

Former Chief Secretary of Andaman & Nicobar Administration arrested

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Port Blair, Nov 10: Former Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Mr. Jitendra Narain, who is facing gang rape charges, has been arrested.

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Noble effort by 'Chhoti Si Asha' to distribute Artificial Limbs & other Prosthesis Assessment free of cost

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Port Blair, Nov 10: A 3-day free distribution of artificial limbs & other prosthetics assessment camp was organised by 'Chhoti Si Asha' NGO run by SRG group of companies. The camp was held at Dr. T Y Abid's Evolve Physiotherapy centre, situated opposite ITF main gate.

The main motive and purpose of the camp was not only to provide the prosthetics and other aids like KFO, HKFO etc, but to take the first step to build this infrastructure of availability of such aids locally.

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Diglipur Resident arrested for growing Ganja Plants

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Port Blair, Nov 10: A man arrested for growing Ganja plants in his garden. Diglipur has been recently

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Member of Parliament demands to repair the Dialysis machines of CHC Rangat

Port Blair, Nov 10: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to repair the Dialysis machines of CHC Rangat as soon as possible so that the dialysis patients may get their dialysis done in Rangat region, without facing much difficulties in travelling. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary he mentioned that the Dialysis machines of CHC Rangat are out of order for which nearly 18 dialysis patients are facing huge difficulties.

He added that all these patients have to travel all the way to Mayabunder for Dialysis weekly twice or thrice for their dialysis, which is a painful task, considering the condition of Andaman Trunk Road (NH4).

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Lt. Governor visits various places in North & Middle Andaman District



Port Blair, Nov. 10: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency on the second day of his two-day tour to North & Middle Andaman District held a meeting and interacted with public, PRI members & Heads of Department at APWD Guest House, Mayabunder. The Lt. Governor informed the gathering regarding the developmental projects being executed by

A&N Administration in Isles. The Adhyaksha, ZPNM Andaman, Smt. Elizabeth put forth the issues of the people of North & Middle Andaman and the Lt. Governor after giving a patient hearing, assured to look into the grievances for its early redressal. The Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, Shri Satyendra Singh Dursawat, PRI members and Heads of Department were present during the meeting.

Thereafter, the Lt. Governor visited the Souvenir Shop

at Betapur Saw Mill and interacted with the artisans. He also appreciated the efforts of Forest Department for setting up Souvenir Shop by making artifact from waste wood. He also planted a sapling of sapodilla (Cheeku) at the premises of the Saw Mill. To assess the ground condition of NH-4, the Lt. Governor drove all the way from Mayabunder to Baratang.

On completion of visit, the Lt. Governor returned to Port Blair today.

Department Related Parliamentary Committee on Industry on a visit to Andaman



Port Blair, Nov. 10: The Department Related Parliamentary Committee on Industry headed by its Chairman, Shri Tiruchi Siva (Rajya Sabha) arrived on a two-day visit to A&N Islands today. The other Members of the Committee include Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya (Rajya Sabha), Shrimati Sulata Deo (Rajya Sabha), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Rajya Sabha), Ravindra Kushwaha (Lok Sabha), Bidyut Baran Mahato (Lok Sabha) and Sunil Dattatray Tatkar (Lok Sabha). On arrival, the Committee members were received by the Officers of the A&N Administration at the Airport.

Soon after arrival, the Committee proceeded to Swaraj Dweep and visited Radhanagar Beach. Tomorrow (Nov. 11), the Committee Members will hold meeting with the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration and M/o MSME on implementation

of PMEGP scheme in A&N Islands at Taj Exotica.

Thereafter, the Committee Members will hold meeting with representatives of SBI, Central Bank of India, UCO Bank, PNB, A&N State Co-operative Bank, M/o MSME, M/o Finance (DFS) and KVIC and review the performance of PMEGP scheme in A&N Islands. The Committee Members are also scheduled to hold meeting with the representatives of Airports Authority of India, National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd, Engineers India Ltd., Indian Rare Earths Ltd., M/o MSME, M/o Civil Aviation, M/o Housing & Urban Affairs, M/o P& NG and Department of Atomic Energy on the implementation of 25% prescribed procurement from MSEs by PSEs under the public Procurement Policy and Review of release of payments to MSEs at the same venue on Nov. 11, 2022.

