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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 animals 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

I ss baar hum PM Modi ka Decision se sehmata hai ... Naamkarani Paramvir Chakra senani ke naam pe ...

- A Citizen



A young MP is trying to open the cockpit door... he wants to fly the plane!

PM Modi Names 21 Largest Unnamed Andaman & Nicobar Islands

New Delhi/ Port Blair, Jan 23:

Twenty-one large unnamed islands of Andaman and Nicobar were named on Monday after Param Vir Chakra awardees in a ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Parakram Diwas. He also unveiled the model of the National Memorial dedicated to Netaji to be built on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep, earlier known as Ross Islands.

Addressing the event, the prime minister noted that many messages are contained in the naming of the 21 islands,

including that of 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'.

"Today, the 21st century is seeing how Netaji Subhash, who was tried to be forgotten after independence, the country is remembering the same Netaji every moment," PM Modi said.

"For decades, there was a demand to declassify the files related to Netaji. The country also did this work with full devotion," he added.

Union home minister Amit Shah was also present at the ceremony in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



Speaking at the event, Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to name islands after Param Vir

Chakra awardees will ensure they are remembered forever.

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Member of Parliament Inaugurates 'Bageecha', an Initiative to Bring People Closer to Nature

Port Blair, Jan 22: The Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma today planted a sapling at 'Bageecha' as a mark of a new beginning of the initiative to bring people closer to nature. The Bageecha was inaugurated at 10.30 am at Brichgunj Chowk, Prothrapur, Port Blair and is a concept by

the daily 'Andaman Chronicle' led by its Editor, Shri Denis Giles.

A step closer to nature:

The world is reeling under the effects of climate change. Most of the wild vegetation has already been replaced by concrete jungles. No matter how high our apartments are



and how pretty the view from up there is, our primitive instinct always calls us towards nature. Plants give us solace, flowers bring us hope, wind rustling through the leaves is our song and when after a long hustle at work if your brain can have that meditative

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Andaman Nicobar Command Celebrates Armed Forces Veterans' Day

Port Blair, Jan 23: The Armed Forces Veterans' Day is celebrated on 14th January every year. On this day in 1953, the First Indian Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army Field Marshal KMCariappa, who led the Indian Forces to victory in the 1947 war, formally retired from the service. The Veterans' Day is being commemorated since 2017 and is dedicated to the esteemed veterans of the country.

As a mark of respect to the selfless duty of the ex-servicemen towards the Nation and expressing solidarity towards Next of Kin of the brave hearts, the seventh Armed Forces Veterans' Day was celebrated in the Andaman and Nicobar Command on 20 Jan 23. Lt Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM,



Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He interacted with all the veterans and acknowledged their contribution in preserving the Nation's sovereignty and extended his gratitude for the sacrifices made by them in service to the Nation, and the powering on of our service ethos and professional issues with their value addition.

A number of activities were conducted to felicitate the veterans. Towards this, an ECHS queries camp was set up to resolve any health

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03 Local Residents of N&M Andaman Arrested for Providing Logistical Support and for Obtaining Return Gratifications from Myanmar Poachers

Diglipur, Jan 23: On 24/12/2022, Indian Coast Guard apprehended 46 Myanmar Poachers along with 04 Engine Dinghies near East Island and a case under Maritime Zone of India Act, 1981 and Foreigners Act 1946 was registered against them at PS Central Crime Station and is being investigated by Dy.SP (CID) Kumar Abhishek. During sustained interrogation, the Myanmar Poachers revealed that some local residents of Hara Tikrey Village under PS Kalighat Jurisdiction met them several times last year at Hiran Tikrey, Kishori Nagar and provided the poachers various logistical support. In return the poachers had provided these local

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D Ayyappan Addresses Kalighat Area Public Meeting of CPI (M)



Diglipur, Jan 23: CPI (M) Kalighat Area of CPI (M) has organized a public meeting at Kalighat Bazar on 22nd January, 2023 on various pending demands and issues of the people of North Andaman. Addressing the meeting, Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, State Organising Committee of CPI (M), who was on a visit to North Andaman, criticized the BJP-led central government for the rising unemployment in the islands and also not taking any concrete measures to create jobs for the youth of these islands. He expressed concern over the rising prices of LPG, diesel, petrol and essential commodities and said that the BJP government has completely failed to arrest prices in the country.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Necessary Pushback

