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Jarawa Facts

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

Your Nature Guide

Coral Colonies : Many thous ands 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. Coral polyps produce eggs and sperm which fuse (join) to form a larva or the baby coral animals (planula- many planula are called planulae) that drifts in the sea till it finds a clean, hard surface (like dead coral) to settle on and grow. Reef animals like parrot fish, limpets, chitons, and sea urchins feed on plants and sponges that grow on dead coral, thus creating free space for new corals to settle and grow. Corals also reproduce by budding. Small buds appear on the body of the adult polyp grow larger, and breakoff from the parent body. They then move off to produce their own limes tone and help the colony increase in size.

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

People's Voice

Chalo ek raahat toh mila N&M Andaman ke logon ko ki LG Sahab khud NH-4 mein gaadi chala ke Personal Experience kiya logon ka takleef ko ...

- A Citizen



Our minister is visiting this area... his convoy will come to this point!

PORT BLAIR, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

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Lt. Governor Visits Various Places in North & Middle Andaman District on Second Day of His Tour

Drives All the Way from Mayabunder to Baratang to Assess the Ground Condition of NH-4

Port Blair, Nov. 10: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble 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 Hon'ble 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 Hon'ble Lt. Governor drove all the way from Mayabunder to Baratang. On completion of visit, the Lt. Governor returned to Port Blair today.

Member of Parliament Demands Get the Dialysis Machines of CHC Rangat Repaired

Port Blair, Nov. 10: The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration to get the Dialysis machines of CHC Rangat repaired as soon as possible so that the dialysis patients are benefitted, without facing much difficulties in travel ling.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the MP 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).

Jolly Takes Up the Issue of NH-4 and Ladies Hostel for JNRM Students with CS

Port Blair, Nov. 10: Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Committee member, BJP, today met the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration and highlighted the following issues:-

Ladies Hostel for Students of JNRM: Jolly placed that there is a serious requirement of a new ladies hostel for the students of JNRM as the capacity of the present ladies hostel is incapable to accommodate the total requirement of JNRM. The students hailing from inter-islands face serious issues for their accommodation. Although a new building is being constructed, but till the construction is over, let alternative

arrangements be made for them to stay properly. The Chief Secretary, A & N Administration assured that appropriate steps in this regard would soon be taken.

National Highway No. 4 and Rural Roads: The issue of bad condition of NH4 and rural roads & it's speedy completion was also placed & discussed, for which the Chief Secretary assured that all necessary steps are being undertaken to make sure that the construction of NH4 & all rural roads are speedily completed.

Bishnu Pada Ray Takes Up the Issue of Non-Payment of Salary to DRMs of ZPSA with CS



Port Blair, Nov. 10: Former Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray today called upon the Chief Secretary today and raise the issue of non-payment of salaries to the DRMs posted in the Zilla Parishad South Andaman.

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Startup Mela Extended for Two Days Considering the Overwhelming Response

Port Blair, Nov. 10: The Directorate of Industries, Andaman & 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

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Considering Consent

As much as the laws of a country must adhere to the principle of justice and fairness, they also need to stay in tune with the times. It was this proviso that the Dharwad Bench of the High Court of Karnataka invoked as it urged the Law Commission of India to have a rethink on the criteria for age of consent, 'taking into consideration the ground realities'. The judges said they were motivated to make this recommendation, having encountered several cases relating to minor girls over the age of 16 years (but below 18 years) having fallen in love and eloped with the boy, and wondered why the consent of the girl in a sexual relationship is not factored in, especially when charges are made out under provisions of the POCSO Act. The Act was enacted to protect children from sexual abuse, and it raised the age of consent for sexual intercourse from 16 to 18 years. In practice, however, studies have noted that many cases booked under the Act in the adolescent group (16 years and above) have a romantic involvement, including eloping with the intention of getting married, consensually. In almost all instances, police cases are initiated by the parents of the minor girl who has eloped with the lover. Once the sexual act is confirmed, the POCSO Act is slapped on the boy, who may sometimes be a minor, or barely of legal age for marriage, and the consequences of being prosecuted for penetrative sexual assault are life altering, as they are meant to be. While the boys face criminal prosecution, the girls are also sent to government institutions when they protest parents' strong disapproval of the liaison. Activists have charged that this has the potential to wreck the lives of the youngsters involved, and entire families too are felled by this encounter with the law.

