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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

The Oceanic Medley: Of the 25 modern phyla of groups of animals, only four are represented on land, and all 25 are represented in the oceans! However, there is one extremely important class of animals that is almost absent here: insects, which are so abundant on land. Why? No one really seems to know. Some scientist think that crustaceans (shrimps, lobsters, and crabs) may occupy in the sea the place that is occupied by the insects of land.

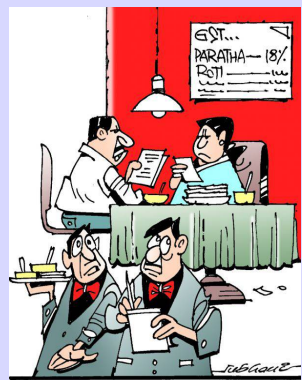
The Sunlight Zone: This zone is the oceans garden where sunlight streams through. Plants grow here, product food through photosynthesis, and supports animals life. This layer where air meets water is home to many species of animals important to us economically and ecologically. Here you find animals in various stages of their life cycles-eggs, larvae, juveniles, and adults.

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

People's Voice

Koi yakeen karega ki Andaman mein aaj bhi aise kai jagah hai jahan jisne Road, Electricity aur Water Supply nahi dekha ...?

- A Citizen



No one is offering tips after GST on food items!

PM Modi Dedicates 75 Digital Banking Units in 75 Districts of India

Port Blair, Oct. 16: Hon'ble Prime Minister today dedicated 75 Digital Banking Units (DBUs) in 75 Districts to the nation through video conferencing. In Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the inauguration function was held at Digital Banking Unit, State Bank of India, Port Blair. The programme was attended by Shri Prem Anup Sinha, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Kolkata Circle, Shri Sujay Kumar Yadav, General Manager, State Bank of India, Shri Prabhakar Bose, Deputy General Manager, State Bank of India, Smt Pramila Kumari,

Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smt. U Kavitha, Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council and Shri Suman Bakshi, Regional Manager, State Bank of India.

The Chief General Manager informed the gathering that DBU will have facilities for Cash Withdrawal & Deposit, Account Opening, Fixed Deposit & Recurring Deposit, Digital Loans, Passbook Printing, Balance Enquiry and Fund Transfer.

To promote Digital Banking under Digital India



initiative, QR codes were distributed to 50 Autorikshaw in a function held at Mohanpura Autostand and QR Codes

were also distributed to 68 Jeep operators, 22 Autorikshaw and 50 Traders, in a function held at Tushnabad Junction today.

Member of Parliament Requests Minister of Agriculture to Direct NAFED to Procure Copra from Andaman & Nicobar Islands under Price Support Scheme

Port Blair, Oct. 16: The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to direct National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) to procure Copra from

Andaman & Nicobar Islands under Price Support Scheme.

In a letter addressed to the Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, the Member of Parliament mentioned that a large number of farmers in Andaman & Nicobar Islands including the majority of brothers and

sisters of Nicobari Tribal Community and farmers of Great Nicobar (Campbell Bay) depend on Copra farming for their livelihood.

He said that due to delay in procurement of these Copra under Price Support Scheme of Government of India, presently Copra farmers of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, especially

Copra producers of entire Nicobar District are being exploited by middlemen, who are procuring Copra from them at very cheap price.

As with time, Copra loses weight and it causes further loss to the Copra farmers, the Member of Parliament requested the Minister for an early action in this regard.

DCSA Inaugurates Modern e-Patwarkhana at Neil Kendra

Port Blair, Oct. 15: The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, along with Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SA), Shri Radhey Shyam Meena, Director (RD & PRIs) and Tehsildar, Port Blair visited Shaheed Dweep today. The Pramukh, Port Blair Panchayat Samiti,

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More Encroachments Removed, District Administration Cautions General Public

Port Blair, Oct. 16: During the visit of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman to Shaheed Dweep, the people of the area reported about the encroachment of Govt. land. Based on the complaints, DC (SA) ensuring zero tolerance towards

encroachment immediately issued strict direction to Revenue officials to remove the encroachment. Accordingly, the Revenue field functionaries carried out encroachment eviction drive at

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BSNL Employees Union Emerges as Single Largest Union with 15311 Votes Polled



Port Blair, Oct. 16: The 9th Membership Verification in the BSNL to recognize the majority union through secret ballot was held in the country on 12th October 2022. The votes were counted and results were declared on 14th October 2022.

