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Jarawa Facts

The 500 odd - strong Jarawa, along with the other Andaman tribes the Sentinelese, the Onge and the Great Andamanese, were the sole inhabitants of the Andaman Islands until the British and then the Indians arrived. Their ancestors are thought to have been part of the first successful migrations out of Africa.

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, produce 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 (MCBT)

People's Voice

Sabse pehle to Andaman ko ye British Raj wala kanoon se Azaadi dilwana hoga. Warna Azaadi ka kya matlab ...?

- A Citizen



Sorry! I am a honest officer. I can't even touch the bribe... on Anti-Corruption Day!

India Pays Homage to First CDS Gen Bipin Rawat, Wife and 11 Other Chopper Crash Victims

New Delhi, Dec. 9: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday evening paid last respects to Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, wife and 11 defence personnel who were killed in the Mi-17V5 helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu. He was joined by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and the three Service Chiefs at the Palam Air Base.

Earlier, the Defence Minister informed Parliament that the Indian Air Force (IAF) had ordered a tri-service inquiry headed

by Air Marshal Manvendra Singh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command, to investigate the crash.

The mortal remains were moved by road from Wellington to Sullur around noon since the weather was not appropriate for air operations and from there were flown in an IAF C-130J transport aircraft to Delhi.

Gen Bipin Rawat's daughters come to pay their respects to the mortal remains of the Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat, and his wife who were killed along with 11 others personnel in a



helicopter crash in Connoor, at the Air Force Station Palam in New Delhi on December 9, 2021.

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remains of the Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat, and his wife who were killed along with 11 others personnel in a helicopter crash in Connoor,

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MP Kuldeep Rai Sharma Introduces Private Member's Bill "The Compulsory Sports & Physical Education and Infrastructure Development in Schools of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 2019" in the Lok Sabha

Port Blair, Dec. 9: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma in his capacity as a Member of Parliament has introduced a Private Member's Bill titled 'The Compulsory Sports & Physical Education and Infrastructure Development in Schools of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Bill, 2019' in the Lok Sabha on 3rd December 2021. The intent behind presenting the bill is to mandate free and compulsory sports education from primary to senior secondary level and provide

requisite infrastructure in schools.

The young population and school going children of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have tremendous potential to become athletes in the future and bring laurels for the country in national & international events. Inclusion of sports and physical education in schools of Andaman & Nicobar Islands will be a right step in this direction and lay a solid foundation for creating awareness



about the importance of sports amongst the school going students.

Several countries across the world recognize the

importance of blending sports and physical education in the education process. 'We need to

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IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea-2021

Port Blair, Dec. 9: In order to internationally recognize extraordinary seamanship skills and outstanding courage displayed by individuals at sea, International Maritime Organization (IMO) award for exceptional bravery at sea is conferred annually to individuals or groups who, at the risk to their own life, perform acts of exceptional bravery in attempting to save life at sea or in attempting to prevent or mitigate damage to the marine environment.

This year, IMO council awarded Certificate of Commendation to Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Master along with crew members of tugboat Ocean Bliss for exceptional and courageous efforts towards rescue operation of M/T New Diamond, which caught fire and was drifting towards the coast, laden with inflammable cargo. The rescue team members of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and the master and crew of tugboat Ocean Bliss, carried out sustained and

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HRS Condoles CDS Bipin Rawat Death

Port Blair, Dec. 9: Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Bipin Rawat, his wife and 11 others died after the Mi-17V5 helicopter crashed in the southern state of Tamil Nadu on 08.12.2021. As India's first Chief of Defence Staff, General Rawat spearheaded a historic period of transformation in the Indian military.

