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Jarawa Facts

It is illegal for outsiders to enter the Jarawa reserve. However with lack of awareness among the settler community and intrusion of foreign poachers, poaching continues.

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.

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

People's Voice

Umeed hai ki ye 3rd Wave ka samay, Administration Public Representatives se Consult kar ke he Decisions lega ... Ek Committee kyon nahi Form kar rahe hai, jaise Tsunami ke samay kiya gaya tha...?

- A Citizen



We should keep people happy at least till the elections!

Member of Parliament Demanded Extra Buses on Busy Routes During 'Before Office' and 'After Office' Hours

Port Blair, Jan 4: The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary to operate a couple of extra buses in busy routes, during 'before office' and 'after office' hours so that government servants, office goers and other staff of private institutions can report to the duty on time and go back home without any hardship.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member

of Parliament requested to continue the services of these extra buses till the restrictions on passenger capacity on buses are in place.

He noted in his letter that considering the recent surge in Covid-19 cases, the Andaman Nicobar Administration has taken some preventive steps to contain the spread of Covid-19 virus and Omicron variant in Andaman Nicobar Islands, which is highly appreciated. In fact,

the timely action of Andaman Nicobar Administration will save thousands of people from Covid-19 infection, he said.

He pointed out that among many such measures, the Transport Department has allowed public transport buses to operate with only 70% of the capacity.

In this regard, the MP noted that some government servants and staffs of various a private Institutions and shops are

facing huge inconvenience to reach their respective workplaces, especially those who are living away from Port Blair city, like Tushnabad, Ograbraj, Chouldari, Sippighat, Chidiyatapu, Calicut etc.

He said that in the morning hours due to restriction in the capacity of buses, many buses are not taking excess passengers and because of this many office going people are unable to reach their workplace. A large

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Pending Transfer in Fire Services Lowers the Moral of Staffs

Port Blair, Jan 4: Transfers and postings of government servants has always remained a matter of concern for the staffs. Many get transferred to the remotest corners of the islands and are forced to stay away from their families for long. Considering the situation, many steps have been taken by the A&N Administration to fix tenures of postings in difficult and remote areas.

In this regard it was the Andaman & Nicobar Police which in a first

had come out with much effective rules regarding transfer and postings. The Police department had fixed the tenure after which, the concerned staffs were immediately relieved and sent to the next place of posting. This was also the case in the Fire Services which comes under the A&N Police.

Unfortunately it has been noted that the Fire Service staffs have been neglected with regard to the transfer and posting rules since past almost

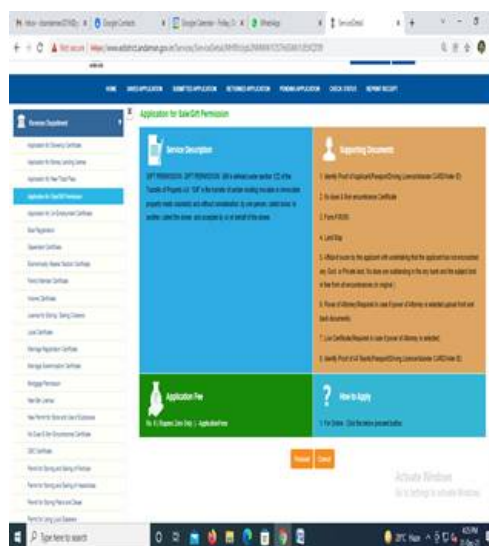
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Digital India Campaign: District Administration Makes Mortgage and Sale/ Gift Permission through Online Mode

Port Blair, Jan 4: As a part of implementation of the "Digital India Campaign" by the District Administration, the following services have been transferred to online mode with effect from 01.01.2022.

- 1) Mortgage Permission
- 2) Sale/Gift Permission

The citizens can avail above mentioned online services from any departmental e-corners, Common Service Centre or can directly access from the www.edistrictandaman.gov.in. Further to inform that no offline/manual application shall be entertained for the above mentioned services from now thereon.



At present there are 24 services which are already available in online mode and all certificates are being issued in digitalized

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Act of Compassion: ANTCC President Comes to Support Accident Victims



Port Blair, Jan 4: In an act of compassion, the ANTCC President Mr. Rangalal Halder on Tuesday helped four victims of a road accident while on his way to Namunagar.