BSNL Employees Union has emerged as the single largest Union with 15311 votes (48.62%) of the total votes polled while the nearest rival NFTE polled 11201 votes (35.57%) all over India.

In Andaman & Nicobar Islands, BSNL Employees Union polled nearly 61% of the polled votes.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

No Time for Placebo

India's apex drug regulator, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), has barred Haryana-based Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited from manufacturing medicinal drugs. This was after some of the cold-and-cough syrup it manufactured and exported to The Gambia were marked out by the World Health Organization (WHO) as being linked to the deaths of 66 children there. The concoctions were apparently contaminated with diethylene glycol (DEG) and ethylene glycol that may have caused acute kidney failure. The Indian government has said that a full report from WHO, establishing a clear, causal link is awaited. The Union Health Ministry has constituted a technical committee to advise the Government on its future course of action against the company. The provisions of India's Drugs and Cosmetics Act, in theory, come down heavily on manufacturers for making adulterated drugs, and on gross violations of prescribed manufacturing practices with imprisonment up to 10 years and fines up to 10 lakh. These provisions have been rarely executed despite multiple instances of DEG poisoning in India. In 2020, cough syrup made by the Himachal Pradesh-based Digital Vision killed 13 children in Jammu and Himachal Pradesh; tests showed the presence of DEG. Other inspections by regulatory bodies found that Digital Vision had violated mandatory manufacturing practices that would have ensured drugs were not contaminated with DEG. However, there have been no successful prosecutions, because, as in other instances of adulteration, there is little sustained follow-up to prove to the courts that the products were directly responsible for the deaths.

Given that the deaths in The Gambia have evoked an international outcry — it was highlighted by WHO and India has a reputation as a major global supplier of drugs and vaccines — there will likely be greater scrutiny of India's actions. Early responses from India's health establishment have not been encouraging, with assurances that the drugs were only cleared for export to The Gambia and not for sale in India. In any case, this is disingenuous as Maiden Pharmaceuticals, whose products were banned in Kerala earlier and flagged for substandard quality in Tamil Nadu, has marketed the same formulation under different names, and there is no reason to assume that their domestic wares undergo a higher standard of production. In the global market of pharmaceuticals, the pandemic burnished the credentials of India's vaccine manufacturers as vital to ensuring that the whole world accessed medicine equitably. To rise up the value chain, whether it be vaccines or drugs, India has to work harder at its image of having an impartial and independent regulator that can be trusted internationally as well as domestically.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Just a Detour..!

A couple of years ago while traveling in scenic Austria, I got down from the car and sat by the side of a mountain besides a flowing brook. It was no restful and peaceful and I was nearly lulled to sleep by the sound of the water, but knowing it would be an experience I would always cherish, I forced myself awake and lowered my feet into the passing stream.

I looked up at the towering mountains and I knew that we would be slowly climbing them after the halt. I then looked down to where the mountains ended and suddenly down below the place looked dark and forbidding, sinister and chilling. It was a strange experience to be in the middle of the two scenes. One so majestic and the other terrifying.

Our lives also bring us to such places — where we can either journey into the depths of despair and depression or rise to incredible heights — depending on the direction we head. Yet, the mountaintop may not be where we want to reside, either. In a letter to Sheila, a suicidal person, an agony aunt shared some exquisite wisdom:

"Dear Sheila," she wrote, "I know all too well the battle you are engaged in. You see, I spent many years in the deep, dark valleys of mental illness. Most (people) want to be on the mountaintop. I don't. I have climbed mountains up to 17,000 feet.

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"I have also been in the deep, dark valleys where the walls are so steep that nothing grows; there is complete darkness and one is all alone. It's a terrifying place to be in. What I do enjoy is being in the valley with the green pastures and where the streams are gentle and calm..."

Naturally, there are often valid medical reasons for mood shifts and depression. And it may require all of our resources to climb back out of our private Bad Water experience: we may require support from the medical community, friends and family, as well as our spiritual resources. But we are not alone.

I like the counsel of Abraham Lincoln, who was similarly afflicted. In a letter to a friend, he once wrote: "You now believe that you will never feel better. But this is not true. You are sure to be happy again. Knowing this, truly believing it, will make you less miserable now."