A meeting was conducted at Billi ground by Hindu Rashtra Shakti Team and Billi Ground Market Committee Association at Billi ground Vegetable market today (09.12.2021) at 4PM. All shopkeepers of Billi ground market closed their shops for

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

A measured response

The threat posed by Omicron is tenuous and it will still be a few weeks before a comprehensive understanding of it emerges, but what is known unambiguously is that this latest variant of the coronavirus is extremely infectious. Nearly 50 countries now have reported its presence within their borders but insight into its effects is available only from South Africa. A preliminary analysis of patients in Tshwane district, in Gauteng Province of South Africa, which has been the global epicentre of the Omicron-led fourth wave, suggests that despite its infectiousness, Omicron is less deadly than other variants that have led the country's previous three waves. When 166 new admissions were analysed, there were 10 deaths in the past two weeks, making up 6.6% of the 166 admissions. By comparison, the death rates in previous waves ranged from 17%-23%. The major caveat, as scientists who are part of the South African Medical Research Council point out, is that patterns could rapidly change in the next two weeks as it takes nearly a month for infection to reveal its worst-case outcome of death, and so the current data of two weeks are insufficient. Trends in hospitalisation too are encouraging, the scientists say.

Finally, the third piece is that an overwhelmingly large number of those needing intensive care were unvaccinated. Of 38 adults in the COVID wards, six were vaccinated, 24 were unvaccinated and eight had unknown vaccination status. Of nine patients with COVID pneumonia, eight are unvaccinated. Therefore, the prevalent wisdom that despite being highly infectious, vaccination — it is not clear if those in the wards were fully or partially vaccinated — significantly protected against disease and death. But vaccination trends in South Africa are not encouraging. Only about 30% of the country has had one dose and only 25% fully vaccinated. Reports have suggested that the South African government has actually had to delay vaccination because it claimed it had "too much stock", underlining that problems of vaccine hesitancy or easy access for the greater part of the population was a challenge. As observed in previous waves, the first line of defence — or neutralising antibodies produced as a result of a prior infection or vaccination — was significantly reduced when confronted with the Beta or Delta variants. The same appears to be the case with Omicron, but the second line of defence, or cellular immunity, continues to be effective from the extant evidence. Hence, the lesson for the world continues to be that rather than focus on the novelty of Omicron, it is wiser to double up on efforts to completely vaccinate people and then, based on the evidence, consider booster or subsequent doses.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



The Cathedral Builder..!

Was walking along the aisle of one of the most magnificent cathedrals in the world, looking with wonder at its lofty columns, how they arched into holding the spectacular roof, way, way above my head when I saw the board inside: "Are you a Cathedral Builder?"

I stopped awhile and read how costly it was to maintain such awesome a structure and that even a dollar or two I throw into the donation box, made me a cathedral builder!

And then in my mind's eye even as I throw in a few dollars I turn to the distant doorway and see an old lady enter, packets in her hand. She sees me throw in the bills and nods and in my mind, I know she will not do what I just did, because she ain't no builder of cathedrals because she didn't look at those lofty columns nor admire the roof so painstakingly built by builders of yore.

'She ain't no cathedral builder,' I smile with disdain.

No, she did not look at the breathtaking walls, or admire the stained glass windows, no, she did not stop and stare at tombstones of the rich and famous and draw her breath at striking pulpit or impressive grotto.

She walked instead among the pews, and that's when I saw them. They were I thought people praying but as I looked closer I saw they had come in from the bitter cold outside and were sleeping in the warmth the heaters of the cathedral provided inside.

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They were the homeless of the city.

And in my mind's eye I saw her walk among them, and suddenly I saw her frail self, slide down a pew, and slip a packet she carried next to a sleeping man.

The man stirred, woke up, turned, saw the parcel next to him, opened it with eager hands and like one who hadn't eaten for days wolfed down the food inside.

I saw her go to another, and another, and place small packets next to their hungry, sleeping forms.

Never once did she look up at lofty columns, nor at the awesome roof above! She ne'er glanced at stained glass windows mentioned in the booklet I carried in my hand. She did not stare at the tombstones of the rich and famous, but walked from pew to pew giving off her little.

The sound I heard was not of stone cutters axe on marble, nor that of carpenter's saw on wood, t'was the shocking sound of rustling plastic bags being opened, of a belch here and a crunch there, but I knew, oh yes I knew these were the actual sounds of a cathedral being built!

For she was a cathedral builder..!

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encourage our children to build their character in a spirit of competition, through sports and healthy physical activities, as part of the learning process', said Sharma.