There is no doubt that children are vulnerable, and must be protected from forced attempts to sexually assault or groom them with an eye on exploitation. However, the realities of adolescent attraction and the ascertainment of consent, 16 years or above, must be considered pertinent to investigation and prosecution. The High Court judges also asked if it could be presumed that minors have knowledge of the applicable law. It may be remembered that the Justice J.S. Verma Committee on Amendments to Criminal Law also recommended that the age of consent be reduced to 16, and necessary amendments be made in the POCSO Act. The Law Commission must now train its guns on the actual implementation of the Act, and ensure the POCSO Act, stays true to its broad intent — the protection of children.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Curious and Funny Word Origins..!

For many years I had a weekly column which dealt with the origin of our English words! More often than not, we speak this wonderful language, without really checking from where some of the words originally originated. The field dealing with the origin of words is Etymology. Today I thought we could have a look at some curious word origins. Some of the origins are English, some French, German, Latin and Greek, from which ultimately good old English borrowed and stole and enriched herself. Enjoy the words with me today!

Did you ever wonder where the word "addict" originated from? Well in the days of the Romans, slaves were given to Roman soldiers as a reward for their performance in battle. These slaves were known as addicts. Eventually a person who was a slave to anything was known as addict. How strange that addiction is no more any form of reward or gratification but most often an evil habit!

And what about "alcohol", the drink that makes men, beasts. This word comes from the Arabic word "Al-Kohl", which means a fine powder used for eye makeup. It conveyed the idea of something fine and subtle, like alcohol going down smoothly. Interestingly the first alcohol produced was invented by Arabs, who did not drink because their religion forbade it. Imagine inventing something and watching a tipsytopsy turvy world making fools of themselves while remaining sober!



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Asthma, good ole asthma means oppression and there is no doubt this word which originates from Latin, has been rightly named.

Coming down to the "ballot", well ballot in Italian mean "small pebble" Italian citizens once voted by casting a small pebble into a box. I guess the pebbles being cast nowadays are not small anymore, what with stones and rocks being hurled at politicians instead!

Next time as you chew your biscuit at teatime, remember it comes from the French word "Bis + cuit" which means "cooked twice." So it's not our teeth which can't bite into them that we need to dip them into our tea, it's the cooks formula.

Cab, I'm talking of the taxicab, is an old Italian termfor goat. Yes, you taxi drivers, who dump us around, are like goats jumping off a mountain slope.

And here's one for Robin Hood and the late Veerapan. The word forest came from the French word meaning "outside." Now we know why those who take up abode "outside," become outlaws, both Robin Hood and Veerapan included.

Here's one to make you la dies blush: The word "gorilla" is New Latin for a tribe of hairy women. Imagine that! And for you men "gymnasium" the place you go to build your Salman Khan image, means the place where "you train naked." Ha, ha! Well that's all for today folks, and I hope you realize there's history and fun behind words we use...!

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Bishnu Pada Ray Takes Up the Issue of Non-Payment of Salary to DRMs of ZPSA with CS

Continued from Page 1 wages from the last three Bishnu informed that the South Andaman Zilla Parishad engaged a number of persons on Daily Rated regular staff and the DRMS are executing the work to the satisfaction of the higher authorities. However, it is reasons made to justify manner. reported that around 35 non-payment of a working DRMs are not getting their staff.

years. Theses staff are fully dependent on home. There is no specific

Bishnu requested the Chief Secretary to look into the the matter sympathetically minimum wages paid by and take suitable action on the department to run their the above line and issue basis due to shortage of homes. Now, they were suitable direction to CEO, forced to take loans from South Andaman, Zilla various sources to run their Parishad to ensure theabove payment on time bound

Startup Mela Extended for Two Days Considering the Overwhelming Response

2022. November, Considering the overwhelming response from the visitors, the Mela has been extended for

Continued from Page 1 another two days i.e. upto market their products/ Nov. 12 and will be held from 4 pm to 7 pm.