It is true that few of us seem to stay in that peaceful valley for long. But, as someone aptly said, "The truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery wherever he is who can look at his present situation and know that it is just a detour, that's all." Detours are only detours my friend and soon you will get back into the peaceful green valley or on to the mountain top..!

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More Encroachments Removed, District Administration Cautions General Public

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Shaheed Dweep under Port Blair Tehsil today. Fresh encroachment committed in the shape of temporary structure near natural bridge at Lakshmanpur village in Shaheed Dweep were removed and an area of 0.06 ha has been restored into the Govt. Khata.

Similarly, the District Administration of South

Andaman ensuring zero tolerance towards encroachment on Govt. land has carried out encroachment eviction drive at Little Andaman Tehsil yesterday. Fresh encroachment committed in the shape of plantation and fencing were removed at Hutbay village and an area of 0.60 ha has been restored into the Govt.

Khata. Meanwhile, the general public has been once again cautioned to refrain from encroaching Govt. land. In case of any enquiries or information regarding such illegal activities and encroachment, they can communicate with the District Control Room at phone nos. 03192-240127/1077.

Heavy Rainfall Forecast

Port Blair, Oct. 16: Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on Oct. 17, 18, 19 & 20. Meanwhile, due to squally weather, wind speed is likely to exceed 45 kmph over Andaman Sea along and off Andaman and Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been not to venture into the sea from Oct. 18 till Oct. 20. For further enquiries/ information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Chhello Show' Hits Theatres, Makers List Challenges to Make 'a Film about Films'

October 16: AHMEDABAD: As Gujarati film 'Chhello Show' (Last Film Show), India's official entry for the Oscars 2023, arrived in theatres on Friday, its writer-director Pan Nalin recalled how the project was born out of one of his visits to Amreli to meet his father when he learnt about a cinema projectionist eking out a living by selling vegetables.

'Chhello Show', which will represent India in the best international feature film category at the Oscars, is set in rural Gujarat and follows the story of a nine-year-old boy who begins a lifelong love affair with cinema when he bribes his way into a rundown movie palace and spends a summer watching movies from the projection booth.

Talking to reporters here, Nalin spoke out challenges that came in the way of shooting the film in natural locations in Amreli, including encounters with lions and leopards, and the process to find the lead character played by a child actor, Bhavin Rabari, that made them go through 3,000 auditions. Amreli district houses parts of the Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary.

During his visit to Amreli around a decade back, Nalin's father told him about Mohammad Bhai, a cinema projector with whom he had struck a close companionship in his childhood due to his own obsession with cinema. Nalin was born in Amreli district where most of the film has been shot.

"When I met Mohammad Bhai, he was selling vegetables on a pushcart. I was really really touched by what happened to him. This man spent his entire life in projection rooms talking about cinema," said the filmmaker who has helmed award-winning movies like 'Samsara', 'Valley of Flowers' and 'Angry Indian Goddesses'.

Hundreds of mechanical projector operators like him went out of job when movies went digital because they lacked knowledge of English and computers, Nalin said.

Mohammad Bhai's story together with his own childhood experience while growing up in villages around Dhari in Amreli district and his obsession with cinema which led him to often skip



school to watch films became the main plot of the Oscar-bound film, he said.

Sharing challenges in shooting the film, Nalin recalled how the cast and crew encountered lions and leopards.

"We were shooting in locations in Sasan Gir where lions used to come, and we had many close encounters (with wild animals). There were also leopard attacks in the region. When we were shooting in Samay's house (actor Bhavin Rabari), two people were killed by a big cat. We had to deal with that safety issue as well," he said.

Shooting with children from the rural background posed a challenge of its own, said the film-maker.

A "how not to act" workshop was organised for them, "because we did not want them to learn acting, we wanted them to really build the characters they were playing. That was quite challenging," he recalled. "In all that, the most challenging thing was to find the lead character, Samay, played by Bhavin Rabari. We went through 3,000 auditions to find Bhavin," Nalin said.

The casting process also posed a challenge as a casting director was beaten up by a mob which thought he was a child lifter, he said.

All the six child actors featuring in 'Chhello Show' hail from underprivileged backgrounds - their fathers work as shoemakers, construction labourers or autorickshaw drivers, he said. "They all come from underprivileged backgrounds... what struck me was that they were all extremely happy wherever they were. I have never seen such happiness in kids... The natural quality of their body language, sparkle in the eyes..." he said. "The challenge was how do we

now make Bhavin — the lead child actor — carry the whole film on his shoulders along with other kids. And that was not easy for the children who had never acted. Our job as a team was to make them comfortable," Nalin said.