The provisions of the bill will be applicable to every school in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and will be a revolutionary step in creating a healthy and active lifestyle for children by promoting them to

access sports facilities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Bill is also a right direction in providing holistic development of a child and giving him opportunities to excel through sports.

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ENTERTAINMENT

MUBI to Release 7 Films From Cinema Legend Wong Kar Wai, Including five Restorations

Indian fans of acclaimed director Wong Kar Wai are in for a treat with MUBI, the global distributor and curated film streaming service, releasing seven films from the master filmmaker, including five restorations of past classics like "In The Mood For Love" and "Chungking Express".

The film collection will be exclusively available on the platform starting December 12, 2021.

Considered one of the greatest filmmakers of the present era, Wong Kar Wai spent five years restoring the collection, which covers some of his most celebrated work across the past several decades, including: "2046" (2004), "Chungking Express" (1994), "Fallen Angels" (1995), "Happy Together" (1997), and "In the Mood for Love" (2000).

The restoration was led by L'Imagine Ritrovata and completed in Bologna and Hong Kong under the supervision of the filmmaker, and in collaboration with Criterion. The collection also includes "Ashes of Time Redux" (2008) and "The Hand" (2004), according to a release from the streamer.

The release of the new collection of Wong Kar Wai's films comes two decades after the premiere of multi award-winning "In the Mood for Love", a film that received widespread acclaim worldwide following its debut at the 2000 Cannes Film Festival and saw Tony Leung Chiu-wai become the first Hong Kong actor to be awarded the Best Actor Prize.

Set during the 1960s in Hong Kong, the film stars Leung and Maggie Cheung in career-defining roles as new neighbors Mr. Chow and Mrs. Chan. While at first their encounters are reserved and polite, they soon realise that their respective absent spouses are having an affair with one another.

The film releases on MUBI on December 12.

"Chungking Express" in 1994, which will be available on the platform on December 19, once again feature Wong Kar Wai's favourite actor in Leung.



One of the definitive works of 1990s cinema, the film gives a glimpse into four interlocking lives briefly connecting under the artificial lights and maze-like passages of Chungking Mansions, a commercial complex in Hong Kong.

The film also featured Brigitte Lin, Tony Leung Chiu-wai, Faye Wong. The film solidified Wong Kar Wai's international auteur status.

"Fallen Angels", arriving on Mubi on December 26, was originally conceived as part of Wong Kar Wai's "Chungking Express". The 1995 film is the nocturnal relative of "Chungking Express", a dark romantic-thriller set against the nighttime cityscape of Hong Kong.

The 1997 film "Happy Together", streaming on the platform from January 2, first premiered at the 1997 Cannes Film Festival and won Wong Kar Wai the festival's Best Director distinction, awarded for the first time in history to a Hong Kong recipient.

A queer love story set in Argentina, it stars Leung and Leslie Cheung as an on-and-off again couple whose volatile and passionate relationship begins to spiral out of control. This heartbreaking depiction of love, obsession and isolation is one of Wong Kar Wai's most devastating works.

Released in 2004, "2046", which premieres on MUBI on January 9, is the director's enigmatic sequel to his 2000 masterpiece "In the Mood for Love".

Starring Tony Leung as a writer caught between the past, present and future, as

well as an all-star cast including Zhang Ziyi, Gong Li and Faye Wong, "2046" is a romantic and melancholy exploration of the relationship between love, time and memory shot with Wong Kar Wai's characteristically lush visuals.

The 2004 release "The Hand", releasing on MUBI on January 16, is an extended version of the director's contribution to Eros, a three-part film anthology also including works by Michelangelo Antonioni and Steven Soderbergh.

Set during the 1960s in Hong Kong, the film stars Chang Chen (Happy Together) as a tailor's assistant who is sent to take the measurements of a famous courtesan played by Gong Li. An intimate first encounter leads to him lovingly making her beautiful garments over many years as he grows in success and she increasingly falls on hard times.

"Ashes of Time Redux", arriving on the platform on January 23, is Wong Kar Wai's only wuxia, or martial arts film. The 2008 film is a revised version of his 1994 epic of the same name loosely based on Louis Cha's novel 'The Eagle-Shooting Heroes'. Told with the director's characteristic preference for mood over classical narrative, it features numerous Hong Kong superstars including Leslie Cheung, Brigitte Lin and Tony Leung in a romantic story of heartbreak and revenge in the Jianghu desert.

