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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

What is a Coral?

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

Coral Colonies : Many thousands of coral polyps are connected together to form a coral colony. These colonies are of many shapes and colours. On a visit to a nearby coral reef, you can discover the kinds of coral in your area.

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

People's Voice

Chalo Jolly Bhai ne maana ki N&M Andaman mein NH4 gayab ho chuka hai ... Warna, Jai Modi Ji, Jai Jai Modi Ji he sunne mein aa raha tha ...

- A Citizen



It's a landslide victory... 8 out of 10 exit polls predict our victory!

Tourism Department's Bid to Facilitate Tourists with Information at Fingertip

Lt. Governor Launches Mobile App 'My Swaraj Dweep'

Port Blair, Dec. 6: The Andaman & Nicobar Islands famous for its beautiful coastlines, water sports activities, pristine beaches and hordes of natural beauty spots attracts large number of tourists both domestic and international to the Islands. To promote Andaman tourism in the global arena, efforts are being made by the A&N Administration to provide the best services at par with international standards. The era of technology driven world, has indeed made things easier for people. In line with this, the Tourism Department of A&N Administration has been striving towards digital



promotion of its tourism destinations, keeping in mind the needs and wants of tourists visiting the Islands.

As part of its effort towards digital promotion of its Tourism destinations, the Department has come up

with a tech driven idea to facilitate tourists with information at fingertip by devising a mobile app titled 'My Swaraj Dweep'. The Mobile App was formally launched by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) with the click of the remote button at a brief function held in the conference hall of Raj Niwas here this morning. The Lt. Governor congratulated the Tourism Department for devising the Mobile App for

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Member of Parliament Demands to Reduce the Duration of Posting for all Government Servants to One Year for the Entire Nicobar District

Port Blair, Dec. 6: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands yesterday and raised several issues. Among other issues, the Member of Parliament requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to reduce the duration of posting for all

government servants, irrespective of any department to only one year for the entire Nicobar District.



He mentioned that during his visits to different far flung Islands, he has

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Jolly Takes up the Matter of Failure on the Part of NHIDCL to Deliver Service in N&M Andaman with Gadkari

Port Blair, Dec. 6: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP has written a letter Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, Shri Nitin Gadkari regarding the extremely pathetic condition of NH-4 in North & Middle Andaman District.

Mr. Vishal Jolly in his letter said that the unprecedented infrastructural development has taken place throughout our Country under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India. The National Highways & the Bridges that are being constructed is of

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Despite Elapse of More than 5 Months, Govt. Schools Function with Vacant Posts of Teachers and Heads of School

CPI (M) Secretary Demands Filling up of Vacant Posts on Priority

Port Blair, Dec. 6: CPI (M) has reiterated its demand for filling up of all vacant posts of teachers and Heads of Schools under the Education Department. In a letter sent to the Lt. Governor, Andaman

& Nicobar Islands, Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A&N State Organising Committee while referring to his earlier letter of 30th June 2022, also addressed to the Lt. Governor said

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Andaman Food Processing Conclave on Dec. 8, Entrepreneurs/ Stake Holders Invited to Participate

Port Blair, Dec. 6: The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India in association with Indian Chamber of Commerce will be organizing Andaman Food Processing Conclave on Dec. 8, 2022 at Megapode Nest. The Conclave will integrate sector players to explore opportunities for agri cluster development, contract farming, sourcing, processing, Value addition, distribution & marketing in the food processing sector of A&N Islands.

Agriculture and Food processing is one of the major sectors of the Indian Economy in view of its large potential for growth and likely socio-economic impact especially on employment and income creation. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India is taking the initiative to promote

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A&N Traffic Police Puts in Efforts to Ease Traffic Congestion at the Airport Entry/Exit Road

Port Blair, Dec. 6: It is noticed that commuters are facing hardship in moving from Dairy Farm Junction to Airport Entry gate due to heavy traffic congestion especially by the vehicles entering/exiting Airport. To ease out the traffic congestion, A & N traffic Police has decided on Pilot basis the diversion of vehicles from Airport Entry/Exit gate from 09/12/2022 (Friday).

