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## Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa have been living in the tropical rainforests of the Andaman Islands for up to 60,000 years. The islands, in the Bay of Bengal, were colonised by the British in the mid-nineteenth century, and are now part of India.

## Your Nature Guide

**Plank ton:** this is a term used to describe the smellers, free floating plants and animals, which just drift along with the winds and currents. Some plankton have a limited swimming ability and can migrate daily in a vertical direction. Plankton are an important source of food for many sea animals.

There are two types of plankton Phytoplankton, which are microscopic plant plankton, and Zooplankton, which are larger animals plankton. Phytoplankton are amongst the most productive food manufactures of the seas. Bigger Plants: Amongst the other plants are the Algae that are of different colours-green, red and brown. Some algae are edible (for humans) and a good source of protein. Most make very good fertilizer if spread in the garden or farm. Bigger algae are called seaweeds.

The oceans also have grasses growing in them. Eelgrass is a very common one found in our seas. It is grazed on by dugongs and green sea turtles.

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

## People's Voice

Aisa kyon nahi hota ki LG Sahab khud logon ka pareshaani ko mehsoos karna shuru kare ...?

- A Citizen



I have nothing to hide, sir... I have only recently joined politics!

## Member of Parliament Demands Facilities to Conduct all Basic Medical Tests in all PHCs and CHCs

**Port Blair, Dec. 11:** The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to issue necessary directions to the Health Department to ensure that all basic medical tests are being conducted in all PHCs & CHCs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. This will make diagnosis easy for Doctors and correct treatment can be given

to the patients in every corner of these Islands.

He mentioned that during his recent visit to North & Middle Andaman as well as Nicobar District, he was approached by a large number of Islanders who have informed him that there are many issues concerning conduct of basic medical tests like X-Ray, Haemoglobin, blood glucose, urine protein, urine glucose, and urine

pregnancy test, thyroid test etc. in almost all Primary Health Centers and Community Health Centers either due to lack of testing equipment or due to lack of technicians.

Diseases like high blood pressure, high blood sugar, thyroid disorders etc. are very common these days and every second person is suffering from these diseases.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that for people living in far flung area it is impossible to visit G B Pant Hospital or Port Blair for every single medical test and hence it becomes absolutely important to ensure that all the PHCs and CHCs are equipped with all testing equipment and there are sufficient number of technicians to carry out the basic test, based on which any kind of treatment is possible.

## Team PS Aberdeen Nabs Two Drug Peddlers Possessing Illicit Ganja Weighing More Than 2 Kg

**Port Blair, Dec. 11:** Continuing war against drugs, team PS Aberdeen nabbed two persons for possessing illicit ganja weighing 2.289 kg.

On 02/12/2022, on receiving credible and specific information, consecutive raids were conducted by team of PS Aberdeen, comprising of HC Sunil Singh Yadav, HC Preeti, PCs S. N. Phathak, Sandeep Lakra, Sonu Yadav, Ashish Singh, D. Shiv Kumar and Shem Peter led by Inpr. K. Joju, SHO PS Aberdeen. They arrested two persons, residents of Dollygunj and Guptapara and recovered illicit ganja weighing 2289 grams from their possession. Both

the accused persons have been arrested after observing all codal formalities and booked under appropriate sections of law under NDPS Act.

The entire raid took place under the supervision of Sh. Sunny Gupta, IPS, Sub Divisional Police Officer, South Andaman and overall supervision of Sh. Kalaivanan.R, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District.

The general public is requested to share information pertaining to drugs menace and any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100, 03192-233077 & 03192-232400. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

## Member of Parliament Greets Shri. A R Marudhavanan on his 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday



**Port Blair, Dec. 11:** Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands today greeted Shri. A.R. Marudhavanan, former State Organiser, DMK Party, ANI on his 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday and lauded his leadership and his contributions towards Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

## HRS Requests for Special Camp for AADHAR Enrolment and Updating in Schools

**Port Blair, Dec. 11:** The Hindu Rashtra Shakti has requested the Lt. Governor to instruct the Department of Civil Supplies to re-commence special camp drives for Aadhar registration and update in all schools of the Islands. In a letter to the Lt. Governor, the HRS Presidents, Shri Rakeshwar LalI mentioned that such special camps were being conducted earlier by the concerned department. This is also because the parents are forced to go to the department time and again, which causes great inconvenience.

