently shared a video where she was seen training in Kalaripayattu, the ancient Indian martial arts form. She was seen practicing with swords and sticks in the clip.

Sharing the video, Kajal Aggarwal wrote, "Kalaripayattu is an ancient Indian martial art, that translates into 'practice in the arts of the battlefield.' The magic of this art form evolved into the birth of Shaolin, Kung Fu and consequently Karate and Taekwondo, amongst others. Kalari was typically used for guerilla warfare and is a beautiful practice that empowers the seeker physically as well as mentally. Grateful to have been learning this intermittently (but wholeheartedly) over 3 years! @cvn_kalari have been fabulous and so patient, guiding me as per my ability to learn and perform at different degrees over time. Thank you for being such wonderful masters."



shot and edited by @kiransa #indian2."

Earlier, in a video, we saw Kajal Aggarwal doing horse riding too.

Sharing the video, she wrote, "Eager and excited, I jumped back into work 4 months post-partum! Little did I realise that it would feel like starting from scratch. My body wasn't the same as how it used to be. Pre baby, I could endure very long workdays with taxing amounts of physical activity AND then hit the gym. Post baby, it's been hard to get back my energy levels. Mounting a horse, let alone riding it seemed like a huge task! My body protested with the martial arts training that came so easily to me earlier. Our bodies can change/ may change/ will change but our indomitable spirit and

burning passion, need not. We've got to just keep showing up for ourselves and consistently making each day count. It's all about what we choose to prioritise to focus on and not feel guilty about our choices. #Indian2 I'm so glad I've jumped back into the drill with you. Stoked to learn new skills on the job and pursue them as hobbies after. So fortunate to be a part of this industry I call home! Grateful for the opportunities to constantly learn and become an upgraded version of myself d'p. Video expert @kiransa photography >0Y."

Indian 2 is directed by Shankar. It also stars Siddharth, Rakul Preet Singh, Gulshan Grover, and Priya Bhavani Shankar. The movie is slated to release next year.

Shah Rukh Khan Shares New Shirtless Photo as he 'Waits for Pathaan', Fans Say '2023 Belongs to You'

September 26: As the buzz around Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan gets louder, the star decided to crank it up a notch and shared a shirtless photo of himself on Sunday. Keeping to his usual witty and sharp words, he penned a post 'for his shirt', and said that he was also waiting for Pathaan.

SRK wrote, "Me to My Shirt today: 'Tum hoti toh kaisa hota.... Tum iss baat pe hairaan hoti, Tum iss baat pe kitni hansti.....Tum hoti toh aisa hota..' Me also waiting for Pathaan..."

Fans commented with adoring replies, with many hailing the film as a sure-shot blockbuster of 2023. One fan wrote, "2023

belongs to you and only you! It makes me so emotional every time I think of how hard you are working to bless us with 3 movies next year. All my love and respect to you my hero!"

Just a while ago, Deepika Padukone, who also features in the film had shared a photo of the script of Pathaan kept on a table under the mic. The makers have been unveiling teasers and motion posters that are just adding to the feverish hype surrounding the film.



Directed by Siddharth Anand, Pathaan releases on January 25, 2023. Pathaan also marks the fourth on-screen collaboration of Deepika and Shah Rukh Khan after Om Shanti Om, Happy New Year and Chennai Express.

Apart from Pathaan, SRK has ensured that 2023 is booked as he has Jawan and Dunki releasing as well in the same year.

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Discontinuation of Smallpox Vaccine May have Helped in Resurgence of Monkeypox Cases

September 26: DELHI: The discontinuation of the smallpox vaccine might have helped in the resurgence of monkeypox cases, which should not be confused with the novel coronavirus, doctors at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital said.

An editorial written by researchers from the Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology at the hospital, which was published in the current edition of the Indian Journal of Medical Microbiology, suggests that authorities should launch a programme for inoculating those aged below 45 years with smallpox vaccine since it provides 85 per cent protection.

India's monkeypox tally of cases currently stands at 14, with Delhi accounting for nine of those.