One of the child actors, Rahul Koli, died after battling blood cancer just a few days before the release of the movie.

Nalin said he spoke to his father when he was preparing for his son's last rites.

"Since the last three to four days the family had been feeling really good that he has acted in the film. They say their child has become immortal. Manu (Rahul's character) is so good and touching. I am really happy that they see it in a positive way. We are going to go help them all. All the kids have become a family," he said.

The film's shooting was completed just before the coronavirus outbreak, but in 2020 most of the world went into lockdowns, the director said.

"We were not even motivated to continue editing, because we didn't know what the future would look like. No one was excited to finish the film. Six to seven months were a tough time, we did not know what would happen to the film. Cinema houses were closing down (due to lockdowns). Even festivals where we usually go to sell films were going virtual," Nalin said.

Nalin said he decided not to show the film virtually, because "it is a story of a cinema hall in a cinema, a film about films". The director said when making a movie, he never thinks of Oscars or any other awards or film festivals.

"I always make movies that appeal to people. We always make movies that we hope maximum people will get to see. We hope it ('Chhello Show') has a big release. That was my dream," he said.

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Microsoft Ignite 2022 Shows Users How to 'Do More With Less'

October 16: NEW DELHI: Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella spoke at the company's flagship event "Ignite 2022" on Wednesday and painted a future where businesses and people could do more with less as AI helped to unlock benefits that freed people for more productive work. Speaking at the event which was attended by 200,000 people virtually and 7,500 people from satellite locations globally, Mr. Nadella said "When it comes to doing more with less, AI is the ultimate amplifier."

AI is now in newer areas like creative design, content, making coding and automation more accessible, and Nadella extended the vision of 'low code, no code' and making programming accessible to a wider audience through intelligent automation. Satya Nadella said that there are five key imperatives for every organization and walked the audience through saying an organization needs to be data driven and optimized with Azure, it should deliver efficiency with automation and AI, innovate with a cloud developer, reenergize its workforce and protect everything, everyone everywhere.

The slew of launches that Microsoft announced — some slated for this year and some for later — gave a glimpse into what that future could look like.

Here are some key announcements from the event:

Azure Cosmos DB: Azure Cosmos DB has added support for PostgreSQL, so developers can leverage the speed, scale, and performance of Azure Cosmos DB; while new functionality supports AKS on-premises or at the edge with Azure Arc, and Azure public multi-access edge compute available November 2022 will help operators like AT&T deliver 5G in U.S. cities. Supporting quick iteration and faster go-to-market, we're introducing Visual Studio images for Microsoft DevBox in preview to give developers with cloud-based, ready-to-code workstations.

DALL E 2: New enterprise AI capabilities designed to empower people and save time and money include DALL E 2 in Azure OpenAI Service, available by invitation only, for creating images from text and bringing visual concepts to life in a responsible way; new flow tools in Power Platform for automating repetitive business processes; and content AI by Microsoft Syntex in Microsoft 365 for extracting action-driven insights from documents. We're also making conversation intelligence free for Dynamics 365 Sales Enterprise and the newly released Viva Sales and end-to-end document processing with no code required powered by AI Builder and Power Automate. Microsoft Places: Microsoft Places to help address the unique challenges of hybrid work, as well as AI-powered features to automate meeting tasks, including intelligent recap in Teams. Cisco is now a Teams Rooms Certified Devices partner, and we're introducing Edge Workspaces in the Edge browser, so everyone working together on a project can view the same websites and files in one place as a shared set of browser tabs.

DCSA Inaugurates Modern e-Patwarkhana at Neil Kendra

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Pradhan and Zilla Parishad Member, Neil Kendra were also present.

During the visit, the DC (SA) inaugurated newly constructed e-Patwarkhana, situated at Neil Kendra village, Shaheed Dweep. The modern e-Patwarkhana consists of e-corner facilities to cater all online services through which the citizen can avail all online services directly. With this, the District Administration, South Andaman has achieved the target of cent percent online services throughout the district. The DC (SA) issued few senior citizen certificates to the beneficiaries generated on the spot through the e-corner.