## CONDOLENCE

Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organizing Committee has condoled the demise of Smt K. Omana Amma, a retired employee of the Electricity Department and resident of Haddo, Port Blair today (10.12.2022) afternoon at GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair. She was 73 years. Ayyappan conveyed his heartfelt condolence to the family members of Smt K. Omana Amma.

## MPL 35<sup>th</sup> National Under 13 Chess Championships-2022 Begins at Vanarapet, Pondicherry

**Pondicherry, Dec. 11:** Around 500 players across India are participating in the prestigious MPL 35<sup>th</sup> National Under 13 Chess Championships-2022 event in which 5 young chess players, three Boys and two Girls from Andaman & Nicobar Islands viz. V Yashwant of GMSSS Port Blair, Yuvan Singh of Carmel Sr. Sec. School Port Blair, M A



Dinakar of Kamaraj EM School, Tanisha Raj & Kavya Raj of VKV Lambaline Port Blair are taking part in the prestigious event.

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## Non-Communicable Diseases Screening Camp Organised at IRBn (HQ)

**Port Mout, Dec. 11:** A special screening camp on prevention and control of "Non Communicable Disease" i.e. Hypertension, Diabetes, Cancer and Stroke and an AYUSH Camp was held at IRBn HQ, Port Mout on 10.12.2022 in association with DHS, Port Blair. Smti. Noorjahan, Health Educator addressed the programme and emphasis the objective of this camp.

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*Success is not an activity but a process ...*

## Anchoring Prices:

The Reserve Bank of India's latest policy statement has unequivocally acknowledged that price stability must remain the primary focus of monetary policy now when, as Governor Shaktikanta Das admitted, "the CPI price momentum remains high". Elucidating the rationale behind the Monetary Policy Committee's decision to raise the benchmark repo rate by 35 basis points to 6.25%, he underlined that the 'battle against inflation was not over' regardless of a moderation in its pace. Retail inflation remains above the 6% upper tolerance mark and is projected to surpass and then ease just below that level in the last two quarters of this fiscal year. The MPC retained its full-year CPI inflation projection at 6.7%, but bumped up the forecasts for Q3 and Q4 by 10 basis points each to 6.6% and 5.9%, respectively, acknowledging that inflation expectations are now well adrift of the MPC's mandated 4% target. Worse, core inflation, or price gains that strip out volatile food and fuel costs, has also stayed stubbornly stuck around the 6% level with price pressures across most of the constituent sub-groups. This is a far from reassuring outlook for price stability, especially when one considers that the resurgent demand across services is likely to trigger price increases when firms begin to pass on higher input costs.

The RBI's policy panel was, however, far from unanimous in its decisions. While one of the six members voted against raising the policy rate, presumably so as to not dampen the as yet tentative economic recovery, two members dissented over the policy stance remaining 'focused on the withdrawal of accommodation'. The majority was, however, emphatic that "further calibrated monetary policy action is warranted to keep inflation expectations anchored, break core inflation persistence and contain second round effects". Anchoring price stability would ultimately serve to 'strengthen medium-term growth prospects', they reasoned. After all, as the RBI's latest Monetary Policy Report observed, 'second-round effects could keep inflation at elevated levels even beyond 8 quarters' and it was therefore imperative to make policy interventions to anchor inflation expectations. Governor Das also pointed out that even after the latest increase, the benchmark interest rate still remains very much 'accommodative' when adjusted for inflation. The RBI's own November round of the consumer confidence survey shows that a significant majority of respondents perceive and expect one year ahead a deterioration in price levels, making this the single biggest drag on consumer sentiment. Ultimately, savers and consumers need to regain confidence that prices will remain stable over a medium term to resume saving and buying to help entrench a durable economic recovery.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Not Tongue In Cheek..!