Vehicles intending to approach VSI Airport from School Line shall not take 'RIGHT TURN' at the Airport Entry gate instead they shall proceed towards Dairy Farm Junction & then after taking 'U' turn will proceed towards Airport entry gate.

Vehicles taking exit from VSI Airport shall not take 'RIGHT TURN' from Airport Exit gate i.e towards Dairy Farm instead they shall take Left turn & proceed towards Anjali Driving

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Faith and Freedom

Protracted litigation in the name of combating forcible religious conversion is taking up valuable time of courts. The Supreme Court is hearing a purported Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking action to curb deceitful religious conversion in the country. Not wanting to be left behind, the Gujarat government is seeking the removal of a stay on a provision in its anti-conversion law that requires prior permission from the District Magistrate for any conversion done "directly or indirectly". The Gujarat High Court had correctly stayed Section 5 of the Gujarat Freedom of Religion Act, 2003 (amended in 2021 to include 'conversion by marriage'), while also staying the operation of other provisions that sought to cover inter-faith marriages as instances of illegal conversion. The High Court had noted that the prior permission requirement would force someone to disclose one's religious belief or any change of faith, contrary to Supreme Court rulings that say marriage and faith involve an individual's choice. In a strange claim, Gujarat argues that the stay on Section 5 is affecting even genuine inter-faith marriages that involve no fraud or coercion, as those who usually solemnise such marriages are unable to do so. This is based on a claim that the prior permission requirement obviates the need to question the genuine nature of the conversion, if any, consequent upon an inter-religious marriage.

No one would buy the claim that the provision enables voluntary conversion. Freedom of religion is protected only when no questions are raised and no suspicion entertained based on the mere fact that an inter-faith marriage has taken place. Common sense would suggest that forcing someone to disclose an intent to change one's faith violates freedom of conscience and the right to privacy. Also, when a separate appeal against the High Court's interim orders staying the provisions is pending before the Supreme Court, there was no need for the State government's petition seeking to revive the prior permission requirement as part of the ongoing hearing on the PIL against religious conversions. On the larger issue, the observations of a Supreme Court Bench headed by Justice M.R. Shah to the effect that religious conversion through "allurement" or charity work is a serious problem indicate an eagerness to goad the Government into coming up with anti-conversion measures on a national scale. It is questionable whether courts should entertain exaggerated allegations of rampant fraudulent conversions across the country, instead of leaving it to States to identify the extent of the problem, if any, and adopt steps to protect religious freedom and communal harmony.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Real Beauty is Inside..!

Real beauty, is not what you see outside, but real beauty is inside as this story related by a lady shows:

'Our house was directly across Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. We lived downstairs and rented the upstairs rooms to outpatients at the clinic. One summer evening as I was fixing supper, there was a knock at the door. I opened it to see a truly awful looking man, yet his voice was pleasant as he said, "Good evening. I've come to see if you've a room for just one night. I came for a treatment this morning from the eastern shore, and there's no bus 'til morning."

I told him we would find him a bed. When I had finished the dishes, I went out on the porch to talk with him for a few minutes. It didn't take a long time to see that this old man had an oversized heart crowded into that tiny body. He told me he fished for a living to support his daughter, her five children and her husband, who was hopelessly crippled from a back injury.

He didn't tell it by way of complaint; in fact, every other sentence was prefaced with a thanks to God for a blessing. He was grateful that no pain accompanied his disease, which was apparently a form of skin cancer. He thanked God for giving him the strength to keep going.

In the years he came to stay overnight with us. There was never a time that he did not bring us fish or oysters or vegetables from his garden. I often thought of a comment



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our next-door neighbor made after he left that first morning. "Did you keep that awful looking man last night? I turned him away! You can lose roomers by putting up with such people!"