The Startup Mela will promote the participating Startup to showcase &

service & to obtain the views of the visitors for development, improvement and growth of their Startup.

ENTERTAINMEN T

Adipurush Changes to Cost Rs 100 cr More

November 10: The revised date of release of Adipurush is June 16, 2023. This indicates that the time will not be used just to change the depiction of certain characters like Saif Ali Khan in the

film, but also to give it a modern look. And it will cost an additional Rs. 100 crore taking the budget to Rs. 600 crore for the making alone. The cost of releasing the movie will be extra.

The film came in for a lot of flak for the VFX which seemed to be of lower quality. Also, many VFX sequences were clear lifts from Hollywood movies.

"There were scenes copied from Hollywood biggies. The part where Ravan, played by Saif Ali Khan, arrives on a flying dragon is a clear lift from Game of Thrones. When Prabhas's character Ram is sitting underwater and meditating, it brings to mind the Aquaman scene from DC comic books. Lord Hanuman looks much like



King Kong. Also, Hela, Thor and Loki's evil sister from Thor Ragnarok come to mind during Saif's entry. The entire Vaanar Sena from the teaser of Adipurush seems to have been copy-pasted from the Hollywood film Rise Of Planet Of The Apes. These are sequences that everyone has seen in India and changing them will cost a truckload of money," says a source.

A lot of the created effects will need to be scrapped and new graphics have to be made.

Another source says the India will be proud of. makers are in consultation with experts in the Ramayana to get their that there will be no

problems after the next round of promotional material is launched on social media.

Meanwhile, a statement from the film's makers explains the reason for the postponement.

"Adipurush is not a film, but a representation of our devotion to Prabhu Shri Ram and commitment towards Sanskriti and our history. In order to give a complete visual experience to the viewers, we need to give more time for the teams working on the film. We are committed to making a film

Your support, love and blessings are what keep us going," reads the statement point of view and ensure issued by the director Om

Samantha Gets Emotional While Talking About Her Health

November Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who put an end to widespread speculation about her health last week by tweeting that she had been diagnosed with an autoimmune condition called Myositis, has, in her latest interview in connection with her upcoming film, Yashoda, said she



has the fortitude to fight the disease. Asked where she gets the strength to counter her current condition, she said that she's a fighter. "Some days are good, some days are bad. Sometimes I can'teven put a foot forward. And sometimes, if I look back at the journey, I wonder how I came so far," she said with moist eyes. Clarifying that

she's not in a life- end. Asked about her future threatening stage of Myositis, Samantha said with a laugh, "I am not dying." She added, "It is difficult, but I am here to fight it out! I just need a little more time." She also stressed that a lot of people are fighting many battles, and they would all come out victorious in the power to come back!

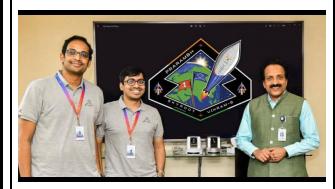
plans, the actress said, "If there's anything that this condition has taught me, it is that there's nothing that's in our control. Life has its way of figuring things out."

Ever since the video of the interview was uploaded, fans and her colleagues have been wishing her more





Hyderabad-Based Startup to Launch India's First Private **Rocket Between Nov 12-16**



November 10: HYDERABAD: Hyderabad-based spacetech start-up Skyroot Aerospace is poised to create history by launching India's first privately developed rocket — Vikram-S — from the launchpad of the India Space Research Organisation (Isro) in Sriharikota. The company has a launch window between November 12 and 16 and the schedule will be confirmed based on the weather and other conditions.