The Deputy Commissioner also made field visits to Bharatpur beach and Sitapur sunrise point along with PRIs to check the various issues raised by the PRIs and directed the concerned line Department to resolve the issue at the earliest. The DC (SA) inspected the road towards the Sitapur sunrise point and it was informed by the EE, APWD that the estimate for the road has already been submitted. The PRI members requested DC (SA) to take up the matter with the Forest Department for construction of eco-friendly huts and also a Police Booth at Sitapur.

During the visit to Bharatpur beach, DC (SA) requested the stakeholders to keep the beach neat and clean. He further informed private boat operators to shift the boat anchorage location from the beach area and requested Fisheries Department to identify suitable location for anchorage of private boats and the same will be resolved. At the Jetty area, the PRI members requested for construction of open canopy sheds and a Police Assistant Booth for the passengers as the frequent arrival of boats creates congestion at the Jetty. In

order to resolve the issue, DC (SA) directed the Tourism Officer to put up a proposal for smooth schedule of the boats to reduce the congestion at the Jetty area. DC (SA) also inspected the internal road connecting Bharatpur beach to the Medical and subsequently to the Jetty. Since the road belongs to Zilla Parishad, DC (SA) requested the Zilla Parishad Member to put up the proposal for the road and directed the CEO (ZP) to expedite the work.

The DC (SA) also inspected the land proposed for allotment under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (G) and directed the revenue field functionaries to submit the proposal for allotment on priority.

Further, the team visited the Solid Liquid Waste Management Centre and inspected its operation, the DC directed the Sanitary Supervisor to coordinate with the agency and to send the packed wastes immediately and to further ensure regular collection of dry waste.

The South Andaman District Administration also organized Revenue Camp Court with the theme 'Prashasan Aapke Dwaar' at Neil Kendra. The camp was attended by Officers of various line Departments such as Rural Development, Tourism, Fisheries, Health, Education, APWD, Transport, Electricity and Police Deptt. The camp was also attended by a large number of villagers and their representatives. Various issues related to common public facilities, regularization of land, road construction, issues related to supply of LPG cylinder, water, demand for development works at different villages, matters related to education, set apart of land for Anganwadi Centers were raised. The grievances of the general public were recorded during the Camp

Court along with their contact details and progress on the issues will be communicated in due course of time by all the concerned Departments.

The DC (SA) gave a patient hearing to all their grievances, assured them of its early disposal. He gave on the spot directions to the Tehsildar and officers of other line Departments to take up the issues concerning them and to dispose them at the earliest. The applicants who had applied for various Tehsil services like OBC, Local, Resident certificate etc. were handed over the same during the programme. Besides this, specific instructions were also issued to the concerned revenue field functionaries in response to various petitions filed by the residents of the village.

The PRI members and the general public thanked the District Administration for organizing 'Prashasan Aapke Dwaar' camp at the grass root level and its effort to address the core issues.

The DC (SA) also emphasized on the cleanliness of the Island and appealed the PRIs and general public to carry out cleanliness drives on regular interval to enhance solid waste management and bringing about a behavioral change in people regarding healthy sanitation practices. The DC (SA) also directed the Revenue field staff and the officials of the line Departments to follow up on all the matters that were placed before the camp. He assured the gathering that the District Administration is committed to the overall development of the Panchayat and urged the people to feel free to reach out to the District Administration for redressal of their grievances. Similar camps will also be organized in each Gram Panchayat in the coming weeks.

One Nation One Ration Card: GOI Launches 'Mera Ration' App to Facilitate ONORC Services

Port Blair, Oct. 16: The Government of India launched a landmark scheme 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) to facilitate migrants meeting their requirement of food grains at a very affordable rate. This scheme was implemented by the Central Government in a war footing manner in the wake of pandemic COVID-19 to avoid struggle of the socio-economically weaker migrant labourers to meet both ends of their livelihoods. This UT Administration has taken relentless efforts, leaving no stone unturned to implement this scheme within the established time frame by the Central Government and made functional with effect from February 2021.

For effective implementation of this

scheme, the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs has launched Toll Free Number 18003454445, 230337 (via Mobile) & number 14445, (via Landline) to address all the queries/ grievances and to provide information related to entitlement of food grains under NFSA during working hours from 8.45 am to 5 pm.