Recently I was visiting a friend. As she showed me her flowers, we came to the most beautiful one of all, a golden chrysanthemum, bursting with blooms, growing in an old dented, rusty bucket. I thought to myself, "If this were my plant, I'd put it in the loveliest container I had!"

My friend changed my mind. "I ran short of pots," she explained, "and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail. It's just for a little while, till I can put it out in the garden."

She must have wondered why I laughed so delightedly, but I was imagining just such a scene in heaven. "Here's an especially beautiful one," God might have said when he came to the soul of the sweet old fisherman. "He won't mind starting in this small body!"

The LORD does not see what man sees. Man sees the outward appearance, the Lord sees your heart..!

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the benefit of the Tourists as well as the Islanders.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (IP&T), Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS and Senior Officers of A&N Administration were present during the Mobile App launch function.

Giving a brief introduction about the App, the Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat said the Tourism Department's mobile application on Swaraj Dweep titled 'My Swaraj Dweep' has been devised with the guidance and constant

support of the Chief Secretary and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary IP&T. This Mobile App will guide tourists on various aspects, such as how to reach Swaraj Dweep, tourist circuit, interesting tourism spots, where to stay, how to book, live locations, plethora of water sports activities to choose at Swaraj Dweep, which has become a most sought after Tourist destination all over the World, he said.

Apart from this, information such as Dos and Don'ts, important phone numbers etc. have also been included in this App. The QR code of the App will be made available to all tourism

stakeholders to ensure maximum reach, especially amongst tourists. People can download the app by visiting the website <https://www.andamantourism.gov.in/MySwarajDweep.apk>. For wide publicity and easy access of the app by tourists, standees and banners will be placed at different locations. This app which has been exclusively launched for tourists will redress their grievances and offer several tourism-related facilities in the Islands. Further, steps will also be initiated to develop a mobile application for entire Andaman Tourism in the coming days.

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international standards and the same are playing crucial role in building a #NewIndia.

Likewise, the people of our Islands were also happy & satisfied with the manner in which the construction of National Highway-4 began and completed at the South Andaman region. The Azad Hind Fauj Setu (Bridge) at Kadamtala is also a marvellous work that has been helping the people of North & Middle Andaman District immensely; he added.

Further he mentioned that the people residing at North & Middle Andaman are suffering enormously due to the extremely pathetic condition of the NH-4 in that region. The economic development and the transport system have collapsed due to the pitiable condition of NH-4. The construction of NH-4

was awarded to National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) in the year 2016 and even after elapse of almost 6 years, the work is yet to be completed. It will not be incorrect to say that there is hardly any road like structure at all in many of the stretches between Kadamtala, Bakultala, Rangat upto Diglipur.

Mr. Jolly further also mentioned that the yardstick, method and quality of work adopted by NHIDCL in South Andaman District was completely different from the works that are being done at North & Middle Andaman District. It has been informed that due to non-availability the good quarry products, the previously constructed road materials were rolled over

for the new construction and they say that the same was done after obtaining necessary approval.

He also wrote that the road construction in that region is difficult considering the fact that around 09 months we have rainy season, yet, the truth is that the concerned contractors have miserably failed in their management and performance of work.

Mr. Jolly requested the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways to take a serious note of the facts as contemplated herein above and take all needful steps to make sure that the construction work of NH-4 gets completed at the earliest by strictly maintaining the standards of National Highways, in the interest of people of A & N Islands.

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that that despite elapse of more than 5 months, there seems to be no positive action on the part of the A&N Administration to fill up the vacancies of teachers and Heads of Schools under the Directorate of Education.

The schools in these islands have reopened after summer vacation on 1st July, 2022 but sufficient teachers are yet to be posted to the schools. Ayyappan stated that during his visit to North and Middle Andamans for the last few months, people have informed him that there is shortage of teachers in almost all the schools. Studies of students have been adversely affected particularly in subjects like Maths, Science, etc.