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Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal to receive \$1mn annual salary



New Delhi: Parag Agrawal, who has recently been named as the CEO of microblogging platform Twitter, will receive an annual salary of USD 1 million along with other perks and bonuses.

The India-born executive - who succeeds Jack Dorsey in this role - served as Twitter's Chief Technology Officer since 2017, and has been responsible for the company's technical strategy.

He joined the company in 2011 as a software engineer, leading efforts on scaling Twitter Ads systems, as well as reaccelerating audience growth by improving Home timeline relevance.

"...Agrawal will receive an annual salary of USD 1,000,000 and will continue to be a participant in the company's executive bonus plan with a new target bonus of 150 per cent of his annual base salary. Under the terms of the Offer Letter, in December 2021, the Board will grant to Mr Agrawal restricted stock units (RSUs) with a grant date face value of USD 12,500,000," a regulatory filing by Twitter to the US SEC, said.

The filing added that the RSUs will vest in 16 equal quarterly increments (each being 6.25 per cent of the grant) starting February 1, 2022, subject in each case to Agrawal remaining an employee of Twitter through the applicable vesting date.

In April 2022, the Board will grant Agrawal performance-based RSUs (PRSUs) with a grant date face value of USD 12.5 million. The performance goals for those PRSUs will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board on or before the grant date.

Agrawal, 37, holds a bachelor's degree from IIT Bombay and a PhD in computer science from Stanford University.

According to previous filings, Dorsey had earned USD 1.40 in 2019 - flat from the year before - as the co-founder believes in "Twitter's long-term value creation potential".

On November 29, Dorsey had announced that he is stepping down from his position, and named Agrawal as his successor. Dorsey will remain on the Board until his term expires in 2022.

Agrawal has joined the growing list of India-born CEOs of tech companies that includes names like Sundar Pichai (Google), Satya Nadella (Microsoft), Arvind Krishna (IBM), Shantanu Narayen (Adobe CEO) and Ranga Rajan Raghuram (VMware).

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effective fire-fighting operations and skillfully

towed the vessel away from the coast, thereby preventing loss of life at sea

and averted a serious marine pollution incident.

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an hour. HRS Members and all shopkeepers gathered to pay floral tribute to Gen. Bipin Rawat and others.

On the occasion, Shri Sudhir Kumar Sutar, Organising Secretary, Hindu Rashtra Shakti, North & Middle Andaman and Gen. Secretary Billiground Market Committee highlighted

about the carrier of CDS Rawat and also focused on his dream how he wanted to modernized our forces, improve its self-efficiency and make our country a super power in the world.

The program was concluded with 2 minutes silence in the name of these national heroes. All arrangement was done by Dr P K Mandal, State

General Secretary, HRS, North & Middle Andaman. The same programmed was organized in the office of Hindu Rashtra Shakti, Port Blair where Shri P V Robin Palani Swamy, State President (Sanik Wing) and Members of Hindu Rashtra paid shradhanjali with 02 minutes silence.

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Farm Agitation Called Off as SKM Leaders Accept Centre's Proposal

New Delhi, Dec. 9: Thousands of protesting farmers camped out on the borders of Delhi for 380 days are set to go home on Saturday, after marking a 'vijay diwas' to celebrate the achievement of most of their demands. On Thursday, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, a joint platform of protesting farm unions, announced that it had accepted the Central government's proposal to resolve pending demands and called off the year-long agitation.

The unions will meet again on January 15 in the capital to monitor and review whether the government has kept its promises to unconditionally withdraw cases filed against protestors, provide compensation for the kin of farmers who died at the protests and form a committee to ensure that all farmers can avail remunerative rates for their produce. A decision will also be taken at that time on whether to campaign against the BJP in the upcoming UP and Uttarakhand polls — an issue which different farmer factions have diverse views about.

"This is a historic victory for Indian farmers after a historic movement both in terms of size as well as unity and peaceful nature of the protest," said All India Kisan Sabha leader Hannan Mollah.