Startup Mela by Andaman and Nicobar Administration

Port Blair, Nov. 10: The Directorate of Industries, Andaman and Nicobar Administration is organizing 'Startup Mela' at a pavilion especially erected in the Parking Lot of the ANE-Sagarika of the Department

at Middle Point, Port Blair from 9th November, 2022. Considering the overwhelming response from the visitors, the Mela has been extended for another two days i.e. upto Nov. 12 and will be held from 4 pm to 7 pm.

The Startup Mela will promote the participating Startup to showcase & market their products/service & to obtain the views of the visitors for development, improvement and growth of their Startup.

Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram ANI congratulates Neeraj Ram for his selection in MBBS course in ANIIMS, Port Blair

Port Blair, Nov 10: A brilliant student Master Neeraj Ram, S/o Mr. Manoj Ram, R/o Ramnagar, Bakultala, Middle Andaman from a poor financial background, hailing from Chota Nagpuri Ranchi Hindu Community secured 82% in NEET and selected in MBBS course in ANIIMS, Port Blair.

This news made every Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram Karyakartas cheerful because of the hard work of Neeraj Ram paid off and the efforts of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram became fruitful. Neeraj Ram resides near Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram Bakultala and Ms. Jyothi Shetye, Karyakarta of Kalyan Ashram helped him for studies, when she saw his dedication towards studies.

He has pursued his

studies from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Panchawati, Middle Andaman and thereafter from Govt. Senior Secondary School, Rangat, Middle Andaman. He has completed his Matriculation with securing 96% marks and during his IXth Standard he was called for "Young Scientist Programme- 2019" by ISRO Trivandrum, Kerala. Seeing this Ms. Jyothi Shetye worker of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram Bakultala has decided and taken initiative to assist him for further higher studies and sent him Gita Niketan Awasiya Vidyalaya, Vidya Bharti, Kurukshetra, Harayana with the recommendations of Mr. Atul Jog, National Organising Secretary,

Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (ABVKA). From there he completed his XIIth



standard with 93% marks and later cleared NEET and is now admitted in MBBS course in ANIIMS.

This achievement of Neeraj Ram has set a motivational message for other students and especially the students of Ranchi Community for their better career. Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram conveys its heartfelt congratulations and assures him all sort of assistance for his future endeavors.

Death Mourned

Port Blair, Nov 10: Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has deeply mourned the demise of Smti. Bishnu Priya Sajjal, resident of Guptapara,

aged 105 years, who expired on 09.11.2022. He prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and for enough strength for the members of the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

KFC Germany apologises for promoting crispy chicken on anti-Jewish pogrom

KFC has been forced to apologise after sending a notification to German customers encouraging them to commemorate the Kristallnacht anti-Jewish pogrom with fried chicken and cheese. The fast food chain sent a notification on Wednesday suggesting customers "treat themselves" on the anniversary of the 1938 Kristallnacht, or Night of Broken Glass, the Bild daily reported. On November 9, 1938, Nazi mobs torched and ransacked synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses across Germany in what is widely seen as the

start of the Third Reich's drive to wipe out Jews.

"Commemoration of Kristallnacht -- Treat yourself to more soft cheese and crispy chicken. Now at KFC Cheese!," the message reportedly read.

KFC sent another message around an hour later blaming the blunder on "an error in our system", Bild said.

"We are very sorry, we will check our internal processes immediately so that this does not happen again. Please excuse this error," the message said.

Vishal Jolly expresses gratitude for appointing a Gynecologist at CHC Diglipur

Port Blair, Nov 10: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Committee member, BJP, today also met the Secretary-(Health), A & N Administration and heartily thanked him for positively appointing a Gynecologist at CHC Diglipur, North

Andaman.