Referring to his earlier letter dated 30th June 2022, Ayyappan

informed the Lt. Governor that none of the senior secondary schools in the Islands under the Education Department has regular Principal. The work is being managed by Vice Principal or senior most PGT available in the school. Similarly, most of the Secondary Schools, particularly in the outstations, do not have Headmaster/Vice Principal.

He again informed the Lt. Governor that nearly one thousand teaching and non-teaching posts are lying vacant in the Education Department. No effective step has been taken to recruit teachers against the direct recruitment quota and also to promote the existing

eligible teachers against the promotion posts.

It is regrettable that at a time when thousands of qualified local youths are waiting to get a job in the Education Department as teachers for the last several years, the Administration has kept about one thousand posts vacant which is nothing but a challenge to the educated local youths, he said.

Shri Ayyappan requested the Lt. Governor to take effective steps to fill up all the vacant teaching and non-teaching posts in the Education Department to improve the quality of education and also to provide job to educated youths and promotion to the eligible departmental teachers.

KVK Observes Agricultural Education Day

Port Blair, Dec. 6: ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Port Blair observed Agricultural Education Day at Don Bosco School, Lalpahar, South Andaman on 03.12.2022. A total of 40 students attended the programme.

Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head, KVK made a detailed deliberation on the various aspects of agricultural education and the importance of observation of "Agricultural Education Day" on 3rd December every year.

The Principal of the school, Fr. Deva Anbu was the chief guest of the occasion and he stressed upon the students to pursue carrier in the field of agricultural sciences. The carrier progress of



eminent Agricultural Scientists and their contribution in building nation was discussed by the resource persons from KVK, South Andaman.

The concepts of nutritional security and natural farming was discussed by Dr. B. K. Nanda, S.M.S. (Agricultural

Engineering), Shri Thanmai Paul, Farm Manager and other teachers of the school.

The programme was conducted under active guidance of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

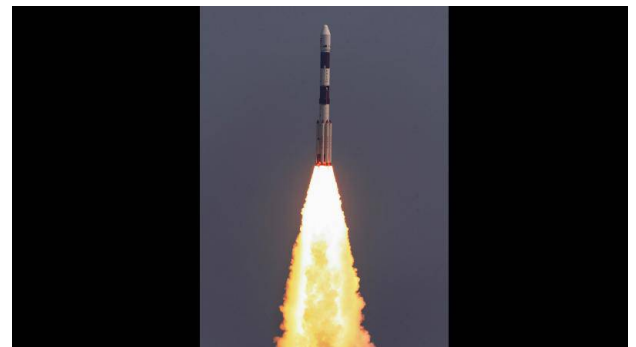
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Hyderabad-Based Firm's Satellites to Aid Amateur Radio Net



December 6: HYDERABAD: Adding another feather to the hat of the Indian private space sector, Dhruva Space, a spacetechnology firm from Hyderabad, launched two private satellites on Saturday as part of its Thybolt Mission.

The launch of Thybolt-I and Thybolt-II, weighing about 1.45 kgs, onboard the PSLV-C54, was facilitated by Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE).

Built at costs much lower than those in the West, the indigenously developed nanosatellites 0.5U satellites will contribute towards augmenting Ham amateur radio communications and can be used for communication during disaster management, and low bit-rate applications of STEM and strategic importance.

The nano satellites will assist in monitoring soil and crop quality, identifying pipeline leakages, availability of parking space and fire detection among others.

Dhruva Space Private Limited CEO Sanjay Nekkanti, said, "This is a moment we have long been preparing for and we are truly grateful to all the support IN-SPACE has given in bringing this mission to fruition." He also thanked the department of space, Isro and NewSpace India Limited.