The Supreme Court collegium has done well to push back against the Union government's attempts to block the appointment of some advocates as High Court judges. The three-member collegium, which makes recommendations for High Court appointments, has reiterated its decision to elevate lawyers Saurabh Kirpal to the Delhi High Court, R. John Sathyan to the Madras High Court and Somasekhar Sundaresan to the Bombay High Court. As it dealt in detail with the objections raised by the Centre in each individual case, the motives behind the government's ongoing contestation with the judiciary over appointments to constitutional courts stand exposed. Communications between the collegium and the Centre offer a glimpse into the untenable nature of the government's objections to proposed appointees, making it abundantly clear how badly the current regime wants to control judicial appointments. If the objection based on a candidate's sexual orientation smacks of a medieval-minded ideological bias, the effort to stall the elevation of a couple of advocates based on their social media activity exposes a mindset that sees appointments to the higher judiciary as a system of spoils meant for political loyalists. As the collegium has pointed out, neither the sexual orientation of Mr. Kirpal nor the airing of political views by the other two advocates will impinge on their suitability or integrity.

The government appears to think that potential candidates for judicial appointments should not have political views of their own, or that a tendency to make their views or opinion known will amount to a possible bias in their functioning as judges. Nothing can disprove this more than the fact that there are other names — to which the government seems to have no objections — that are closely associated with political parties. Indeed, one can say that the history of judicial appointments is replete with instances of government law officers, who invariably enjoy the confidence of the political leadership at the Centre or the States, and lawyers who represent political leaders being offered positions on both the Supreme Court and High Court Benches. The objection based on sexual orientation is particularly appalling, as it is contrary to the constitutional position against discrimination based on sex or sexual preferences. The viewpoint that the collegium system of appointments is flawed as it is opaque and tends to reduce the zone of consideration is valid. However, the manner in which the current regime is seeking to filter out candidates who, it suspects, may not further its political agenda will surely give the impression that allowing any sort of government interference will pose a threat to judicial independence.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Your Taxes as Bribes..!

And during the next elections as different parties promise freebies to the poor, and the same poor people with stars in their eyes jump to claim them, remember it's your tax money that is being paid in exchange for votes! Free colour TV's, waiver of farmer loans, free electricity and many, many schemes that come from the treasure chests of the government but which actually is your money!

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Rice and TV's with your tax money, ha, ha, ha!

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Tax, tax, tax, then let you know, you won't be done till you have no dough.
When you scream they tax you more, tax you till you're good and sore.
Then tax your coffin, tax your grave, tax the ground in which you're laid.
Then put these words upon your tomb: 'Taxes drove him to his doom!'
When you're gone, don't relax, your wife's to shell out inheritance tax!

So, if you ever wonder why our roads are terrible and we take years to build a bridge, remember that money that should have been used for your welfare was spent on freebies to buy votes to keep politicians in power, through a vote bank that can always be expected to deliver when given freebies!

So when rice and wheat are rupees two, and TVs given free

Remember they're the taxes, that's paid by you and me

Your taxes buy that TV, or subsidize that rice

Your taxes are now bribery in camouflaged disguise..!

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The largest unnamed island was named after the first Param Vir Chakra awardee, Major Somnath Sharma, who was martyred in action on November 3, 1947 while repulsing Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar Airport.

The 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees, after whom the islands have been named are: Major Somnath Sharma; Subedar and Hony Captain (then Lance Naik) Karam Singh, MM; 2nd Lt. Rama Raghoba Rane; Nayak Jadunath Singh; Company

Havildar Major Piru Singh; Capt GS Salaria; Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa; Subedar Joginder Singh; Major Shaitan Singh; CQMH. Abdul Hamid; Lt Col Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore; Lance Naik Albert Ekka; Major Hoshier Singh; 2nd Lt. Arun Khetrapal; Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon; Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran; Naib Subedar Bana Singh; Captain Vikram Batra; Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey; Subedar Major (then Rifleman) Sanjay Kumar; and Subedar

Major Retd (Hony Captain) Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav.