In addition to this, the Government of India has launched a mobile App namely 'Mera Ration' to facilitate the ONORC related services among beneficiaries of the NFSA, particularly migrant beneficiaries, Fair Price Shops and other stakeholders. The App can be downloaded through Play Store App for the registration of migrant beneficiaries, checking of food grains entitlement as well as previous six months transactions along with status of Aadhaar seeding.

JNRM & Lions Club Organise Blood Donation Camp to Commemorate 91st Birth Anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



Port Blair, Oct. 15: The Department of Home Science, JNRM in association with the Lions Club of Port Blair and Directorate of Health Services, A & N Administration organized a Blood Donation Camp to commemorate the 91st Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India today at JNRM New Block.

During the inauguration, the chief guest, Shri Kalaivanan. R, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District shared his experience and interaction he had with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam while he was a student. He explained the importance of students' life in campus and also encouraged them to utilize the available resources and to participate in various social activities like blood donation, tree plantation, drug abuse prevention and traffic management & regulation etc.

Dr. H.K. Sharma, Principal, JNRM, informed the gathering that in collaboration with the Lions Club of Port Blair, every year JNRM organises various activities. Dr. Kalam was a visionary and his ideas were always for the development of our country. MJF.Ln. G. Somasundaram, Past President, Lions Club of Port Blair presented the activities under the banner of Lions Club.

Dr. K. Venkatesan, HoD, Home Science and Coordinator of this programme spoke about Dr. Kalam's innovation in Science & Technology and his contribution in Missile & Nano Technology.

On the occasion, poster competition was also conducted on 'Kalam's Vision and India's Development'. Ms. Shailey, Ms. Rameetha, Ms. Shubha Lakshmi of IIInd B.Sc., Home Science secured the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively in poster competition. Prizes and donor certificates for Blood Donation were distributed. Altogether 34 units of blood were donated.

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The membership verification takes place once in three years. The BSNL Employees Union has been elected as the largest union

successively for the last 8 times in the country.

SP Kalairajan, Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Telecom Circle of BSNL Employees Union has

congratulated all the BSNL employees for the great victory of the Union in the Membership verification.

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ANCA Conducts Maxwell A&N State Sub Junior Chess Selection Championship 2022

Port Blair, Oct. 16: Maxwell A&N State Sub Junior (U-15) Chess Selection Championship 2022 was organised by Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) on 16.10.2022 at Govt. Tagore College of Education Auditorium, Middle Point, Port Blair.

The tournament was graced by Shri Sara Chandran, Deputy Director of Education (Plg/Perl) as chief guest while Shri V Selvam, Nodal Officer, Sports and Youth Affair, Port Blair was the guest of honour for the inaugural ceremony. They inaugurated the championship by making the ceremonial move on the top boards against R Kashthuri Bhai for Girls event and A Chirag Kumar for Boys event to kickstart the championship.

The chief guest for the closing ceremony was Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIAR while Smti P Sushilla owner Maxwell and Shri. Soumitra Roy, Insurance advisor graced occasion as the guest of honours. They gave away the prizes to the winners of the tournament.



A full day event was held separately for boys and Girls in rapid format over six rounds. Around 90 players participated in the event, in which Shrestha Vijay, Carmel School secured first position, MA Dinakar, Kamaraj English Medium School secured second and J.S Viraj, VKV Lamba Line stood third and V Yashwant, Model School stood fourth in boys' category.

Similarly, in the girls' category, R Kashthuri Bhai, GDM School secured first position, Tanisha Raj, VKV Lamba Line school secured second, Kavya Raj, VKV, Lamba Line stood third and S

Vidhya, Kamaraj English Medium School secured fourth position respectively. The winners were awarded with Trophies, Cash prize and certificates.

These top best four players from boys and girls have been selected to participate in the upcoming National Sub Junior (U-15) Chess Championship 2022 to be held in New Delhi during November 2022

Apart from U-15 category, three best players each in boys and girls from Under 09, Under 11, Under 13 and best youngest boy and girl were also awarded with trophies and certificates.

Directorate of Agriculture Implements RKVY-RAFTAAR Scheme

Port Blair, Oct. 16: The Directorate of Agriculture is implementing a Central Sector Scheme RKVY-RAFTAAR under which one project namely 'Creation of Marketing Infrastructure' is undertaken for post-harvest marketing support to farmers. Under the

project, back ended subsidy is provided for purchase of Truck of 1.5-2.0 MT capacity for transportation of agricultural produce by the Farmers/ Farm Women/ST Farmers. Registered FPG/SHG/FPO /NGO/CPC or CPS are also eligible to avail the benefit of the scheme. The subsidy under the scheme is


50% limited to Rs 2.50 lakhs per truck.