The incident occurred at around 3:30 pm when Mr. Halder along with his party cadres were passing by Coffee Bageecha.

Halder immediately stopped his car and rushed towards the auto that met with accident. He saw that four people were struck inside it. Later, he along with his party workers helped the injured passengers come out of the auto.

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Passenger and Vehicle Ferry Services to be Curtailed

Port Blair, Jan 4: In order to curb the spread of COVID positive cases in A&N Islands for the safety of the people the District Administration has imposed Night Curfew from 09 PM to 5 AM. In view of this, this Directorate of Shipping Services has decided to curtail the existing passenger/ Vehicle ferry service between Chatham - Bambooflat, Chatham- Dundus Point, Phoenix Bay - Bambooflat/Panighat during night hours. The last passenger/vehicle ferry service will be available for commuters during night hours in the above routes as under:-

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*Life has no Remote Control. Get up
and Change it Yourself.*

Inadequate response

The submission by a Government-appointed committee to the Supreme Court that the annual family income of ₹8 lakh is "a reasonable" threshold to determine if someone belongs to economically weaker sections to avail 10% reservations in admissions and jobs does not seem to hold water. The submission rejected the notion that the Government had "mechanically" adopted ₹8 lakh as the cut-off because it was used to identify the OBC creamy layer, by asserting that the income criterion was "more stringent" than the one for the OBC creamy layer. This justification, based on a few more criteria that exclude some income and occupational parameters from the OBC creamy layer, however, is not convincing as the Court's key question remained unanswered satisfactorily. The Court had said that the OBC category is socially and educationally backward, and had therefore additional impediments to overcome, and had asked whether it "would... be arbitrary to provide the same income limit both for the OBC and EWS categories". The submission does not adequately respond to this question. On whether at all differences in purchasing power across urban/rural regions and per capita income/GDP across States were considered to arrive at this number, the submission suggests that this exercise would be infeasible and complex. But while asserting that an annual family income criterion of ₹8 lakh is the right approach, the committee does not present any data on the estimated number of EWS persons in the population based on this.

If available consumer expenditure surveys such as the 2011-12 NSSO report, Key Indicators of Household Consumer Expenditure are any indication, a bulk of the population will be eligible for reservations under the "below ₹8 lakh" cut-off under the EWS category, rendering the limit irrational. The committee's assertion that ₹8 lakh corresponds to the "effective income tax exemption limit" even as the only income slab exempt from paying taxes was for those earning below ₹2.5 lakh, also renders the criteria on "being economically weak" as less stringent. The submission lays emphasis on the fact that outcomes in the recent entrance and recruitment examinations (NEET, UPSC, JEE) showed an even bunching of eligible candidates in different income brackets (0-₹2.5 lakh, ₹2.5-₹5 lakh, ₹5-₹8 lakh), but it does not explain why marks cut-offs were even lower in recruitment exams than that of the socially and educationally backward OBCs. The validity of the 103rd Constitution Amendment, through which the EWS quota was introduced in 2019, is in any case still before a Constitution Bench. But the apex court must seek more clarity on the criteria adopted by the Government committee to set the income limit for identifying the EWS sections eligible for reservations.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



As Is Where Is Condition..!

In many an auction you hear the auctioneer offering some particular piece in an 'as is where is condition'! Which means that it is being sold in its current condition, whatever this condition happens to be. But do we accept people as they are? Do we take our husbands as the condition they are in, or our wives?

On her 50th wedding anniversary, a woman revealed the secret of her long and happy marriage. She said, "On my wedding day, I decided to make a list of ten of my husband's faults which, for the sake of the marriage, I would overlook."

One of her guests asked her what some of the faults she chose to overlook were. "To tell you the truth," she replied, "I never did get around to making that list. But whenever my husband did something that made me hopping mad, I would say to myself, 'Lucky for him that's one of the ten!'"

It's nice to decide what to overlook. In relationships, I get plenty of practice overlooking the foibles of other people. And I suspect they get plenty of practice with me, too.

As they hung wallpaper together, one husband became frustrated with his wife. She seemed, to him, to be indifferent about the quality of her work. He felt she was doing a poor job. He finally put it into words this way: "The problem is that I'm a perfectionist and you're not."