"This step will be an everlasting tribute to our heroes, several of whom had made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the nation," the Prime Minister's Office said.

The National Memorial dedicated to Netaji will have a museum, a cable car ropeway, a laser-and-sound show, a guided heritage trail through historical buildings and a theme-based children's amusement park, besides a resto lounge.

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ENTERTAINMENT

British Royals Brace Themselves for Harry and Meghan Documentary

January 23 : London: Britain's monarchy is bracing for more bombshells to be lobbed over the palace gates Thursday as Netflix releases the first three episodes of a series that promises to tell the full truth about Prince Harry and Meghan's estrangement from the royal family.

Promoted with two dramatically edited trailers that hint at racism and a war against Meghan, the series Harry & Meghan is the couple's latest effort to tell the world why they walked away from royal life and moved to Southern California almost three years ago.

It is expected to expand on criticism of the royal family and British media delivered in a series of interviews over the past 18 months.

No one knows the full truth, Harry says at the end of the latest trailer. We know the full truth.

The series comes at a crucial moment for the monarchy as King Charles III tries to show that the institution still has a role to play after the death of Queen Elizabeth II, whose personal popularity dampened criticism of the crown during her 70-year reign.

Charles is making the case that the House of Windsor can help unite an increasingly diverse nation by using the early days of his reign to meet with many of the ethnic groups and faiths that make up modern Britain.

Harry's 2018 marriage to the former Meghan Markle, a biracial American and onetime actress, was once seen as boosting the royal family's effort to move into the 21st century, making it more representative of a multicultural nation. But the fairy tale, which began with a star-studded ceremony at Windsor Castle, soon soured amid stories that Meghan was self-centred and bullied her staff.

Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, stepped back from royal duties and moved to California, alleging racist attacks by Britain's tabloid media. Harry's criticism of the media was tinged with anger over the way the press treated his mother, Princess Diana, who died in a car



accident in 1997 while being followed by photographers.

The couple's new life in America has been funded by lucrative contracts with Netflix and Spotify.

Race became a central issue for the monarchy following Harry and Meghan's interview with American talk show host Oprah Winfrey in March 2021. Meghan alleged that before their first child was born, a member of the royal family commented on how dark the baby's skin might be.

Prince William, the heir to the throne and Harry's older brother, defended the royal family after the interview, telling reporters, "We're very much not a racist family."

But Buckingham Palace faced renewed allegations of racism only last week when a Black advocate for survivors of domestic abuse said a senior member of the royal household interrogated her about her origins during a reception at the palace.

Coverage of the issue filled British media, overshadowing William and his wife Kate's much-anticipated visit to Boston, which the palace had hoped would highlight their environmental credentials.

Media attention was also diverted by Netflix's decision to release the first trailer for Harry & Meghan in the middle of the trip.

The streaming giant has promised an unprecedented and in-depth documentary series over six episodes in which Harry and Meghan share the other side of their high-profile love story."

The first three episodes will be released Thursday, with the second batch to be posted December 15.

The programme will be watched carefully in the UK, where even the teasers were criticised for offering misleading images to back up the emotive narration alleging misogyny, unfair media treatment and racism.

In one section of the footage, clips of paparazzi are spliced together with old footage of Princess Diana being followed by the media as Harry says in a voiceover: "The pain and suffering of women marrying into this institution, this feeding frenzy."

"I was terrified, I didn't want history to repeat itself."

However, one of the clips used to illustrate his words appears to show reporters and photographers waiting for TV star Katie Price arriving outside Crawley Magistrates Court, Sky News reported.

The second trailer also includes an indictment of the way palace officials use the press, which Harry described as a "dirty game."

There's a hierarchy of the family, Harry says, over an image of the royal family standing on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. You know, there's leaking, but there's also planting of stories.

That is followed by a picture of a photographer perched on another balcony as Harry and Meghan walk with their young son Archie down below. While the scene suggests the photographer was covertly snapping pictures of a private moment, the photo actually shows an accredited press photographer who was covering the couple's meeting with Desmond Tutu in 2019.

Whatever the series reveals, palace officials hope to deflect the storm by portraying William and Kate as forward-looking young royals.