Mr. Vishal Jolly also reiterated his demand of appointing Gynecologist and Pediatrician for District Hospital, Mayabunder and CHC Rangat, which the Secretary-(Health) has assured to take appropriate steps at the earliest.

Sailing of MV Kalighat Postponed

Port Blair, Nov 10: Due to administrative reasons the announced schedule of MV Kalighat for Campbell Bay via Little and, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teresa, Katchal and Nancowry have been postponed to 14.11.2022. As per revised schedule the vessel will now sail for Campbell Bay via all ports on 14.11.2022 AT TO Port Blair and will sail back on 17.11.2022 at 1200 Hrs from Campbell Bay via the same route.

Now, the vessel MV Kalighat is scheduled to sail for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 11.11.2022 at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Port Blair on 12.11.2022 at: 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Little Andaman. Passengers who are holding the tickets for Car Nicobar & Little

Andaman are advised to avail the above sailing with the same ticket on 11.11.2022.

Further to inform that, those passengers who bound to travel to Chowra, Teresa, Katchal, Nancowry & Campbell Bay and are holding the tickets of MV Kalighat for 11th Nov, sailing are informed to avail the sailing on 14.11.2022 from Port Blair with the same ticket.

Similarly, the announced schedule of MV Bharat Seema for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 12.11.2022 at 0700 Hrs from Port Blair and back on 13.11.2022 at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar has been cancelled. Passengers who have purchased their tickets for the above sailing are advised to cancel their tickets and get

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Forest Offence detected By the Forest Team



Port Blair, Nov 10: One credible information received at Garacharma Range Office on 09.11.2022 at 2100 hours regarding occurrence of a forest offence near Badabalu beach, Chidiyatapu, a team of Forest officials comprising

Mr. Subhashis Ray, Range Officer, Garacharma, Mr. Shehbaz Ali, Forester, Mr. R.M. Yadav, Head Forest Guard, Mr. Kumar Swamy, Forest Guard, Mr. B. Srinivas Rao, Forest Guard, Mr. Ravi Shanker,

Forest Guard, Mr. Wilson Bilung, Forest Guard and few Mazdoors was constituted for detection of the forest offence. In Spite of darkness, the team carried out intensive search in the indicated area and through-

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ANTCC President requests Youths of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to Join Indian Youth Congress

Port Blair, Nov 10: The Membership Drive for Indian Youth Congress (IYC) for Andaman Nicobar Islands was launched yesterday on 09th November, 2022 at the Congress Party Office, Gandhi Bhavan, Port Blair.

Mr. Peer Irshad Ahmed Nasir, The Chief Election Authority, Mr. Ankit Singhai, the in charge of A & N Islands Youth Congress and Mr. Burolla Narsimha Reddy, the Pradesh Return-

ing Officer (PRO) addressed the Press Conference and explained the salient features of the election process.

The Nomination for the election will start from 11th November 2022 and will end on the 17th November 2022. The Membership Drive will begin on 26th November 2022 and will end on the 25th December 2022. The Membership Drive will be

in an online process and anybody who is between the ages of 18-35 years will be eligible to become a member.

The meeting was also addressed by the PCC President Mr. Rangalal Halder and by the Member of Parliament Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma. The Membership Drive will help in mobilizing the youths from all over the A & N Islands and working for the betterment of youths of these Islands and for their better future.

India on priority: US' plans for Indian visa applicants

The wait times for US visas are expected to move towards normalcy by the middle of 2023, a senior US embassy official said on Thursday adding that some progress has already been made through changes in rules and the opening of 100,000 slots for H and L work visa.

The priority will be to reduce the wait time for non-immigrant work visas such as the H and L categories, the official said adding that around 82,000 student visas for India have been issued this year.

The US will initially focus "aggressively"

on applicants in these categories using the "drop box" facility, or those who already were issued a US visa and are exempted from interviews, before taking up the case of first-time applicants. The effort, the official said, will be on reducing the wait times as much as possible

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China warns against extra 'layers' of Covid curbs as outbreaks widen

Chinese authorities should take a more targeted approach to tackle COVID outbreaks and rectify any extra "layers" of measures, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported on Thursday, as cities reeled under tighter curbs as cases spread.