A wise old bird sat on an oak-  
The more he saw, the less he spoke.  
The less he spoke, the more he heard,  
Lord make me like that wise old bird ... Anon

Sometime back I decided not to carry my cell phone with me. I managed to do so for two weeks. My friends thought I was crazy. "Bob!" they cried, "we remember when your hands free mouth piece used to be clipped to your beard. It was part of your face!"

I smiled; I did remember. There was nary a moment when I was not on the phone, calling somebody or other, or sitting in the car, talking to friends, or casual acquaintances as my driver drove me around. We passed the sea, we passed magnificent hills but my mouth firmly fixed on the seductive mouthpiece and my mind on needless conversation hardly noticed rolling waves or soothing hills.

It's been estimated that a talkative person speaks around thirty thousand words a day! But the important question is, how do my words, whether many or few, affect those around me?

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A Greek philosopher asked his servant to cook the best dish possible. The servant who was very wise, prepared a dish of tongue saying, "It's the best of all dishes, for it reminds us that we may use the tongue to bless and express happiness, dispel sorrow, remove despair and spread cheer."

The philosopher was quite intrigued by his servant's philosophy and later asked him to cook the worst dish possible. Again he prepared a dish of tongue, saying, "It's the worst dish for it reminds us that we may use the tongue to curse and break hearts, destroy reputations, create strife, and set families and nations at war."

I didn't have to eat tongue to grasp that servant's point, but I certainly have had to eat my own words quite often before I've learnt to avoid saying things I'd like to retract later. Which is why I believe now, the less said the better.

King Solomon wrote: "The tongue of the wise promotes health." The key word here is not tongue but 'wise.' The tongue is not in control but the person behind it is.

Like I said it was for two weeks I managed and my friends are curious.

"What do you do with your talk time now?" they asked.

"I talk."

"You talk?" they asked looking at each other incredulously with a 'I told you so' nod.

"Yes," I said, "I talk."

"Without a phone?"

"The person I talk to, who's the One who created my mouth, doesn't need a phone to be contacted."

"And what Bob, do you talk to this Person about?"

"To make me wise," I whispered, "that when I do use my tongue I'll use it to bless, express happiness, dispel sorrow, remove despair and spread cheer..!"

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## MPL 35<sup>th</sup> National Under 13 Chess Championships—2022 Begins

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The event will be held for 8 days over 11 rounds under Swiss System in Classical time

control from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The total Prize money for the championship is rupees

Eight Lakhs which will be awarded among top twenty players in Boys & Girls Category.

## Non-Communicable Diseases Screening Camp

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A 'nukad natak' on the topic of "AIDS" was also performed by intern doctors of ANIIMS. While screening, Dr. Lakshya, Assistant Professor, Community medicine, Dr. Keerthi, Medical Officer, Ayurveda, Dr. Asif Ahmed, Medical Officer, Homeopathy and supporting staff from

HWC, Chouldari provided their services.

44 IRBn personnel, their family members & NDRF personnel stationed at IRBn HQ were screened and their blood samples were collected for further examination. The health awareness visuals were also shown in the camp to

sensitize jawans to refrain themselves from consumption of alcohol, smoking and chewing of tobacco.

Dr. Lakshya, Assistant Professor, Community medicine, briefed about the NCD's risk factors, symptoms and its prevention & control.



## ENTERTAINMENT

### British Royals Brace Themselves for Harry and Meghan Documentary

**December 11: 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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## Health, Science /Tech

### TechM Launches Cloud Platform Cloud BlazeTech

**December 11: 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 Demands Sanction of a Multi-Purpose Hall for Baratang Region under Khelo India Initiative

**Port Blair, Dec. 11:** The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to sanction a Multi-Purpose Hall for Baratang region under the Khelo India.