To avail the benefit of the scheme, eligible Farmers/ Farm Women/ST Farmers, registered FPG/SHG/FPO / NGO/CPC or CPS can contact the Zonal Officer of their area and apply in the prescribed format alongwith requisite documents.

Firing Practice by Coast Guard Dornier

Port Blair, Oct. 15: Firing practice by CG Dornier will be carried out from 1400-1600 hrs on Oct.27 & 28, 2022. The safe flying height is above 6000 feet AMSL. All concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vessels/fishing boat away from the firing range during the above mentioned date and time.

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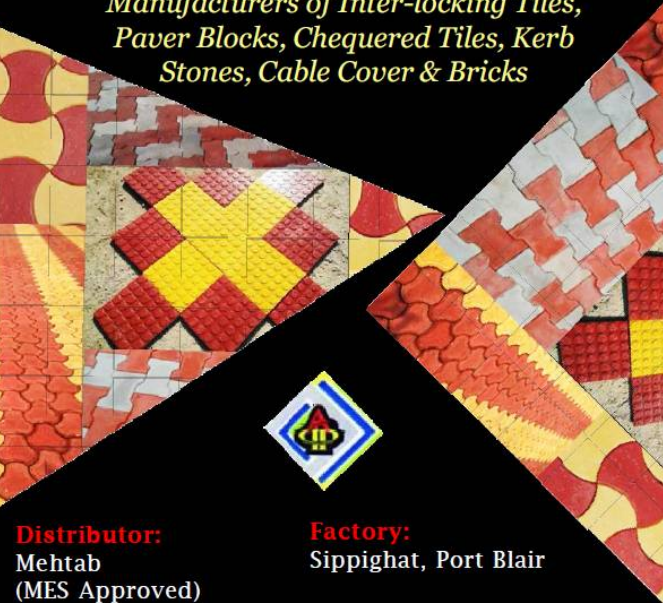
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Shri. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, A&N Islands, Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, Shri M. Vinod, State Media Convenor along with all office bearers of BJP, Andaman & Nicobar Islands has condoled the sudden demise of Mehmood, Assistant Divisional Fire Officer, Fire Services, Delhi, R/o Dollygunj who breathed his last on 15/10/22 at AIIMS Hospital, New Delhi

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SPORTS

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The Indians bowled with discipline but poor shot selection contributed more to Sri Lanka's steep slide. After a memorable win over Pakistan in the semifinals, it seemed the occasion got the better of Sri Lanka. India lost Shafali Verma and Jemimah Rodrigues cheaply in the run chase. However, both the batters did well in the tournament, with Shafali getting back to form and Jemimah making a successful comeback from injury. The elegant Mandhana played some exquisite strokes on way to completing the formality alongside skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (11 not out off 14). Smriti's effort included three sixes and six boundaries. Fittingly, she sealed the win with a maximum off Oshadi Ranasinghe. The win is a shot in the arm for India's preparations for the T20 World Cup next year. They were able to test players for different roles during the competition, though that also contributed to their only loss in the tournament, against Pakistan in the league stage.



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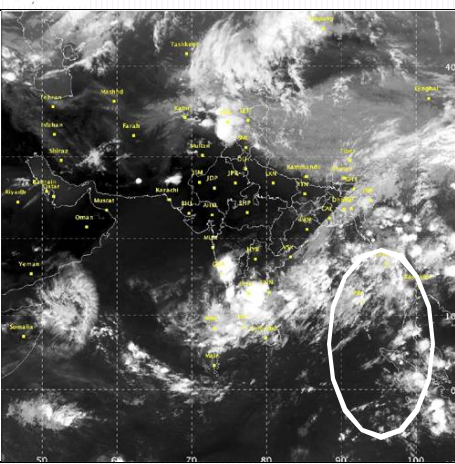
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.8 °C	Min.: 24.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 80%	1730 Hrs: 87%
Sunrise: 0509 Hrs.	Sunset: 1700 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	023.4 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	001.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2296.5 mm

Forecast

Generally Cloudy sky and Light Rain is very likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Monday 17/10/2022.

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