Signifying a new dawn for private players in the space sector, the mission has been named 'Prarambh,' the beginning. Skyroot Aerospace had signed a memorandum of understanding with Isro after the space sector was recently opened to facilitate private sector participation.

It may be mentioned that the department of space has created the Indian National Space, Promotion & Authorization Centre (INSPACe) to encourage, promote and hand-hold the private sector for their participation in Space Sector.

CEO and co-founder of Skyroot Aerospace, Pawan Kumar Chandana attributed their success in building and getting the Vikram-S rocket mission-ready in a short time to support from Isro and IN-SPACe.

"We are proud to announce our pathbreaking mission 'Prarambh' dedicated to the Indian private space sector, which has hugely benefited from the quidance and the reforms of the Indian government," Pawan Kumar said and added that the name 'Vikram' given to Skyroot's launch vehicles was a tribute to the founder of the Indian pace programme and renowned scientist Dr Vikram Sarabhai.

COO and co-founder of Skyroot Aerospace, Naga Bharath Daka said "The Vikram-S rocket is a single-stage sub-orbital launch vehicle which would carry three customer payloads and help test and validate majority of the technologies in the Vikram series of space launch vehicles."

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Delhi Liquor Policy Case: ED Arrests Aurobindo Pharma Director

November 10: New **Delhi**: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials, who are probing the Delhi liquor scam case, have detained two businessmen from Hyderabad. The agency took custody of Aurobindo Pharma Director P Sharath Reddy and businessman Vinay Babu. The two businessmen are shifted to the ED office in Hyderabad.

It was the third detention of businessmen from Hyderabad after the CBI arrested businessman Abhishek Boinpally. Even as the ED officials did not confirm the arrest, a team of ED officials today morning picked up two businessmen Sharath Reddy and Vinay Babu from their residences and shifted to ED office in connection with the Delhi liquor scam case.

Earlier, the ED questioned Sharath Reddy September 21, 22 and 23 in Delhi in connection with the case. The agency found that Sharath Reddy and Vinay had done transactions in of a PA of Delhi Deputy



connection with Delhi liquor business.

Similarly, the ED and Income Tax department officials also conduct raids on the residence of MP Gayatri Ravi at Srinagar colony and his business firms in Karimnagar. These raids are taking place in connection with the irregularities that took place in the granite business.

In September, it arrested Mahandru, Sameer managing director of a liquor manufacturing company Indospirit.

The agency early this month raided the premises chief minister Manish Sisodia and later questioned him at its office in Delhi.

The money laundering case stems from a CBI FIR that had named Sisodia as an accused among others. The CBI had raided the premises of the deputy chief minister and some Delhi government bureaucrats after filing the case.

The excise scheme came under the scanner after the Delhi LG recommended a CBI probe into the alleged irregularities in the implementation of Delhi's Excise Policy 2021-22. The LG had also suspended 11

Constitution Bench Says 'Embarrassing' to Adjourn Demonetisation Case

November 1 10: Constitution Bench on Wednesday found it "very embarrassing' when the government sought an adjournment in the demonetisation case to file a "comprehensive affidavit".

"Normally, a Constitution Bench neveradjourns likethis. We never rise like this once we have started. It is very embarrassing for this court," a five-judge Bench, led by Justice S. Abdul Nazeer, said.

Usually, setting up a Constitution Bench requires a lot of planning as judges are drawn from different Benches and away from their regular cases to hear the issue in question, which would be a significant one.

However, Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, for the government, urged the court to grant nim a week's time wniie apologising for the delay. The court postponed the hearing to November 24.