"Exactly!" she replied. "That's why you married me and I married you!"

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Miss Perfect certainly did one thing well. She knew how to overlook annoying observations from her perfectionist husband.

Even pottery may be closer to perfection than we humans, if Belleek Pottery in Ireland is any example. I hear that every finished piece there undergoes a final inspection. It is held up to a fierce, bright light and examined for imperfections. If even the slightest flaw is detected, the cup or plate or vase or sugar bowl is smashed to pieces. That's right. The blemished piece is never sold as a "second." If Belleek pottery is not flawless, it is reckoned to be no good at all. No doubt other makers of fine china and crystal operate the same way.

I'm sure I wouldn't be able to stand up to that kind of scrutiny. I have flaws I haven't even begun to explore yet.

How much pain prompted the words of that sensitive artist Vincent van Gogh when he lamented, "I wish they would only take me as I am."

How many times a day are those words repeated by countless people feeling the sting of rejection? To be accepted as one is and not discarded as useless is more than just a wish, it is a deep, human need.

Let's try from today, to start taking people as they are, yes, in an as is where is condition..!

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Member of Parliament Demanded Extra Buses on Busy Routes During 'Before Office' and 'After Office' Hours

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number of government servants are finding themselves totally helpless.

Pointing out that absence of government servants or

private staffs from duty will certainly leave a negative impact on the overall performance of Andaman and Nicobar Administration and

business organizations, the Member of Parliament demanded extra buses on busy routes, during 'before office' and 'after office' hours.

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The Mind's Eye

TRANSFORMING OLD WORLD



**RAJYOGI
BRAHMAKUMAR
NIKUNJ JI**

Ram rajya or the new world is the harvesting period for the fruits of the pure actions that are performed by us in the present age

.... Continued from last week

According to Bhagwad Gita, lust, anger and greed are the three gates of hell, and hence it urges one to abandon them. One who is liberated from these three vices has the path to salvation cleared for him. It is obvious from the above that true Ram Rajya can exist only when those living in that Rajya have divine qualities. So, how does one get liberated from these vices and imbibe divine virtues? The only way souls can become pure in this present iron age is by linking up with the Supreme Source of all virtues, who is known as "Supreme Soul". Through this link they can draw power and virtues that will enrich and strengthen them and take them beyond negative influences. This simple process of linking self with Supreme is called "Rajyoga". When practised regularly, it fills the soul with peace, love, purity and bliss. When a person gets filled with these qualities, they are reflected in his words and actions. And when a critical number of individuals transform themselves in this way, social transformation takes place making way for Ram Rajya. That day is not far when we would see a world of purity of character and values, where every being would be divine and would co-exist in harmony with nature. There will be no form of violence, be it physical, mental or emotional. Every person will be an embodiment of truth and divine virtues. Pure love and respect will form the basis of relationships. They will be completely free from and ignorant of evil, vices and suffering. Everybody will be happy and content. There will be lightness, innocence, purity and joy in every action. One would say, is this all a Myth? Not really!! We need to understand that ram rajya or the new world is the harvesting period for the fruits of the pure actions that are performed by us in the present age that we call Iron Age. It is actually NOW that we get an opportunity to create our best destiny. Once we conquer the vices such as lust, ego and attachment we regain our original divine nature and it helps transform the entire world into a new divine world. So !! donot ever think that ram rajya is a myth. NO! Its indeed a reality that's as close as tomorrow.



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India's Future Retail asks Court to Declare Arbitration with Amazon Illegal



India's Future Retail has asked a New Delhi court to declare arbitration proceedings in Singapore with Amazon.com as illegal, arguing that India's antitrust agency had suspended a 2019 deal used by Amazon to assert rights over Future.

Amazon successfully used the terms to hold \$200 million investment in debt-laden Future to block the Indian retailer's attempt to sell retail assets to a rival, alleging breach of certain contracts.

But the Indian antitrust body, the Competition Commission of India, in December suspended the 2019 deal saying Amazon suppressed information while seeking approvals.

The long-running dispute is being heard by a Singapore arbitration panel, but both sides have been fighting parallel cases in Indian courts to enforce or overrule certain decisions taken by the arbitrator.