The Member of Parliament informed the Lt. Governor that the Baratang Island of Middle Andaman is always known for producing many talented Sports persons for National and International Level in the field of Rowing, Kayaking, Hockey, Football etc.

He added that children and youths of the area face many hurdles to train themselves in the field of many sports yet often bring medals and trophies in State Level. Although there are a few grounds available for the children and youths of Baratang region, people of the region now has been demanding for construction of a Multi-Purpose Hall for Baratang region, where children and youths of the region can carry out practice for various indoor games and

get themselves trained professionally, in all weather conditions.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that it rains almost half of the year in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and many times the children and youths are deprived from playing games in the open. A Multi-Purpose Hall will also be beneficial for organising regional and state level competition, in which children and youths of the region will certainly get better exposure.

## Counseling for Seats Allocated to Malayalee Origin Students

**Port Blair, Dec. 11:** The candidates who have applied for allotment of various Professional/Technical/Non-Technical courses including Malayalee Origin seats reserved at mainland institutions for the academic session 2022-23 have been informed that the counseling for BDS-2 seats, BHMS- 4 seats, BAMS-3 seats, BAMS (Malayalee Origin) -1 seat and B.Sc Agriculture (Malayalee Origin) -1 seat will be held tomorrow (Dec.12) at 10 am in

the auditorium of Tagore Govt. College of Education.

All the interested candidates whose names have appeared in the merit list of above courses have been directed to appear in person with all educational qualification certificates/ testimonials in original along with 5 (five) passport size photographs and 2 permanency certificates for sureties and other documents in support of their category for counseling on the date,

time and venue as specified above.

If the seats are un-utilized from the respective categories, the same may be allotted from Category-V as per merit.

No subsequent claim will be entertained or considered from any candidate, irrespective of his merit, fails to appear in person or does not produce necessary certificates in original at the time of counseling/selection.

## Isles' Farmers Urged to Place their Grievances Through PM-KISAN Portal

**Port Blair, Dec.11:** The Department of Agriculture is implementing Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme in A&N Islands. The Department in coordination with the PRIs are working in tandem in all the Zones of A&N Islands continuously from the day of launch of the scheme for its better reach to the farmers.

To make the integrated platform available in the country to assist in benefit transfer, a platform named PM-KISAN Portal was launched for uploading the farmers' details at a single web portal in a uniform structure. Accordingly, a facility is provided in PM-KISAN portal in which any grievances related to PM-KISAN scheme can be submitted. The Department of Agriculture has requested the farmers to submit their grievances in PM-KISAN Portal/Mobile App and they can also contact the respective Agriculture Extension staff/Agriculture office.

It is to mention that there are various factors owing to which, the farmer does not receive the benefit of PM-KISAN. The main reason being mismatch in the spelling of the name in the

bank account and the name entered on the Aadhaar Card due to which farmers fail to get the money. To facilitate farmers, the Govt. of India has decided to undertake e-KYC verification of all the eligible registered farmer-beneficiaries of PM-KISAN Scheme for smooth transfer of benefits.

The e-KYC authentication of the beneficiaries can be done by both e-KYC OTP mode as well as e-KYC biometric mode. The e-KYC authentication of the beneficiaries through OTP mode can be done on PM-KISAN portal, free of cost by the beneficiaries or State functionaries. For e-KYC biometric authentication facility, the beneficiary may visit the nearest CSC. The CSC will charge for bio-metric authentication from each beneficiary. For any query/doubt related to e-KYC, the beneficiaries can also contact the concerned Zonal Agriculture Office/ Field functionaries of Agriculture Department.