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TechM Launches Cloud Platform Cloud BlazeTech

January 23: HYDERABAD:

Digital transformation, consulting and business re-engineering services and



solutions provider Tech Mahindra on Wednesday launched Cloud BlazeTech, an integrated sector-agnostic platform.

The launch of the cloud platform is aimed at propelling enterprises to be cloud-ready and driving business outcomes by integrating cloud migration, operation, governance, and industry cloud solutions, as the company will continue to invest in cloud services and hyperscaler relationships to boost

digital transformation for enterprises.

Cloud Blaze Tech will help enterprises in accelerating their transition to a cloud-native world by supporting bi-modal infrastructure transformation. In addition, the platform integrates with hyperscaler hybrid cloud platforms to provide industry-specific pre-built cloud-native solutions that accelerate business outcomes. With the Cloud BlazeTech platform, Tech Mahindra also hopes to help enterprises achieve cost savings up to 25-30% and a 30% improvement in migration time.

Speaking at a press meet, chief delivery officer & global head Infra & Cloud Business, Tech Mahindra, Sudhir Nair, said, "Cloud adoption is a key step towards digital transformation. It is at the core of all transformative IT strategies and enables enterprises to become digital ready."

He stated that Tech Mahindra's Cloud Blaze Tech platform will deliver industry-specific pre-build cloud-native solutions and help enterprises in their transformation journey to be cloud-ready.

"With this launch, we look forward to empowering every organization to be a digital organization, driving business outcomes, providing speed and scale to innovate from anywhere with cloud-based industry solutions, operation and governance, and innovation," he added.

Suri Chawla, Tech Mahindra's Global Head of Cloud Services, stated that

Cloud Blaze Tech launch aims to meet the growing need for Cloud technology

and further Tech Mahindra's goal of providing best-in-class digital

solutions, adding that Cloud BlazeTech would enable enterprises to move

forward in their cloud transformation journey by offering a flexible and

customizable solution to help enterprises become digital front-runners in

cloud-native era.

Member of Parliament Requests Lt. Governor to Conduct Events like Flea Market, Beach Festival etc. for the Islanders on a Regular Basis

Port Blair, Jan 23: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to conduct events like flea market, beach festival, music festival etc. for the Islanders on a regular basis since there is no other mode of entertainment for the islanders.

During a recent meeting the Member of Parliament informed the Lt. Governor that in the recent past Andaman & Nicobar

Administration used to conduct regular events like flea market, beach festival, music festival etc. for the entertainment of Islanders, which was hugely popular among local youths, Islanders and tourists.

He added that these festivals were not only a source of entertainment for Islanders but were also a source of income for the Islanders. Such events brought a good amount of money into the local economy and many people

had a good source of income. To some extent it will also promote tourism.

He pointed out that very recently it has been observed that the frequency of such events has been reduced and hence he requested the Lt. Governor to direct the concerned departments to conduct such events on a regular basis throughout the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the upliftment of the local community.

NSUI Conducts Bike Rally to Mark 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'

Port Blair, Jan 23: The State Unit of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI), A&N Islands, under the leadership of its President Mr. M.A Sajid organized a bike rally on 20th January 2023 to mark the Bharat Jodo Yatra in support of Congress leader Mr. Rahul Gandhi.

The rally commenced at 4 pm from Flag Point and passed through major parts of the city including RGT Road, Middle Point, Junglighat, Dairy Farm, Phoenix Bay and Aberdeen Bazaar. Hundreds of college students and youths with their motorbikes participated in this rally.

The Pradesh Congress Committee President Mr. Rangalal Halder along with City Congress Committee President Mr. Mohd. Zubair and several other Congress leaders took part in this rally and marched on roads by raising voice against the BJP Government at Centre. The bike rally was followed by a public meeting in front of Gandhi Bhawan.

Addressing the Gathering, Mr. Sajid said, "This Bharat Jodo Yatra rally has been organized to give the message of awareness to the public that the BJP Administration is making the common people



fool and cheating the countrymen. He accused the BJP Administration that they had given words to the countrymen in their vision documents that 2 crore jobs would be provided in a year but they have implemented nothing which is utmost blasphemy and hypocrisy.