On October 12, in a preliminary hearing, the Bench had asked the government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) whether it had realised its stated objectives of choking black money, terror financing and fake currency through its policy to demonetise 1500 and



¹ 1,000 notes in 2016.The government had been urging the Bench not to "waste" judicial time on the issue of demonetisation. Mr. Venkataramani had termed the case as "academic" in nature as things had long settled. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had questioned the very maintainability of the case which concerned a purely economic policy of the government. Senior advocates P. Chidambaram and Shyam Divan, for petitioners, had however countered that the issue was "very much alive". Demonetisation in 1946 and 1978 were implemented through separate Acts debated by the Parliament. In 2016, it

was done through a mere notification issued under provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. They had said the court should declare the law or nothing would stop the government from repeating the exercise, which had seen "horrendous consequences".

Mr. Chidambaram, citing the RBI's annual report, had submitted that 1 15.44 lakh crore worth of currency was demonetised. The withdrawn money amounted to 86.4% of the currency in circulation at the time. Only 116,000 crore out of the 115.44 lakh crorewas not returned. He said only .0027% fake currency was "captured" following demonetisation.

Department Related **Parliamentary Committee** on Industry Arrives in the Islands



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 Tatkare (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 Cooperative 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.

Non-Release of Bonus to APWD Employees, Bishnu Takes up the Issue with CS

Port Blair, Nov. 10: The Government of India issued an office Memorandum directing all establishment under Govt. of India to release Bonus to all employees including casual and other workers with a minimum of Rs. 1200/-. It is understood that there is some hesitation in the Govt. department to extend the benefit to the Daily rated workers working in department various specially in APWD. The Govt. of India circular is very clear in this matter

which says that, "The casual labours who have worked in offices following a 06-day per week for at least 240 days for each year for the 03 years or more will be eligible for the this Non-PLB (Adhoc Bonus) payment".

Taking up the issue with the Chief Secretary, the former Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray requested for look into the matter sympathetically and take suitable action on the above line. He also requested to issue suitable direction to concerned department to ensure the payment of above.

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1. Name of Work: - Supplying, Installation, testing and commissioning of LED Smart TV at Passenger Hall, in view of Ensuing visit of G-20 Heads of Missions for curtain Raiser Event at Haddo Wharf, Port Blair. Estimate Cost Put To Tender:- \ . 7,57,207/- Earnest Money:- \ . 15,144/- Time of Completion:- 15 Days TENDER ID: 2022_APWD_8044 _1 last time & date of Submission of bid: 15/11/2022 (10:00 hrs).

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the web site eprocure.andaman.gov.in.

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Notice Inviting e - Tender

NIT No. MA/12/1(S)/(A)76 Dated 26th October 2022

The Divisional Forest Officer, Middle Andaman, Rangat invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate bid for disposal of following unserviceable scrap from the intending bidder in its premises on "AS IS Where IS" basis at Divisional Store, Middle Forest Division, Hawamahal on the terms and conditions stipulated as per tender document:

Wooden Scrap/items

Miscellaneous Scrap items

Earnest Money Deposit- 500/-

Last date and time of submission of Bid on 21.11.2022 upto 11.00 AM Time & date of opening of Bid: 21.11.2022.at 11.30 PM

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in

> **Divisional Forest Officer** Middle Andaman, Rangat

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ANTCC to Conduct Youth Membership Drive from 26th November

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.

Shri. Peer Irshad Ahmed Nasir, the Chief Election Authority, Shri. Ankit Singhai, the In-charge of A&N Islands Youth Congress and Shri. Burolla Narsimha Reddy, the Pradesh Returning 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 Shri. Rangalal Halder and by the Member of Parliament Shri. 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.

Jolly Grateful on **Appointment of Gynecologist** at CHC Diglipur

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

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

CONDOLENCE

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.



SPORTS

From Imran Khan to Babar Azam, Pakistan Tigers Most Dangerous When Cornered

November 10: Nursing his bullet wound at his Lahore home, Imran Khan would have felt the pleasant pangs of nostalgia watching Pakistan reach the final of the World T20. Exactly three decades back, his team had followed a similar script at these picturesque Australian venues.