"The waning immunity in humans due to the discontinuation of the small pox vaccine has established the scope for the resurgence of monkeypox, demonstrated by the re-emergence of the outbreak after an absence of 30-40 years," said Dr Chand Wattal, corresponding author and chairperson, Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. The senior doctor said many of the monkeypox patients are below 40 years of age with a median age of 31 years.

"Since the small pox vaccine provides 85 per cent cross-protection, a programme for vaccination of the unvaccinated needs to be considered and a roadmap should be framed now, especially for people below 45 years of age. A high-risk person's burden needs to be considered and the possible drug — Tecovirimat — could be stockpiled," he said.

Monkeypox is zoonotic — an infectious disease that has jumped from animals to humans — followed by human-to-human spread with an average mortality of 3 to 6 per cent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Noting that experts agree that the infection can occur through respiratory droplets from a close contact, Dr Sanghamitra Datta, author and senior consultant, Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said monkeypox cannot be transmitted over distances like COVID-19.

"Small pox has no known animal reservoir and has only human-to-human transmission with a high mortality rate of 30 per cent. Lymphadenopathy is distinct in monkeypox, which is not there in small pox. Most experts agree that though the infection can occur through respiratory droplets from a close contact, it does not seem to be transmitted over the distances like the Sars-CoV-2 virus," she added. Wattal said even though the number of cases is low currently, cases with no history of international travel to affected areas can be a warning sign. "The health authorities need to be vigilant. The Kerala mode of containment and contact tracing is praiseworthy and the prompt diagnosis made by NIV, Pune by achieving the gold standard of having cultured and sequenced the virus in a shortest possible time is encouraging by way of capacity building and the rapid response ecosystem having come of age in India," he added.

Keshav Chandra Dedicates Five e-Busses of Transport Department for Swaraj Dweep

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Dweep were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary congratulated the Transport Department for launching the e-bus services in Swaraj Dweep in a record time. This initiative stems from the fact, the need to provide tourists visiting Swaraj Dweep a pleasant and memorable stay, the Chief Secretary stated. He said, there have been instances of travel agents fleeing tourists as there is no alternate mode of conveyance and reminded the habitants of the Island that Swaraj Dweep being a tourist destination have visitors from not just the country, but international tourists too, hence it is pertinent to ensure that tourists visiting the Island are provided with basic needs in terms of comfortable mode of transportation, stay, etc.

The Chief Secretary remarked that in the coming days, more tourists and activities will be introduced in Swaraj Dweep, however, we need to be sensitive towards the fragile environment and must do our bit to protect, preserve and conserve it while we simultaneously open our doors for tourism activities. He said, the Administration's commitment to promote sustainable and responsible tourism in A&N Islands can only be achieved, if the local inhabitants join hands in achieving this vision.

The Chief Secretary also informed the gathering that

the pending work for Sea Port terminal will be expedited and it is the endeavor of A&N Administration to provide visitors/tourists with the required facilities/ infrastructure to make their visit to Swaraj Dweep a comfortable one. "Our approach towards tourists and our service towards them speaks volume and we must strive to provide them the best we can so that they in turn can become ambassador of our tourism industry through which more & more tourists would like to visit the Island", the Chief Secretary said.

The creation of cycling track for those who are fond of cycling needs to be maintained well and it is the responsibility of general public to ensure their upkeep, said the Chief Secretary. Nature's beauty in Swaraj Dweep is beyond comparison and hence, we must strive to protect and preserve it and create a global brand of sustainable tourism, the Chief Secretary remarked urging all the inhabitants of the Island to ensure they continue to be sensitive towards the environment while they go about their livelihood activities. He concluded by assuring the residents of Swaraj Dweep that in the next visit, the issues discussed and its progress will be reviewed.

In his address, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Transport), Shri Nikhil Kumar said, the introduction of e-busses is a step towards the initiative of

preserving the ecology of the Island. It will prove to be a boon to the environment, as Govt. is promoting clean & green mode of transport. He also informed about the benefit of e-busses as it has zero tail emissions and it is environmental friendly. The e-busses has AC with 33 seats and will provide service from 6.30 am to 8.30 pm with specific route demarcation i.e. from the Jetty to Kalapathar and Radhanagar. The service will be available every half an hour. This initiative will give a huge fillip to the transport sector in Isles, said the Commissioner. Apart from e-busses, the existing STS bus services will also continue, he said and called upon the habitants of the Islands to make best use of the facility and also to simultaneously protect and preserve the pristine environment of Swaraj Dweep.