Mr. Halder said, "The BJP party is based on religion discrimination and creating instability between Hindu and Muslim which is not acceptable. The Indian National Congress is opposing this communal ideology. He also spoke on economic and political resolution respectively.

Mr. Zubair advised the party workers and youths to penetrate the grass root level

and to educate them about the failures of the BJP Government. He further thanked the students and youths for making the bike rally a resounding success.

The City Congress Vice president Mr. Ravinder Nath, City Congress General Secretary Mr. Raj Reddy, Congress City Secretaries Mr. Farooq, Mr. C. Ravi & Mr. Esha along with Youth Congress Secretary Mr. Shadab Riaz, Shri Abhibhushan Ghosh, Shri. M.A.Tameed, Shri. Yusuf Congress Leaders, NSUI State General Secretaries Mr. Vishal Din, Mukesh, Rishab Saw, Saurav Nair and Anick Das took part in the rally.

03 Local Residents of N&M Andaman Arrested for Providing Logistical Support and for Obtaining Return Gratifications from Myanmar Poachers

Continued from Page 1 residents Mobile phones, Solar Panel, Batteries, underwater Torches, watch etc. for providing them logistical support.

From the investigations carried out till now, various articles provided by Myanmar poachers have been recovered from local residents namely Sanju Toppo, Paulus Gari & Rajender Singh from the jungles of Hara Tikrey by a team comprising of SI

Parvash, HC S.Baroi, PC Amos George, PC Bijoy Das and these local residents have been arrested in the case. Investigation of the case is under progress and a few other local residents of North & Middle Andaman are also suspected to be involved in the nexus with foreign poachers.

General Public of Andaman & Nicobar Islands are requested not to interact or aid the Foreign Poachers in the Indian Territorial Waters.

Foreign Poachers not only plunder our precious marine wealth but also pose serious national security threats. Hence, General public is hereby informed that whenever any foreign intruder/poachers is seen either at sea or in land, immediately information may be passed on to the nearest police station or to Police Control Room (03192-232100) or the Coast Guard authorities.

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pause, a steaming cup of coffee amidst the green of Mother Nature, every bustle feels worth it. This is where our projects come into play. This is what we look forward to providing you- The pause, the solace and the smile. We aim to help you to do your bit for mother nature and in return get those moments of peaceful stillness and a break from the 21st-century rat race. It is with this thought that we at Andaman Chronicle have come up with a project named 'BAGEECHA'.

'BAGEECHA' is a term we all can easily connect ourselves with. There was a time when every household had 'BAGEECHA'. Some had small BAGEECHA and few had large ones but what was pertinent was that every house had a BAGEECHA. And this was after all our Homes. Hours were spent in its upkeep- watering the plants, laying the groundwork and then after many days of hard work when those poppies, chrysanthemums, marigolds, and Crotons smiled at you, one carried back a sense of satisfaction and pride that nothing else could give.

In the project 'BAGEECHA', Andaman Chronicle aims to inculcate the hobby of planting and adopting plants. With the help of experts in the field, 'BAGEECHA' also attempts to educate all about different varieties of plants, their uses and the care that is required to nurture your adopted plants.

Andaman Nicobar Command Celebrates Armed Forces Veterans' Day

Continued from Page 1 related issues of the veterans. 'One stop Help Desks' of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force were also set up at the venue to aid speedy resolution of any issues. Representatives of ECHS and Rajya Sainik Board took active part in the event. Lectures and presentations were undertaken to increase awareness on various

With the world reeling under various physical and mental illnesses, adopting plants and staying in their vicinity has scientifically proved to be provide immense benefits. Concurring with same ideology, 'BAGEECHA' provides you with an Open Air Display of varieties of plants, pots, planters, pebbles and much more, which will also help you enhance the beauty of your homes, your mind and your body. You can buy the plants based on your choices in conjunction with the recommendations of the experts. We make available many options for our visitors according to their tastes, budget and requirements. 'BAGEECHA' also provides you with a kit, which will help to ensure that your favourite plant remains healthy and well nourished. 'BAGEECHA' further includes a display of local products viz. handicrafts, eateries etc. with a thought to promote local businesses.