Dr Pawan K. Goenka, chairman of IN-SPACE, said, "For the private space sector, it is indeed a remarkable feat as Dhruva Space successfully executed the mission. One of the first private firms to be granted approval for payloads launch by IN-SPACE, Dhruva Space is leading the way in the development of indigenous satellites." IN-SPACE has received more than 150 applications from spacetechnology companies for authorisation, facilitation, and promotion as India takes a significant leap in space exploration.

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao called it "milestone in the history of country's enterprising start-ups." He said that Saturday's achievement had opened the doors in the Indian space sector. "This is just the beginning and we are confident that the T-Hub, which has been started with an aim of bringing out the talent of enthusiasts and creating opportunities in science and technology and industry, will achieve many more milestones in the future," he said.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**No. PN/DB/CD-I/RGT/2022-23/4094 dated 02nd December'2022**

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division-I, A.P.W.D., Rangat invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate bid from the approved and eligible Contractors of the Andaman PWD or for all contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these islands and do not have any adverse remarks: -

NIT No. 47/DB/CD-I/RGT/2022-23 e-Tender ID No. 2022_APWD_8345_1 Name of work. A/R & M/O Rural road under SD-III, Baratang of CD-I, APWD, Rangat during 2022-23. **SW:-** Supplying and stacking of quarry products of various sizes under South Creek Section, SD-III, CD-I, APWD, Rangat. **Estimated Cost: Rs. 29,92,215/- Earnest Money Rs. 59,844/- & Time of completion: 01 Month, Last Date of Submission of bid 20.12.2022 at 3.00 PM.**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website eprocure.andaman.gov.in

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CD-I, APWD, Rangat

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investment, Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises and awareness for up gradation for technology in the food processing industries sector in Andaman through seminar

where all important stakeholders will meet and discuss critical issues pertaining towards development of industry in food processing sector.

All the aspiring entrepreneurs willing to

venture into the food processing sector or existing enterprises and other stakeholders have been invited to participate in the Andaman Food Processing Conclave scheduled on Dec.8 at 10 am at Megapode Nest.

Member of Parliament Demands to Reduce the Duration of Posting for all Government Servants to One Year for the Entire Nicobar District

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been approached by hundreds of government servants, who are suffering heavily due to lack of a clear, transparent and uniform transfer policy in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

He said that one of the biggest problems faced by government servants of Andaman & Nicobar Islands is posting in remote islands of Nicobar District.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that hard working government servants of these Islands are always willing to serve Islanders in every corner of these Islands but due to lack of proper transportation, medical facilities, telecommunication facilities and government quarters, often government servants feel helpless and fear such hard posting.

Many government servants have genuine health issues and many others find it difficult to manage the education of their children in case of long posting in Nicobar District.

He mentioned that in a nutshell uncertainty over years of posting in Nicobar District has become a major psychological barrier for many.

To deal with this problem, the MP suggested that the duration of posting for all government servants irrespective of any department must be reduced to only one year for the entire Nicobar District.

If transfer is made for one year in Nicobar District, no government servant will ever fear to report to their place of work. They would happily proceed and join their duty in no time, explained the MP. This will surely help Administration in smoothly and efficiently running the system.

The MP also mentioned reduction of tenure to one year will not only increase the efficiency of the Administration but also immensely benefit people of Nicobar District.

He added that the one year posting policy has already been adopted by Andaman & Nicobar Police for a long time, which has yielded encouraging results and has kept the police jawan high in spirit.


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We must remember that unbridled consumerism and commercialism and also large scale borrowing are against the value-system which is embedded in our spiritual heritage