In the latest Future Retail filing in New Delhi, the company argues that since the 2019 deal no longer has antitrust approval, it has "no legal existence" in India and Amazon can no longer assert any of its rights.

The "continuation of the entire arbitration proceedings is a perpetuation of illegality," Future said in its filing dated December 31.

The case will likely be heard by the court later on Monday.

Future and Amazon did not respond to a request for comment.

The filing also showed that Future's appeal to the Delhi High Court comes after the Singapore arbitration panel did not agree to its immediate demands to terminate the proceedings, saying arguments would continue this month.

A source with direct knowledge said Amazon had told the Singapore arbitrator in December that the CCI's suspension of the 2019 deal does not mean the transaction is void, as the watchdog has allowed Amazon to reapply for clearances.

Amazon has long argued that Future violated the terms of its 2019 deal in deciding to sell retail assets to Reliance, and the U.S. company's position has so far been backed by the Singapore arbitrator and Indian courts. Future denies any wrong doing.

But people familiar with the case say the antitrust suspension could make it easier for Future to push through its attempts to sell retail assets to Reliance and weaken Amazon's legal position.

The dispute over Future Retail, which has more than 1,500 supermarket and other outlets, is the most hostile flashpoint between Jeff Bezos' Amazon and Reliance, run by India's richest man Mukesh Ambani, as they try to gain the upper hand in winning retail consumers.

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Pending Transfer in Fire Services Lowers the Moral of Staffs

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two years. It is learnt that there has been no transfers since July 2020, which has lowered the moral of the staffs. Most of the fire service staffs posted in the N&M Andaman and in the

Nicobar Group have completed their tenure and wait for their transfers, especially during the testing times of COVID-19 pandemic. It can be expected that considering the situation where the

staffs are getting demoralised, immediate action will be taken by the concerned authorities to transfer staffs who have completed their fixed tenures in difficult areas.

Act of Compassion: ANTCC President Comes to Support Accident Victims

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THE ANTCC President took the injured in his car and shifted them to G.B Pant hospital. The victims are safe now but have sustained multiple injuries

on their body. Later Halder assigned his party workers to take care of the accident victims.

Following the incident, few people and medical staffs appreciated the

ANTCC President and the Congress cadres for their timely help in saving the victim.

Digital India Campaign: District Administration Makes Mortgage and Sale/Gift Permission through Online Mode

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format only along with QR Code verification.

The District Administration, South

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and ensures to deliver all services at the door step of citizen in a transparent and speedy manner.

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Yuva Bharat Conducts Tree Plantation Drive at Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram

Port Blair, Jan 4: Services of natural vegetation are numerous like releasing oxygen, fixing carbon footprints, therapeutic value, bringing rains, arresting soil erosion, facilitating groundwater recharges, providing shelter to a variety of epiflora, fauna, etc. Yuva Bharat Samaj Seva Charitable Trust (YBSSCT) in collaboration with the Forest department organized a tree plantation drive on 03-01-2022 at Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (VKA), Shadipur, Port Blair, wherein apart from the members, children from Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram also participated.

The program began with the worship of Mother Earth by Shri. T. Sreehari, Incharge of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram,



Shadipur. Two staffs from the department of environment and forest guided the gathering for planting the saplings. A broad array of 50 flowering plants were planted in the Ashram premises.

YBSSCT extends heartfelt gratitude to Shri. R. Ajay Kumar, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Extension and Publicity Division,

Haddo, Port Blair for providing flower saplings.

This is a small endeavor by the YBSSCT to inculcate the importance of the environment among the citizens of Port Blair. The initiatives of similar kind will help us to combat against climate change together and are the need of the hour.

COVID-19 Status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Jan. 4: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 397 passengers who arrived here yesterday, 12 positive cases have been detected. Today, 2132 passengers arrived by flight, out of which, 1726 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 406 passengers and the reports are awaited. About 25 positive cases were found during the test conducted yesterday.

During RAT conducted on 83 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, all were found negative. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 47 passengers and all were found negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 72 passengers were tested with RAT and all were found negative. At Helipad, 10 passengers were tested with RAT and

all were found negative. Apart from this, RTPCR test was conducted on 9 crew members of MV Rajhans and the reports are awaited.