Earlier, welcoming the gathering, the Secretary, Transport, Shri Vishwendra thanked the Chief Secretary for his guidance and support in materializing this initiative of introducing e-busses facility at Swaraj Dweep. He also thanked Secretaries of all Departments for their fervent support.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Deputy Director (Transport), Shri B. Binoy. The students of GSSS, Swaraj Dweep presented welcome song on the occasion.

National Secretary and Prabhari, BJP A&N Islands Arrives on Two Day's Visit



Port Blair, Sept. 26: Shri Y. Satya Kumar, National Secretary and Prabhari A&N BJP arrived today on a two days visit to the islands today. On Arrival at Port Blair Airport, a warm welcome was accorded to the Prabhari by Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State

President and Senior leaders of the party.

Immediately after his arrival the National Secretary along with State BJP leaders left for Hutbay where he will be attending various programmes arranged in connection with the ongoing Seva Pakhwada.

ANCA to Conduct Three-Day Chess Workshop

Port Blair, Sept. 26: Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) will be organising a three days Chess Workshop at TSG Emerald View, Phoenix Bay Port Blair on 1st, 3rd & 4th October 2022. Renowned International Master & a Chess Coach from Chennai V Saravanan will be the

trainer & conduct the workshop.

Limited seats are available which will be filled on first come – first served basis. Interested players may register their names on or before 29th September 2022, 6.00 pm. For Registration and further details please contact G Sudha, Office Assistant, ANCA @ 9933217055 or email @ anchessassociation@gmail.com.

Single Window Clearance For Durga Puja Pandal And Procession

Port Blair, Sept. 26: The District Administration of South Andaman District has set up a single window system for Durga Puja Pandal, Procession and mike permissions clearance from 24th September 2022 and started functioning at District Control Room, Port Blair.

All the interested puja organizers are requested to

submit the duly filled forms at District Control Room, Port Blair and can collect the approval from the District Control Room. A team of Revenue, Police, Electricity and Fire Brigade has been constituted for the said purpose and will be available in the District Control Room. In case of any queries, the general public are requested to contact the following numbers -03192-238881 and 03192-240127.

TSG Foundation Distributes Nutritional Kits to TB Patients



Port Blair, Sept. 26: TSG foundation keeping up its commitments to the Nikshay Mitra Scheme distributed nutrition kits to the needy TB Patients of Swaraj Dweep. This is a

monthly distribution scheme and will continue for one year. Shri. Ameer Bux, Coordinator TSG Foundation and Shri. Abdul Sharif, Member TSG Foundation were present in this occasion.

N&M Andaman Police Arrests an Auto Driver and a Bus Driver with 1.4 Kgs Ganja

Port Blair, Sept. 26: In its pursuit to drugs free Andaman, a team of PS Diglipur headed by Insp. Stalin N.S, SHO PS Diglipur, SI Deepti Minj, HC (IRBn)/465 Santosh Nair, PC/2826 Devsai Toppo, PC/715 Santosh Lal, PC/2116 Abubacker Siddique, PC/2432 Sushil Sarkar, PC/2565 Samaresh Mistry, PC/971 Samir Halder, PC (D)/3049 Mritunjoy Das & Shri. Michael Raj Xalxo, Ex-Home Guard have proved their mettle once again.

On 25.09.2022, a credible information was received that one auto driver is carrying illicit ganja in R.K gram area and is going for delivery to someone. Acting swiftly the team came into action and intercepted the auto driver Dipankar Mistry S/o Shri. Dinesh Mistry R/o R.K Gram

near Kalpong river bridge. Seeing the Police party, the auto driver threw a packet into Kalpong river and tried to escape from the spot. Police suspecting an illegal item thrown into the river, some of the team members jumped into the river and recovered the packet after swimming for around two kilometres in Kalpong river and remaining team members chased & apprehended the auto driver.