Any keen student of current economics would know well that the economic policies of the america, especially during the last few years, have not worked well. However, most people do not realise that the economic problems faced there, emanate not merely from wrong policies, adopted recently. Their roots are hidden in some wrong economic, political and cultural concepts and the models built on them over a period of time. For example, the mounting unemployment and the huge foreign debts are not the phenomena that have sprung up overnight and the phenomenon of estimated 43.1 million Americans, living in poverty, also has not arisen in the short period of only one or two years. The roots of their sad economic state go at least to as far a period as the end of the World War-II when they adopted a very lavish life-style and an utterly consumeristic attitude and built their economy on militarism, giant industries, transactional and multi-national business corporations, import of raw materials at cheaper rates from the undeveloped countries and export of their goods to such nations and economic capture of foreign markets through their multi-national corporations. In short they thrived on the basis of this economic system as long as other industrial nations did not come up strongly to stand up to them or the weaker nations did not stand up against their economic exploitation or injustice. Nevertheless, their economic system was not, based on some morally sound and enduring economic principles. As mentioned earlier, it was based on commercialism, competition, consumerism and exploitation of weaker nations and on hot or cold war with an adversary nation, or on considering their nation as the strong military- man of the world, ready for hot or cold war. It would have, therefore, been appropriate if developing nations like India had learnt some lessons from the failures of the so called developed models of economy and had, instead, kept in mind their own national ethos and ancient heritage which suggests that a right system of economy is one which is based on social justice, and on economising rather than borrowing and deficit-financing. We must remember that unbridled consumerism and commercialism and also large scale borrowing are against the value-system which is embedded in our spiritual heritage and will, sooner or later, lead us to grave economic crisis. So, let us all learn to lead a life of simplicity and frugality and be honest and just to all.

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Curb on Illicit Liquor Manufacturing in N&M Andaman



Diglipur, Dec. 6: The district police of North & Middle Andaman have been conducting intensive jungle search and combing operations to crackdown on manufacturing of illicit Liquor. Adding to the spree of crackdown on illicit liquor manufacturing in the district, Police team headed by SI Sushanto Debnat, I/c OP Betapur and ASI Muchray Munda alongwith Police/IRBn officials conducted jungle search at Gobindapur and Prafullo Nagar area. During jungle search the team recovered bhatti articles in different locations

and destroyed more than 800 ltrs. of Lahan and bhatti articles on the spot. The recovery has been done mainly from forest areas of Gobindopur and Prafullo Nagar area in PS Billiground. Local residents have highly appreciated the proactive efforts of police. In this fight against illicit liquor, bootleggers & drug abuse public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime /illegal activities to police 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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School, Lamba Line and take 'U' turn to approach towards Dairy Farm Jn. Mini Buses/Buses & heavy goods vehicles taking exit from VSI Airport shall take left turn & take 'U' turn from INS Utkrosh Gate, Lamba Line to proceed towards Dairy Farm.

A&N Traffic Police is strived to provide safer & smoother vehicular arrangements for the road users. Hence, all the general public are hereby advised to cooperate with the Traffic Police to successfully implement the above directions.

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SPORTS

Women's IPL will Bridge Gap Between International and Domestic Cricket: Harmanpreet

December 6: NEW DELHI: Stars such as Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana feel the women's IPL could help newcomers in making a seamless transition from domestic to international cricket.

The inaugural women's IPL is set to be held in March and some of the country's top players, from national team captain Harmanpreet to senior opener Mandhana, are looking forward to the event that will also see participation from overseas stars.

Speaking on Star Sports show 'Follow the Blues', Harmanpreet said, "The IPL will be a great platform for players that are really good, but you know for them, international cricket is still something that they cannot change their approach and mind-set overnight.

"But in the IPL, when they get a chance to play against overseas players, it will give them a platform, they can play well, they can understand what is international cricket.

"So, when they are playing for the Indian team, they will not face any extra pressure, because right now, the players that are selected from the domestic teams, sometimes I can see that they are blank, they are not able to understand how to change their game plan.

"To cut that gap, the tournament will play a major role. So, the coming years, with

the girls who play in the IPL, we will definitely see some major changes in their performances."

The Women in Blue have made a lot of progress in the past year, but have not been able to win championships. The team made it to the semi-finals of the ODI World Cup, beat Sri Lanka in a T20I and ODI bilateral series, won a Commonwealth Games silver medal and bagged a historic 3-0 win in England.