Taking it further:

The initiative 'BAGEECHA' aims to conduct workshops on the plantation for different age groups right from students to the elderly to help them learn about the art of plantation while understanding the requirements of their adopted plants. A small initiative to begin with yet we firmly believe that it's the little steps we take in the right direction that would make a difference. So let's spend some quality time in the 'BAGEECHA', adopt a plant and do our bit to conserve our Mother Nature!

policies and initiatives in order to keep them abreast with the latest policies in vogue.

The veterans appreciated the formal connect with their brethren in arms whilst refreshing and cherishing memories of their uniformed service. Proactive measures taken towards redressal of issues on the spot were well appreciated by the Veterans.

D Ayyappan Addresses Kalighat Area Public Meeting of CPI (M)

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Shri Ramjiban Sarkar, State Secretariat Member of the Party and Ex-Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Kalighat briefly explained the demands of the people of Kalighat area including the construction of Kalighat-Nischintpur bridge. Shri AVASamad, Secretary, Diglipur Area Committee and Shri Dulal Mondal, Kalighat Area Committee Member also addressed the meeting. A large number of villagers of Kalighat and nearby areas attended the meeting. Shri Dilip Karmakar, CPI (M) SOC Member, CPI (M) Panchayat Members Shri Madhan Sarkar and Radhika Devi, former Panchayat Member Smt Pushpa Dey and Shri Narayan Bairagi, Convener, DYFI Area Committee were also present.

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2773 DRMs Benefited with Adhoc Bonus, APWD Karmachari Sangh Express Gratitude

Port Blair, Jan 23: The Chief Engineer, APWD has concurred the sanction of Adhoc Bonus to DRMs who were benefitted with 1/30th with the approval of Personnel Department and Finance Department of A&N Administration. The APWD Karmachari Sangh (AKS) has expressed its gratitude to the Chief Secretary, Secretary (PWD), Chief Engineer, APWD for

giving the approval to release the Adhoc Bonus.

The AKS also expressed its gratitude especially to the Andaman Nicobar Rajya Karmachari Mahasangh (ANRKM) and Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), A&N Islands for the long pending achievement by way of organising GATE Protest on 16th Jan. 2023 with all previous correspondences for release of Bonus AND on 18th Jan. A&N Administration has given

the approval for release of Adhoc Bonus to all DRMs with 1/30 which covered 2773 employees.

AKS has requested to pave the path for release of Adhoc Bonus to all DRMs without any discrimination of 1/30th benefitted or not, who worked in offices following a 6 days week for atleast 240 days for each year for 3 years or more (206 days in each year for 3 years or more in case of office observing 5 days week).

'With You' Joins to Extend Support to TB Patients

Port Blair, Jan 23: To eradicate TB from our Islands, 'With You' also extended support to the TB patients. Ni-kshay Mitra. The NGO provided 3 nutritional kits to TB patients under the jurisdiction of PHC Wimberlygunj on 21.01.2023.



Anadiranjan Biswas Attends Biswa Bangla Sahitya O Sanskriti Utsav

Port Blair, Jan 23: Shri Anadiranjan Biswas, Editor, Baakprotima (Bengali Little Magazine) and News Spotlight (Bilingual Fortnightly Newspaper) participated in the prestigious Literary Conference namely Biswa Bangla Sahitya O Sanskriti Utsav (World Bengali Literature and Culture Festival, 13th in series, held in Haldia Township, West Bengal from 21st to 23rd January 2023. Shri Anadiranjan



Biswas was honoured by the organisers as he was invited to chair the third session of

poetry reading of the second day (22 January 2023).

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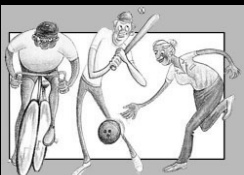
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SPORTS

Mohammed Shami: Can't Doubt this Indian Team After Results in Last 4-6 Years

January 23: India's player of the match against New Zealand in the second ODI felt like the team's performance in recent times hasn't warranted the scepticism that has followed the team in a World Cup year. In the aftermath of a thumping eight-wicket win over the visitors on Saturday in Raipur, Mohammed Shami responded to being asked whether the Indian team is sure of its first choice XI for the upcoming World Cup.