China is grappling with its highest tallies of coronavirus cases since April, raising questions about its zero-COVID policy that has frustrated the public and inflicted damage on the world's second-largest economy. New domestic cases rose to 8,824 on Wednesday, according to health authority data.

China has repeatedly said it would stick to the zero-COVID policy despite the growing outbreaks but pressure is growing on the central government to rein in overzealous authorities in the provinces fearing blame for failing to contain the vi-



rus.

Thousands of government officials have been punished for various perceived failings in the nearly three years of the pandemic.

"All localities will further improve the level of scientific and precise prevention and control, strive to achieve the greatest prevention and control effect at the least cost, and minimise the impact of the epidemic on economic and social development," Xinhua reported.

It cited improvements in the implementation of measures in some major cities such as Zhengzhou, in

the central province of Henan. When infections were found in certain buildings in Zhengzhou only the surrounding areas were being closed and the entire community was not being "controlled indiscriminately", Xinhua reported.

The economic costs of COVID in China, where the virus first emerged in December 2019, are being felt in most sectors.

Haima Automobile said logistics and personnel movements at its Zhengzhou base have been heavily impacted by COVID-19 since October.

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and moving towards greater normalcy by June-July 2023. "Opening the 100,000 additional slots for H and L visas cut the wait time, which was more than a year earlier, to about half. The wait time for those using the drop box for B-1 and B-2 visas continues to be several months. We will see progress over the next nine months," the official

said. "India is the number one priority for Washington now... There are lots of applicants in all categories only in India, and that's why it's a priority," the official added, acknowledging that experts were unprepared for the rate at which the demand for visas had come in following the easing of the Covid pandemic.

Forest Offence...

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out the night long operation apprehended 07 accused persons namely Mr.S.Mohd. Sareef, S/o. Late E.Sathurdeen, R/o. Buniyadabad, Mr.P. Ramamoorthy, S/o. A.Baskar, R/o. Prem Nagar, Mr.B.HarishHaridas, S/o. G.Haridas, R/o. Delanipur, Mr.S.MariyaDass, S/o. G.Soloman Raj, R/o. Buniyadabad, Mr.V.Karthik, S/o. M. Venkatesan, R/o. Buniyadabad, Mr.Mahmudali Ghazi, S/o. Rahim Gazi, R/o. Calicut, Mr.Achul Ali Molla, S/o. AlauddinMolla, R/o. Calicut and recovered and seized 1.87 cbm. of illegally hand sawn Padauk timber from their possession. A truck bearing Regn. No. AN-01-D-1911 involved in commissioning of the offence

was also seized from the spot and brought to Range Office, Garacharma. Further investigation of the case is under process.

The entire operation was led by Mr.A.Soundrapandian, Assistant Conservator of Forests under the table guidance of Mr. A.K.Paul, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, South Andaman.

The Divisional Forest Officer, South Andaman has requested the general public to pass credible information on Forest and Wildlife offences if noticed in their locality in the Phone Nos. 256178, 252334, 255344, 224540, 287336 and 281585. The identity of the informer will not be disclosed.

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'Ghar ka ek buzurg hona chahiye. Agar 7 honge...': Jadeja's explosive remark on Rohit's captaincy stint after T20WC exit

It was a disappointing night for Team India as the side endured a crushing 10-wicket loss to England, bowing out of the T20 World Cup in the semi-final in Adelaide. The opening duo of Alex Hales (86*) and Jos Buttler (80*) smashed the Indian bowlers around the park, forging an unbeaten 170-run stand to take the English team to the final of the tournament, where it takes on Pakistan at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground. After being invited to bat in Adelaide, India's worries in the opening order continued as KL Rahul was dismissed on 5, while Rohit Sharma also failed to make a mark with a 28-ball 27. Virat Kohli (50) and Hardik Pandya (63) eventually helped steer the side to 168/6 in 20 overs but the bowlers endured a poor day on the field in the run-chase. India's skipper Rohit Sharma had a forgettable tournament in Australia, registering only one fifty and scoring only 116 runs in six innings at a disappointing average of 19.33. Rohit's captaincy decisions during the semi-final of the tournament