Farmers have been advised to use only the official website of PM-KISAN portal and not to download any other App for e-KYC authentication.

per the guidelines of the scheme, the following categories of beneficiaries of higher economic status are not eligible for benefit under the scheme:


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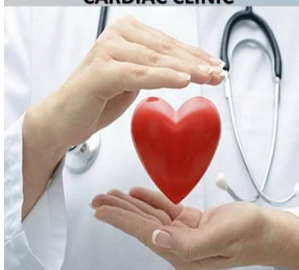
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## Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas Observed at DBRAIT

Port Blair, Dec. 11: The Subramania Bharati Jayanti as Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas was observed at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology in a befitting manner today. A Language Festival in the name of 'Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav' was celebrated with the objective to provide students with information about Indian languages, to encourage students to learn a few more Indian languages.

Various linguistic competitions viz Multi Language Speaking Competition, Multi Language Folk Song Competition, Multi Language Essay Writing Competition and



Traditional Ethnic Wear Competitions were held at DBRAIT which is in accordance with the National Education Policy-2020, wherein students in the country needs to be encouraged to participate in a fun project/activity on 'The Languages of India under the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' initiative.

Around 30 students participated in the competitions and prizes were awarded. The message of Hon'ble President of India which appeared in the official twitter handle of President of India was also played before the students to enlighten them about the perspective and importance of mother tongue.

## Heavy Rain Forecast at One or Two Places Over A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 11: As per Indian Meteorological Department's weather forecast, heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N

Islands on Dec. 14 & 15. 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. For any assistance, call Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554.

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## Isles' Farmers Urged to Place their Grievances Through PM-KISAN Portal

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(a) All Institutional Land holders

(b) Farmer families in which one or more of its members belong to following categories:

- Former and present holders of constitutional posts

- Former and present Ministers/ State Ministers and former/present Members of Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha/ State Legislative Assemblies/ State Legislative Councils, former and present Mayors

of Municipal Corporations, former and present Chairpersons of District Panchayats.

- All serving or retired officers and employees of Central/ State Government Ministries /Offices/ Departments and its field units Central or State PSEs and Attached offices / Autonomous Institutions under Government as well as regular employees of the Local Bodies (Excluding Multi-Tasking Staff / Class IV/ Group D employees)

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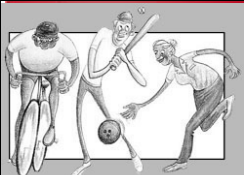


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# SPORTS

## India Versus Bangladesh: Ishan Kishan Scores Fastest-Ever Double Hundred in 126 Balls

**December 11:** Replacing the injured Rohit Sharma, Ishan Kishan blasted the fastest ODI double century in the dead rubber against Bangladesh in Chattogram, off just 126 balls, shattering the previous record held by Chris Gayle, who'd taken 138 balls against Zimbabwe in the 2015 World Cup.

The 24-year old Kishan also became the fourth ODI double-centurion Indian – after Rohit Sharma, Virender Sehwag and Sachin Tendulkar – and the seventh batsman overall to achieve the feat, along with Gayle, Martin Guptill and Fakhar Zaman. Kishan added 290 for the second wicket with Virat Kohli, who made his 44th ODI hundred, and his first in the format since August 2019.

The Kishan-Kohli stand was India's third-highest partnership in ODIs, and the seventh-highest in the format. The duo propelled India to 409 for 8, their fourth-highest ODI total. Bangladesh, who'd already taken the series, lasted only 34 overs in response and managed just 182, giving India their third-biggest ODI win in terms of runs, and their biggest against a Test-playing nation.

Kishan accelerated at an astonishing pace right after reaching an already brisk maiden international century off 85 deliveries. He took just 18 more balls to get to his 150, and reached the 200 mark in another 23. The wicketkeeper-batsman scored a 150 off boundaries alone, with 24 fours and 10 sixes all around the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium. It took an excellent running catch to dislodge Kishan on 210 off 131, by Bangladesh skipper Litton Das, who averted a collision with the advancing long-on fielder on the edge of the straight boundary, while keeping his eyes on the ball as he dashed across from long-off.