"If people still doubt the Indian team despite the results it has given in the last four to six years..." Shami retorted. "The World Cup is still a long time away; we need to play a lot of games and need to try out more players before that."

Shami's comments came following India's seventh successive ODI series win at home, a run maintained since the 2-3 loss to Australia ahead of the 2019 World Cup.

Keeping in line with the World Cup talks, Shami further spoke on the matter of workload management, stating that his preference has always been on more game time than practice sessions.

"I always prefer playing matches over practice. It is always better to play maximum numbers of games to get ready



for a big event. Load is being managed and it is being managed properly. I just hope the main players stay in a good zone (pre-World Cup)."

Shami starred in the first innings during the second ODI as India pinned New Zealand down to just 108 runs, chasing the total with 29.5 overs to spare. The seamer registered bowling figures of 3/18 off six overs of bowling.

Featuring in the side as the senior-most bowler and in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah, Shami suggested that his role in the current side wasn't any more different to what he has been used to since the inception of his India career.

"My role hasn't changed since I have come into the team," he

said while chuckling at the thought of it. "The only thing is to keep working on fitness and diet. We have got big events coming up so the aim is to contribute in every game."

The right arm pacer, though, added that part of his responsibilities was to keep sharing his inputs with others in the bowling unit. "As a new-ball bowler, it's important to assess the conditions and pass the message quickly to the other bowlers as well." 'Relentless' Shami and Siraj Partnering with Mohammed Siraj as India's new ball bowlers, Shami kept a check on the scoring rate in the initial overs on Saturday, conceding a mere 10 runs between them in the first eight overs. And picking three wickets during the same time period.

Cristiano Ronaldo Fails to Score on Al Nassr Debut

January 23: Cristiano Ronaldo made his much-anticipated debut for Al Nassr but failed to get on the scoresheet as his new side beat Ettifaq 1-0 in the Saudi Pro League.

The 37-year-old had joined Al-Nassr last month on a reported £175million-a-year contract until 2025.

Ronaldo, who on Thursday scored twice for a Riyadh All Stars team in a 5-4 defeat to Lionel Messi's PSG in an exhibition match, played the full 90 minutes for the league leaders against Ettifaq on Sunday but did not make a telling contribution.

Talisca headed the winner in the 31st minute when Abdulmajeed Al-Sulaiheem's

cross was too high for Ronaldo, who didn't seem to mind as he wheeled around to celebrate with the Brazilian midfielder and the rest of his new teammates.

Al Nassr, which has played 14 games, moved a point ahead of defending champion Al Hilal, which has played a game more.

Ronaldo had been forced to wait for his debut due to receiving a two-game FA suspension after smashing an Everton fan's phone last year.

As a consequence, Ronaldo missed Al-Nassr's 2-0 win against Al-Tai and their 0-0 draw with Al-Shabab.

The decision came due to the Saudi League rules stating that clubs can only register up to eight



foreign players per squad. Ronaldo, a five-time Ballon d'Or winner who starred for Real Madrid, Juventus and Manchester United, signed a deal to June 2025 with Al Nassr, apparently after rejecting offers from Europe, North America and beyond.

He also came off a disappointing World Cup where he was benched in the knockout rounds and left the field in tears after Portugal lost in the quarterfinals to Morocco.

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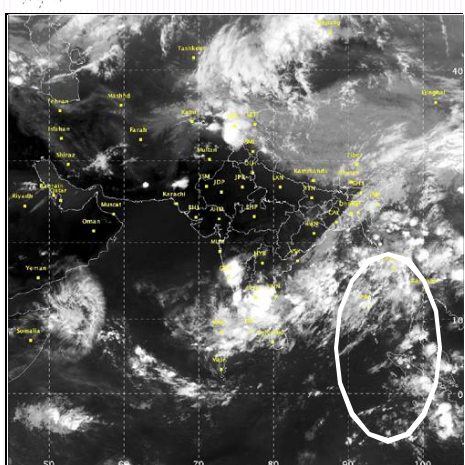
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 24.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77%	1730 Hrs: 82%
Sunrise: 0511 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2023 till date):	003.5 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain or thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 24/1/2023.

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