ment were also questioned by experts, and former Indian cricketer Ajay Jadeja has drawn a rather straightforward review of Rohit's term as India's T20I captain so far. "Main ek baat bolunga jo chubhegi agar Rohit Sharma sunenge, agar team banaani hai kisi captain ko, toh usko saare saal team ke saath rehna padta hai. Poore saal me Rohit Sharma kitne daure pe rahe? Ye hindsight me nahi keh raha, ye main pehle bhi bola hu. Aapne team bani hai, aur aap saath nahi rehte. Coach bhi New Zealand nahi jaa rahe. (I would say one thing which might hurt Rohit Sharma. If you have to make a team as captain, you have to stick with the side

for the entire year. How many series did Rohit Sharma play this year? I'm not saying this in hindsight, I've been saying this since before. Even in New Zealand, the coach isn't travelling)," Jadeja said on Cricbuzz. "Ghar ka ek hi buzurg hona chahiye, saat buzurg honge toh bhi dikkat hai. (There should only be one leader in the team. If there are 7, it would be difficult)." the former India player said further.

This year, India saw a number of captains across different bilateral T20I series; while Rishabh Pant had led the side in a five-match T20I series against South Africa in June, Hardik Pandya captained India against Ireland.

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen's art collection fetches \$1.5 bn, biggest ever

Dozens of works by artists including Paul Cézanne and Vincent van Gogh were sold for a total of \$1.5 billion at an auction of the late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen's vast collection of paintings and sculpture, the Guardian reported. With this, the auction garnered the highest amount ever collected at a single art auction, according to the auction house, Christie's. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to philanthropic causes in accordance with the wishes of Paul Allen, who died in 2018.

Paul Allen personally selected all the works, which span more than 500 years, saying in 2016,

"When you look at a painting you're looking into a different country, into someone else's imagination, how they saw it."

The winning bids also smashed previous records for individual artists and many exceeded the expected sales prices estimated by the auction house which had said ahead of the sale that the auction was "poised to be the largest and most exceptional art auction in history", eclipsing the \$922 million achieved by the sale of the Macklowe collection in May. Among the priciest works sold was Georges Seurat's *Les Femmes d'Alger (O. J. R. 1888)*, an 1888 oil on canvas depicting three nude women that fetched \$149.2 million.

Elon Musk's first email to Twitter staff ending remote work: 'Difficult times'



New Twitter owner Elon Musk emailed his workers for the first time late Wednesday to prepare them for "difficult times ahead", Bloomberg reported. In the email, Elon Musk said there was "no way to sugarcoat the message" about the economic outlook and how it will affect an advertising-dependent company like Twitter, Bloomberg reported. The Twitter boss said remote work will no longer be allowed and employees will be expected to be in the office for at least 40 hours per week.

"The road ahead is arduous and will require in-

tense work to succeed," Elon Musk wrote in an email to employees.

In a separate email, he said that "over the next few days, the absolute top priority is finding and suspending any verified bots/trolls/spam." Twitter has been under Musk's leadership for close to two weeks during which time he has dismissed roughly half its workforce and most of its executive suite. Elon Musk has upped the price for the Twitter Blue subscription to \$8 and attached user verification to it. In the email, Elon Musk told workers that he wants to see subscriptions account for half of Twitter's revenue.

China's leaders recommit to 'unswerving' zero-Covid policy

China's top leadership, led by President Xi Jinping, on Thursday reinforced the need to maintain the 'zero-Covid' policy while instructing officials to minimise economic damage. In a meeting of the new Politburo Standing Committee chaired by Xi, who is the Communist Party of China's general-secretary, the members called for "more decisive" measures to curb the spread of the virus so that normal life and production can be resumed as soon as possible.