Today till 3 pm, 356 doses of vaccines were administered to beneficiaries, out of which, 310 Covaxin doses were administered to children between the age group of 15-18 years.

Bharat Seema to Sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder

Port Blair, Jan 4: The Directorate of Shipping Services in consultation with the District Administration has scheduled the sailing programme of the vessel MV Bharat Seema for Diglipur via Mayabunder on

08.01.2022 (Sat) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf. The vessel will sail back to Port Blair on 09.01.2022 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Passenger tickets for the above

sailing will be issued from 06.01.2022 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Stars Ticketing Counters, Phoenix Bay by following latest COVID 19 SOP in effect.

Vaccination Drive in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Jan. 4: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,98,638 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. A total of 3641 people were vaccinated today. 2615 beneficiaries

were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 2079 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 139 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 814 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North &

Middle Andaman District out of which 787 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 4 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. 212 beneficiaries in the age group of 15-18 years were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

MV Mus Withdrawn from Service

Port Blair, Jan 4: Due to technical snag the vessel MV Mus has been withdrawn from the vehicle ferry service for rectification of its defects. However, all efforts are being

made by this Directorate to rectify the defects and restore normalcy. Till such time, the commuters are requested to

cooperate with this Directorate.

Inconvenience caused to the general public is deeply regretted.

Chief of Personnel of Indian Navy Calls Upon Lt. Governor



Port Blair, Jan 4: Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, AVSM, NM Chief of Personnel of Indian Navy, currently on a visit to these Islands, called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas.

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Route No. I: Chatham to Dundus Point.

Chatham to Dundus Point 1900 Hrs : Last Ferry

Dundus Point to Chatham 1930 Hrs : Last Ferry

Route No. II: Chatham to Bamboo Flat (Vehicle & Passenger Ferry)

Chatham to Bamboo Flat: 2000 Hrs : Last Ferry

Bamboo Flat to Chatham: 2000 Hrs : Last Ferry

Route No. III: Between Phoenix Bay & Bamboo Flat.

Phoenix Bay to Bamboo Flat: 1915 Hrs: Last Ferry

Bamboo flat to Phoenix Bay: 1945 Hrs: Last Ferry

Route No. IV: Between Phoenix Bay & Panighat.

Phoenix Bay to Panighat: 1915 Hrs : Last Ferry

Panighat to Phoenix Bay: 1945 Hrs: Last Ferry

The above schedule will come in force with effect from 4th January, 2022.

It is, further, advised to all the passengers to adhere to the following measures while travelling on board

Vessels operating in the Harbour Sector and Foreshore Sector (Swaraj

Dweep & Shaheed Dweep) shall carry only 70% of its carrying capacity with staggered seating arrangement thereby following safe social distancing.

Passengers shall maintain orderly embarkation and avoid congregation on board vessels and maintain social distancing.

All passengers shall compulsorily wear face mask and carry sanitizers at all times.

Consumption of liquor, paan, ghutka, tobacco etc on board vessel and spitting is strictly prohibited.

Avoid congregation and maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

While travelling, in case any passenger feels fever, cough or difficulty in breathing, he/she may immediately report to the ship's staff for taking further necessary action.

Passengers travelling onboard shall strictly adhere to the instructions of ship's staff.

The Directorate of Shipping Services solicits cooperation from all commuters so as to enable the vessels to provide a safe and comfortable journey.



SPORTS

SA vs India | Thakur's 7 for 61 Leads India's Fightback on Day Two

Johannesburg, Jan 3: Not for nothing is Shardul Thakur a 'breakthrough' bowler. He's sharp, focussed and full of boyish enthusiasm.

He stays in the shadow of his more illustrious compatriots, but, when given an opportunity, comes bounding in and asks questions with 'effort' balls.

On Tuesday, day two of the second Freedom Test here at the Wanderers, Thakur proved more than a breakthrough seamer. He scalped a career-best seven for 61, taking the centre-stage, bowling with venom.

On view were rhythm, energy and skill, as the Mumbaikar moved the ball both ways, mixed his length, extracted bounce.

Thakur's rich haul notwithstanding, the Proteas, replying to India's 202, gained a 27-run first innings lead.