As was the case in the 1992 World Cup, Babar Azam's team at this World T20 have lost to India, won three straight games, sneaked into the semifinal by one point and gone on to beat New Zealand to reach the final. Like it was then, this time too it was an outlandishly talented rookie that got them into the final against the same ri va I.

Inzamam ul Haq was 22 when he dealt the sucker punch to Martin Crowe's men at Auckland; here it was Mohammad Haris, who turned 21 this year.

Will the fairytale be repeated? Can Babar be the next Imran, if not the future PM? Speculations can wait, first the eerie coincidence.

Terrible start to the tournament, youngsters failing to deliver, seniors not pulling their weight; Imran Khan's Class of 1992 had been written off by the world. They were brutally criticised at home, ridiculed by neutrals - exactly what Babar and his boys have faced at this World T20.

Then one fine day, Imran walked to the pitch for the toss wearing a casual T-shirt that had a tiger imprinted on it. It was a do-or-die game against the mighty Australia, led by the master Allan Border. Whoever remembers his conversation with Ian Chappell that day would never call Pakistan a complex riddle. For them, the men in green wouldn't be an enigma. Imran knew the pulse of his team, the DNA of his nation.

Imran: That's what I have been telling Allan (Border), I want my team to play like a



cornered tiger. You know that's when it is most dangerous.

Historically, Pakistan gets classified as the "unpredictable one." That's a lazy stereotype, a premeditated leave when facing a mystery ball. It isn't a fair comment; it's as good as giving up on cricket's storied nation.

This is a team that flirts with dangers, leaves it for late and waits for the world to undermine them. When the world no longer sees them as a threat, they rise from the trenches and launch the attack. As Imran said, once their rivals think that the tiger has been tamed and caged, they come out roaring, baring their teeth. Pakistan is never unpredictable, it's just that the world has read them wrong. They haven't really tried to understand them. They are always in a tearing hurry to knock them over and send them home. They forget that cricketers in Pakistan don't come out from the most perfect of systems. They are rarely hand-held, coaches give them tough love. In the dog-eats-dog world, only the toughest survive. Those who finally make it to the national team are no lily-livered softies.

In the present bunch there have been cricketers who have been denounced and rejected. Shadab Khan started with a dream to be a tearaway fast bowler. Soon he was told pointblank by coaches that he was too short to be in the pace department. He was asked to be a spinner and obeyed the order. Once he started bowling leg-spin, the quick-footed batters on the junior circuit took him apart. So Shadab became a batter, got into the Pakistan u-19 team and later returned to his leg-spin to master

Haris Rauf was picked from a crowd of 1 lakh entrants for a pace hunt. Shan Masood for long was dismissed as a red-ball specialist with no future in limited overs cricket. He wasn't there in the Asia Cup but at this World T20 anchored innings, provided solidity to the fragile middleorder.

A couple of years back, the Man of the Match Mohammad Rizwan was just a game away from being dropped. Former captain and veteran wicket-keeper Sarfraz Ahmed was waiting in the wings. But Rizwan delivered under pressure.

Or take Babar's example. He wasn't even considered the best batsman in his family, his cousins Kamran and Umar Akmal were said to be far better. There are stories of the two undermining him. Even during this World T20 campaign, Kamran said that Babar shouldn't have taken the captaincy. Former players starting from Wasim Akram downwards wanted him out.

Today they will bite their lips, try floating theories that would make their climb down less clums y. At least they should have known the Pakistan team better.

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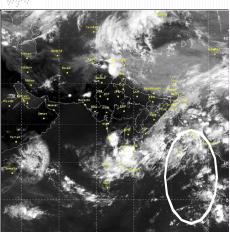
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.0 °C Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 73% 1730 Hrs: 81% Sunrise: 0514 Hrs. Sunset: 1652 Hrs. Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): 000.0 mm Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): 000.0 mm Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date): 2426.6 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain/Thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 26°C respectively on Friday 11/11/2022.