"We must concentrate our efforts on fighting the epidemic in key areas, take more resolute and decisive measures to combat the epidemic, curb the spread of the epidemic as soon as possible, and restore normal production and living order as soon as possible," the official news agency, Xinhua, said in a report on the meeting.

It was the new committee's first publicised meeting on Covid-19 after

seven new members took over the leadership of the country at the CPC's 20th national congress in October. "We must not relax the necessary epidemic prevention initiatives," the leadership decided, the Xinhua report said, indicating that there will be no let-up in the controversial "zero-Covid" policy, which, with its lockdowns and mass testing, has managed to keep infection rates low, simultaneously but hurt the economy and disrupted the lives of people across the country.

The decision of the committee comes against the backdrop of at least 9,005 new Covid-19 cases reported for Wednesday, of which 1,185 symptomatic and 7,820 asymptomatic cases, the national health commission said in its daily bulletin on Thursday.

The cases rose when compared with the 8,335 new cases that were a day earlier (with 1,346 symptomatic and 6,989 asymptomatic infec-

tions).

Chinese health officials have said the outbreak situation is likely to get worse during the coming winter and country's leadership reaffirmed that apprehension. "Affected by the mutation of the virus and climatic factors in winter and spring, the scope and scale of the spread of the epidemic are likely to further expand, and the prevention and control situation is still grim," the Politburo committee said at the Thursday meeting, adding, "It is necessary to maintain strategic determination and scientifically and accurately do a good job in epidemic prevention and control." China's southern metropolis Guangzhou has been hit the hardest, with its current outbreak being described as the "most complicated and severe" Covid-19 epidemic in three years. In November, the capital of economic powerhouse Guangdong cases top 12,000.



Unidentified body spotted near Aerial Bay sea shore

John Wilbert
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Nov 10: An unidentified dead body was spotted by Indian Navy ship Personal near the sea shore area of Shibpur, Diglipur on 05 Nov evening. Soon the information was passed to the PS Diglipur,

following which the corpse was recovered by police and was shifted to Diglipur Hospital.

As per information, upper body and lower body completely damaged, might be eaten by fish, and according to dress identification, the body might be of a foreign

national. The Police registered a case in this regard and have started a further investigation.

The Andaman and Nicobar Police have given information of this dead body to other neighbouring countries, the information further said.

Ex Vladimir Putin ally who helped Russian leader's rise to power dies: Report



Russian president Vladimir Putin's long-time associate who helped to usher the leader into power, has died at age 72, according to Russian media reports. Viktor Cherkesov who once served as a KGB officer in St. Petersburg had a falling out with Vladimir Putin. Between 1992 and 1998, he headed the security service's successor, the FSB, for the St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region, during which time he became a close ally of Putin, the BBC reported.

No cause has yet been given for Viktor Cherkesov's death by the Russian news outlet Rosbalt. Viktor Cherkesov caused controversy for an article that

he wrote in the newspaper Kommersant in October 2007 in which he criticized corruption among the security services. Vladimir Putin was unhappy with the article and said there was "no need to make such information public." Viktor Cherkesov was then removed from his post in 2008 and became the head of the Federal agency for military supplies. In 2006, the agency Viktor Cherkesov led investigated a case of massive furniture smuggling that implicated high-ranking officers, Radio Free Europe reported.

Viktor Cherkesov is among a number of high-profile Russians who have died since Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Hurricane Nicole barrels into Florida's Atlantic coast

Hurricane Nicole barreled into Florida's Atlantic shoreline early on Thursday with a brew of heavy downpours, fierce winds and a treacherous surge of ocean surf that threatened coastal areas still reeling from the last major storm six weeks ago. Nicole was upgraded from a tropical storm to a Category 1 hurricane as it thrashed the Bahamas on Wednesday. It was packing sustained winds of up to 75 mph (120 kph) as it made landfall along the east coast of Florida north of Miami, according to the National Hurricane Center.

The storm slammed ashore around 3 a.m. EST at Vero Beach, about 100 miles from the affluent resort city of Boca Raton. A hurricane

warning was posted for a 240-mile coastal stretch that included the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, where NASA's big, new moon rocket stood exposed to the elements and anchored to its launch pad to ride out the storm.