The recovered packet having illicit ganja was weighing around 1.2 kgs. On interrogation he revealed name of a receiver person named Biswajit Sarkar S/o Shri. Bimal Sarkar, STS Bus Driver R/o R.K. Gram, Diglipur. Thereafter, team went in search of the said receiver.

Team searched the house of Biswajit Sarkar and recovered some packing material, weighing scale and further approximately 201 gm of ganja. In total 1.4 Kgs of ganja was recovered. Accordingly, 02 FIRs were registered at PS Diglipur under NDPS Act and both the accused persons were arrested.

The district police follow a policy of zero tolerance towards any organized crime. The general public is requested to pass and share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest police station or over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.



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Voluntary Blood Donation Camps Organised at GB Pant and Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhavan

Port Blair, Sept. 26: On the occasion of "Mega Blood Donation Drive 2022" of Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi which commenced from 17th September 2022 till 1st October 2022 at A & N Islands.

Accordingly, the Directorate of Health Services and Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) coordinated the Voluntary Blood Donation camp which was organized by the Pharmacy Section, G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair On 24th September 2022 at Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital on the occasion of "World Pharmacist Day". A total of 17 units of blood were donated by voluntarily donors. Another voluntary blood donation camp was



organised by Sant Nirankari Mandal Branch, Port Blair at Sant Nirankari Mandal Branch, Junglighat, Port Blair, on 25/09/2022. A total of 87 units of blood were donated by voluntarily donors.

The Blood Donation was facilitated by the Dr. N. R. Kodhandram, Deputy Director (Blood Safety)/ Chief Medical Officer (NFSG). The donors were examined for their eligibility to donate blood and briefed the donors on various aspect and importance of blood donation. The Chief Pharmacist of Pharmacy Section, G. B. Pant Hospital,

Port Blair and Shri Satya Narayan, Sanyojek, cum Sector-in-charge, Sant Nirankari Mandal (Reg.) Branch, Port Blair organized the camp and made arrangement for conducting the camp successfully.

The technical team from Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair and A&N AIDS Control Society ensured that the donated blood units are screened for the blood transmissible diseases. They also examined the donors for eligibility. Donors certificate were also distributed to the volunteers.

Greetings

Shri M. Vinod, President, AATO alongwith all its members wishes a Happy World Tourism Day to all the visiting tourists and tourism stakeholders of the Islands.

World Tourism Day has been celebrated since 1980 on the 27th of September every year. This is an initiative of the United Nations spearheaded by its specialized agency, the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organization). Every year there is a different theme on which the event is celebrated. The theme for 2022 is, "Rethinking Tourism".

World Tourism Day returns to focus on the future. As the sector's recovery gets underway and building on unprecedented political and public recognition for the sector, UNWTO will highlight the opportunity to rethink how we do tourism. This means putting people and planet first and bringing everyone from governments and businesses to local communities together around a shared vision for a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient sector

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SPORTS

Fans to Watch Today's T20 Match on Big Screen in Pubs and Bars

September 26: Hyderabad: The disappointment of not getting tickets for Sunday's T20 showdown between India and Australia at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium notwithstanding, many fans are gearing up for the next best thing — watching the match on big screens in some hotel or pub.

Catering to this demand, rather seizing the godsent opportunity that has presented itself most pubs, bars and premiers hotels have installed big screens. Not surprisingly tables in most of them have been reserved in advance by fans keen on catching action live in the company of their family and

friends. The bigger the screen, the wider the patronage.

"There has been a lot of hype about the match because it has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. We will be watching as a family gathering," said Padma Iruganti, a resident of Sagar Society in Banjara Hills. A. Jaya Prakash, general manager of Broadway, the Brewery, said, "The demand has been more because an international fixture is happening in Hyderabad after three years. Moreover, it is on a Sunday. This is the reason why many families, youngsters and cricket enthusiasts are coming to us. We have the biggest screens in the twin cities,"



Amarnath Yadav from Savera bar and family restaurant in Kompally said, "usually, whenever India is playing a match, the bar is filled with fans. Now that there has been too much publicity for Sunday's match, we expect a larger turnout. Whenever there are big matches, customers go to good places for better experiences. The ambience at our place suits their expectations."