Talking further about the IPL, Harmanpreet said, "The IPL is a huge step forward for women's cricket, because before this, we have witnessed the Australia board, England board, they have looked after the WBBL and The Hundred.

"We have discussed that there's a big gap between domestic and international cricket, because even if you play well in domestic cricket and then suddenly play international games, you're not able to understand what to do and how to do it."

Mandhana compared the women's IPL with leagues such as The Hundred and the WBBL and spoke about how they have helped their domestic players.

"All of women's cricket, I won't say the Indian team or the domestic set-up. We keep talking about how it will increase the bench strength.

"But actually, the fact is that it's going to help the domestic girls massively because that sort of



experience in playing in leagues like this will get a lot of things sorted for women's cricket," Mandhana said.

"Grassroot wise and we have seen how the Big Bash and The Hundred have helped Australia and England respectively in their domestic set-up as well as other things.

"So, I'm actually really happy, the Indian team will benefit a lot from the women's IPL, but it's also going to benefit a lot of domestic girls which I'm looking forward to."

Batter Jemimah Rodrigues said the women's IPL would take the game to the next level in India.

"The women's IPL is going to change a lot of things for women's cricket in India. I think this is like the best platform for us now that we as an Indian team have been doing so well in all the major events like the World Cup, the Commonwealth.

"This is just the right time for it to happen and I'm sure that we are going to get so much more talent that's going to come out from here. I am very sure that women's cricket in India is all set to go to the next level after the women's IPL," Rodrigues said.

Bangladesh Beat India by One Wicket in First ODI

December 6: MIRPUR: Bangladesh recorded a sensational one-wicket victory over India in the first ODI of the three-match series here on Sunday. Put into bat, India were all-out for 186 in 41.2 overs with KL Rahul (73 off 70 balls) playing a lone hand for the visitors.

In reply, Bangladesh rode on skipper Litton Das's 41 to stay in the hunt initially before collapsing to 136 for 9 in the 40th over. However, Mehidy Hasan Miraz produced a sensational 39-ball 38-run cameo to take the team home with four overs to spare.

Mohammed Siraj (3/32) was the most successful bowler for India, while Washington Sundar (2/17) and debutant Kuldeep Sen (2/37) claimed two wickets each and Shardul Thakur (1/21) and Deepak Chahar (1/32) accounted for one wicket each. For Bangladesh, left-arm spinner Shakib Al Hasan (5/36) was the star bowler and Ebadot Hossain (4/47) also made a big contribution.

Brief scores:



India: 186 all out in 41.2 overs (KL Rahul 73; Shakib Al Hasan 5/36, Ebadat Hossain 4/47)

Bangladesh: 187 for 9 in 46 overs (Mehidy Hasan Miraz 38 not out, Litton Das 41; Mohammed Siraj 3/32).

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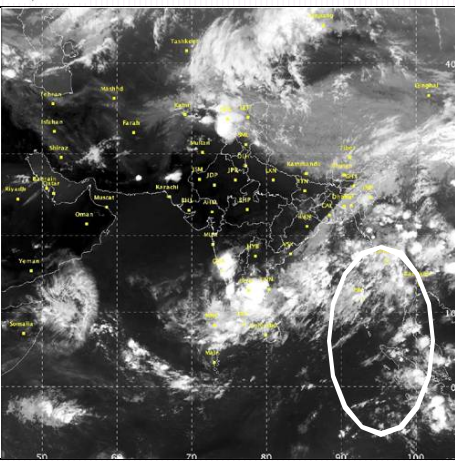
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Weather



Max. Temp: 28.8 °C	Min.: 23.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 89%	1730 Hrs: 95%
Sunrise: 0527 Hrs.	Sunset: 1654 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	030.5 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	007.1 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2531.4 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light to Moderate Rain/lightening is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Wednesday 07/12/2022.

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