The hurricane center also issued storm-surge advisories for much of Florida's Atlantic coast, warning that wind-driven waves would wash over beaches and rush inland to flood low-lying areas well beyond the shore. Storm surges wreaked havoc along the state's Gulf Coast and its eastern seaboard when Hurricane Ian crashed ashore on Sept. 28 and plowed across the Florida Peninsula to the

Atlantic, causing an estimated \$60 billion in damage and killing more than 140 people.

Nicole is expected to pack less punch at landfall than Ian, which struck Florida as a major Category 4 storm. Authorities warned, however, that Nicole still posed a formidable threat, especially to structures and coastal foundations weakened by Ian.

"Dozens upon dozens" of oceanside buildings in Volusia County, including high-rise condominiums, have been declared structurally unsafe since Ian, with some now "in imminent danger of collapsing" from further shoreline erosion, Sheriff Mike Chitwood said.

Gujarat Assembly polls: Cricketer Ravindra Jadeja's wife, Hardik Patel among BJP faces

The wife of star cricketer Ravindra Jadeja, Rivaba, and Hardik Patel, who switched over from the Congress a few months ago, were among some of the prominent names featured on the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) first candidate list announced on Thursday for the upcoming Gujarat Assembly polls.

The list included names of candidates for 84 of the 89 seats which will go to the polls in the first phase on December 1 and 76 of the 93 candidates going to polls on

December 5. Here are some prominent names from the list and the seats they will be contesting from: Bhupendra Patel - Ghatlodia constituency Rivaba Jadeja - Jamnagar North constituency Hardik Patel - Viramgam constituency Dr Darshita Paras Shah - Rajkot West Morbi - Kantilal Amrutiya Harsh Sanghavi - Majura constituency.

The party has fielded 14 women candidates in its list of 160 candidates and named 14 SC and 24 ST candidates. Union ministers Bhupendra

Yadav and Mansukh Mandaviya were joined by Gujarat BJP president CR Patil at a press conference as the leadership named candidates selected by the party's Central Election Committee at its meeting on Wednesday.

Yadav said a number of senior leaders from the state, including former chief minister Vijay Rupani and former deputy chief minister Nitin Patel, have opted out of the contest and had written to the party leadership to this effect, according to reports.

Former Chief Secretary...

He was called for questioning in Port Blair. He had joined the probe after being summoned. Earlier, his bail plea was rejected today.

Mr. Jitendra Narain, accused of raping a woman, was suspended by the Ministry of Home Affairs in October. The ministry recently said that it had received a report from the Andaman

and Nicobar Police, accusing Mr. Narain and others of sexually assaulting a woman when he was the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The report indicated the possibility of grave misconduct and misuse of his official position by Mr. Narain. The case is being

investigated separately by a Special Investigation Team of the Andaman and Nicobar Police.

After arrest the former CS was taken to Police Line from where he was taken to G B Pant Hospital for a medical test in the evening. Finally from G B Pant Mr. Narain was taken to PS Aberdeen at night.

Diglipur Resident... (From page 1)

As per report, the arrest was made after the police team of PS Diglipur got a tip off from sources and subsequently a raid was conducted on 09th Nov 2022 (yesterday) by the Police team.

During the raid the police team of PS Diglipur found three Ganja Plants from the back of the house garden of the accused,

Prodip Das, 32 years old.

As per sources, three ganja plants weighing nearly 187 gram were seized immediately and the accused was arrested under NDPS Act. General public of North Andaman region have lauded the efforts of PS Diglipur for maintaining a tight vigil in the area against drugs, the report further said.

Noble effort...

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Through this camp now people who want to have such artificial limbs & other prosthetics assessment can go to Dr. Abid's centre and get themselves assessed. Measurements and moulds will be made locally in that centre. These measurements

and moulds will be sent to mainland Chennai and it will get manufactured and sent to 'Chhoti Si Asha' NGO for distribution.

In this issue, whoever will not be able to afford the cost, will be helped by SRG group of companies.