Gripping action

And in a day of gripping action, incisive left-arm seamer Marco Jansen removed India skipper K.L. Rahul, caught low in the cordon by Aiden Markram, off a back of a length delivery close to off-stump.

And Mayank Agarwal (23), who was driving the ball crisply, fell to a Duanne Olivier inswinger. The bowling was often hostile but Cheteshwar Pujara (35 batting) counter-attacked, square-driving and on-driving Jansen, pulling Olivier. And Ajinkya Rahane (11 batting) survived.

India was 85 for two at stumps, ahead by 58 runs. The Test is on a knife edge.

Cracks are opening up on the surface, the ball is rearing from a length and batters took blows on the body.

Impressive Petersen

Earlier, Keegan Petersen (62) was impressive notching up his first Test half century.

The diminutive Petersen has an organised game. He is solid in defence and fluent when he drives or whips off his legs. Importantly, he has footwork and balance.

He flicked and on-drove Mohammed Siraj, who pulled up with a hamstring strain on day one but made a quick



recovery to bowl on day two, for boundaries. Mohammed Shami was cover-driven.

Jasprit Bumrah and Shami were red hot in the morning but Dean Elgar and Petersen weathered the first hour with application, courage and some luck.

Elgar, rising on his toes to keep the short-pitched deliveries down with soft hands, was typically dogged.

Rahul, captaining with imagination, switched his pacemen. The plan worked.

Thakur, with a mean delivery of away movement [from the left-hander] and lift, ended Elgar's determined tenure.

Elgar (28) and Peterson added 74 runs for the second wicket.

Shifting his line adeptly to the right-hander, Thakur removed Petersen (62) with a well pitched up away outswinger, luring the batsman into a fatal drive.

And just before lunch, he brought one into the Rassie van der Dussen to win a controversial caught-behind verdict.

On a day of fortune swings, Temba Bavuma and wicket-keeper batter Kyle Verreynne put together a partnership.

Verreynne, who got firmly behind the line, looked composed.

The 60-run fifth wicket association was ended when Thakur brought one back into Verreynne.

Bavuma launched into strokes, straight-driving Bumrah, on-driving Ashwin and going right back, shortening the length, and pulling the off-spinner for a six.

The aggressive Bauma (51 off 60) was rather unlucky to be brilliantly held down the leg-side by Rishabh Pant, off that man again, Thakur.

In low scoring duels every run counts and Jansen and Keshav Maharaj produced vital knocks as South Africa gained the lead.

Thakur returned to polish off the tail; Pant pouching a flying off-side catch to dismiss Ngidi.

The catch complemented the day when Thakur soared.

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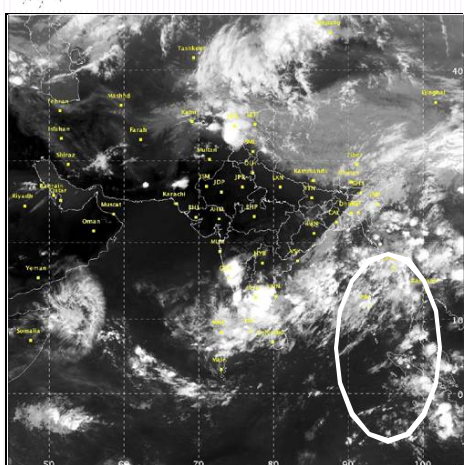
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State Control Room:	1077, 238880
PBMC Control Room:	245798
Kisan Call Centre:	1551
Wildlife Control Room: :	245229, 200661, 200754

Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs)

State Control Room:	03192- 238880 (Tele-Fax), 1070 (Helpline).
District Control Room:	03192-238881
EOC (Campbell Bay):	03193-264020
EOC (Kamorta):	03193-263222
EOC (N&M):	03192-262960
EOC (Hut Bay):	03192-284014



Weather



Max. Temp: 30.9 °C Min.: 26.0 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 71% 1730 Hrs: 76%
Sunrise: 0541 Hrs. Sunset: 1709 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, 2020 till date): 000.0 mm

Forecast

Dry Weather very likely over Port Blair.
Maximum and Minimum temperature will be
around 31°C and 26 °C respectively on
Wednesday 05/01/2022

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