The left-hander was the fourth opening partner India had used in the last four ODIs for Shikhar Dhawan, who failed for the fifth game running, with scores of 3, 8, 7, 28 and 3. But Kishan made light of a slow pitch from the outset to keep attacking the Bangladesh bowlers



throughout, after the hosts inserted India. It was to be a knock in perpetual Powerplay mode, with Kishan intent all afternoon on going after the slightest opportunity to hit a boundary, and incredibly, pulling it off for nearly three hours.

"My intent was very clear – if the ball is there, I'll go for it. Still feel when I got out – 15 overs were left. Could've scored 300 also," Kishan said later.

Unlike in Dhaka, there was green grass on the Chattogram surface, which meant that despite the general sluggishness of wickets in these parts, the slower ones did not grip, nor did the spinners find purchase. That allowed the batsmen to force the ball away, even if they weren't able to time it.

The former is Kishan's style anyway. The areas he targets are also very specific, and he stuck to his strengths for almost 36 overs. All his ten sixes were swung in the arc from wide long-on to long leg. His fours had a greater range; he would either power the ball straight down the ground or through extra cover, or cut and sweep hard.

He successfully combated the slowness of the pitch by either charging down the track or backing away and repeatedly launching the ball over the infield. Many times, he would be through with the shot early even deep into his knock, but would still get enough bat on the ball, and importantly, hit the gaps. Shakib Al Hasan's left-arm spin was a natural target for the left-hander, but he was also severe on the off-spin of Mehidy Hasan Miraz, slog-sweeping and stepping out to launch him over

extra cover. Bangladesh tried the part-time off-spin of Afif Hossain and Mahmudullah, and promptly leaked 25 from their two overs.

The Bangladesh seamers went for the short ball often, but they barely managed to get it to climb above waist height, and Kishan comfortably pulled them into the stands. On the rare instance Mustafizur Rahman gained some lift on the slower bouncer, Kishan calmly ramped him over the wicketkeeper for four.

The only real chance – and it took Shakib's dexterity to make it real – against Kishan was in the 20th over. Kishan, on 84, mistimed Mehidy to cow corner and Shakib grasped the ball in his right hand as he sprawled across the turf, but it popped onto the outfield before he flicked it back in with the left hand.

Kohli's chance was simple – straight to short midwicket off Mehidy, but Das dropped the sitter. The former India captain was on 1 then, and took quite some time to get used to the lack of pace. He popped several deliveries in the air just past fielders, but found his touch eventually to play some lovely shots. There were the typical commanding lofted drives over extra cover, and he reached his century with a flicked six over short fine leg, reminiscent of the famous one he hit off Pakistan's Haris Rauf in the recent T20 World Cup. Importantly, as Kishan said later, Kohli also guided the youngster through his individual milestones. "He was calming me down when I was in my 90s. I wanted to bring it up with a six, but he said, 'get it in singles as it's your first,'" Kishan said. Kishan had brought up the first hundred with a swept four, but he reached the second with a single.

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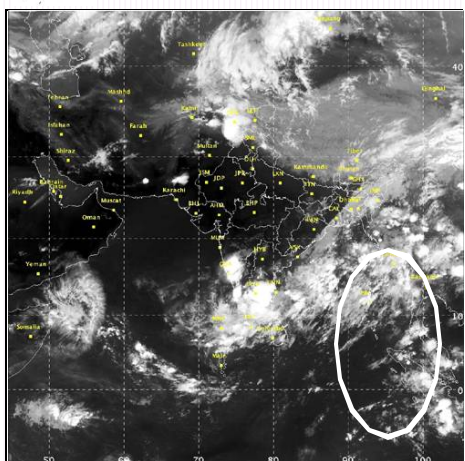
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Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 24.0 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 89% 1730 Hrs: 80%	
Sunrise: 0529 Hrs.	Sunset: 1656 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2584.8 mm

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Dry Weather likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 24°C respectively on Monday 12/12/2022.

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