She Would Spit Fire Even While Bowling at Me in Nets: Mithali Pays Tribute to Jhulan

September 26: NEW DELHI: Jhulan Goswami's commitment to the game was such that she would "spit fire" even while bowling in the nets, and at the receiving end of it often was her longtime teammate and captain, Mithali Raj. India's finest ever batter Mithali, who called time on a glorious career in July, on Saturday welcomed her contemporary and fast-bowling great Jhulan into the former cricketers' club.

Having shared the dressing room for close to two decades, Mithali and Jhulan saw the massive growth of women's cricket in India, shared many memorable wins and also some heartbreaking losses. Speaking to PTI on Jhulan's immense impact, longevity and relentless hardwork over the years, Mithali began by talking about the 'Chakdaha Express' early days when she came into the Indian team as a 19-year-old. "We are of the same age, so we have that comfort level and communication. It was always very easy to reach out to her and speak to her. Someone who was always high on energy on the ground, may be because she is a fast bowler," said Mithali. The 39-year-old became the leading wicket-taker in ODIs through sheer dedication. Though swing was not her biggest weapon, accuracy and use of the seam got her a bagful of wickets. The competitive spirit in Jhulan was very much evident even in the nets,

recalled Mithali. "In the nets, I would often ask her 'why are you spitting fire, you are my teammate only na'. Then she would say 'to get out is the toughest'. She always had the competitive streak including domestic cricket where we played against each other often. I enjoyed that rivalry as well."

A fast bowler is expected to have a tough exterior but Jhulan was also gentle at heart. Mithali recollected a game in domestic cricket that revealed Jhulan's softer side. "We were playing in the semifinals (Railways versus Bengal). I did not carry my helmet during that domestic season. Jhulan was aiming right at my head and I did leave a lot of her bouncers."

"After a while she came up to me and said 'why are you not wearing a helmet? I was like 'I did not carry helmet', how will I wear one?' Those were the fun times."

The former India captain said even the opposition would give her due respect, especially when she was at her peak. "Whether stood out was her accuracy. She was not much of a swing bowler, she was more of a bowler who would get the ball in and out. The cutters were her strength. At her peak, she would hardly give loose balls."

After the retirement of pacers Rumeli Dhar and Amita Sharma, Jhulan was the constant in India's pace attack, even as the team relied heavily on spin. "She was a lone ranger from one end for a very long



time. She would get support at times but often she would be the only one trying to put pressure. That holds true even in the recent times."

Both Mithali and Jhulan started playing at a time when women's cricket was a neglected sport. It finally came under the BCCI's umbrella in 2006. "We had a lot of fun probably early in our careers though she was more at the receiving end of my pranks. As we got older and matured, we saw many of our teammates leave the game and both of us were left among a bunch of new faces." Having her in the team helped because she was also that person who would speak to everybody and communicate. Whenever I needed an opinion she would always give one. "Mithali also fondly remembers their partnerships in the middle.

"I enjoyed batting with her as well and I always thought she could contribute a lot more with the bat."

"There were some good partnerships, some amazing wins, some bad losses, we have seen it all through. It is a sad moment (that she is retiring) but also a moment to celebrate someone who played for such a long time. It is not easy to have a career like that as a fast bowler."

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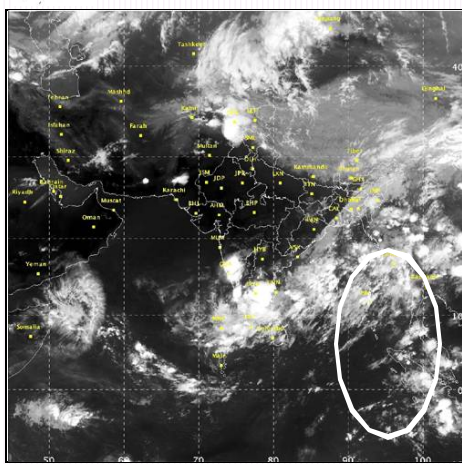
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 26.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 72%	1730 Hrs: 84%
Sunrise: 0509 Hrs.	Sunset: 1730 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	002.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	1850.7 mm

Forecast

Partly cloudy sky and Light Rain or thundershowers is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 27/09/2022.

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