"After today's proposal from the government, I feel we have achieved 95% of the SKM's demands," added Krantikari Kisan Union



leader Darshan Pal, pointing out that the Prime Minister's sudden capitulation on the repeal of three farm laws was unexpected, but welcome.

Victory celebrations have been scheduled for Saturday, in respect for the cremation of CDS Gen. Bipin Rawat on Friday. At the Singhu site, a number of farmers had already begun packing up their temporary accommodations, although Uttar Pradesh leader Rakesh Tikait said it could take a while for all protestors to vacate the protest sites, especially in his Ghazipur stronghold.

There were a few notes of caution as well. "Farmers have decided to suspend this agitation for now, but the movement will not end. The fight for farmers' rights will continue," said senior Punjab leader Balbir Singh Rajewal, who heads his own faction of the Bharatiya Kisan Union.

Gurnam Singh Chaduni, a Haryana leader who heads another BKU faction, warned, "We will resume our protests if the government does not keep its promises".

The Centre's formal proposal, which was signed by Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agarwal despite the fact that farm leaders said most negotiations on the document were held with Home Ministry representatives, was received on Thursday morning. It included the same five points as in Wednesday's draft, with major concessions on case withdrawal and compensation. On the issue of MSP, it said a promised committee would have a specific mandate to ensure all farmers get MSP and promised that SKM leaders would be among the representatives. After discussing the proposal in an hour-long meeting at the Singhu border protest site, SKM leaders emerged to announce their acceptance.

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at the Air Force Station Palam in New Delhi on December 9, 2021. | Photo Credit: Shiv Kumar Pushpakar

The mortal remains of Gen. Rawat will be kept at his residence on Friday morning for all to pay their last respects and will be moved to the Bar Square Crematorium around 2 p.m., Army officials said.

Indian Air Force helicopter crash | What we know about the Mi-17 helicopter

Identification process
A defence official said the severity of air crash has led to difficulty in positive identification of mortal remains. "All possible measures are being taken for positive identification considering the sensitivities and emotional well-being of the loved ones," the official said.

Positive identification of only three mortal remains was possible till evening (Gen. Bipin Rawat, Madhulika Rawat and Brig. L.S. Lidder) and officials said their mortal remains will be released to the next of kin, for final rites.

Process for positive identification of the remaining mortal remains

is continuing, the official said adding, the remains will be kept at the mortuary of the Army Base Hospital till the completion of positive identification formalities.

Close family members of all the deceased personnel have arrived in Delhi whose assistance would also be sought in the identification process. "Appropriate military funerals of all deceased are being planned and coordinated in close consultation with close family members," the official added.

The Defence Minister made a statement in the Parliament on the fatal helicopter crash. "With profound grief and heavy heart, I stand to convey the unfortunate news of the crash of the military helicopter in the noon of December 8, 2021, with India's first CDS, Gen. Bipin Rawat onboard," he said. "The CDS would be cremated with full military honours."

Mr. Singh said 13 of the 14 persons onboard the helicopter had succumbed to injuries. Group Captain Varun Singh is on life support in the Military Hospital at Wellington and all efforts are being made to save his life, Mr. Singh said, ending the statement by paying homage to the deceased persons and expressing condolences to the bereaved families.

International Flights to Resume Only After Jan. 31

New Delhi, Dec. 9: Full resumption of international flights stands postponed at least till January 31, 2022, according to an announcement by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation on Thursday.

Last week, days after announcing resumption of international flights from December 15, the Government postponed its decision indefinitely due to fresh concerns over the new COVID-19 variant, Omicron. An order from the DGCA on December 1 said that a new date would be announced in "due course of time".

On Thursday, the DGCA said, "the competent authority has decided to extend suspension of scheduled commercial international passenger services to/ from India till 2359 hours IST of 31st January, 2022". It added that international flights under air-

bubble agreement with 32 countries would continue as before.

In a relief for travellers arriving in India from Singapore, they will no longer be subjected to mandatory on-arrival RT-PCR test and seven-day quarantine, after the government removed the island city-state from its list of "at-risk" countries.

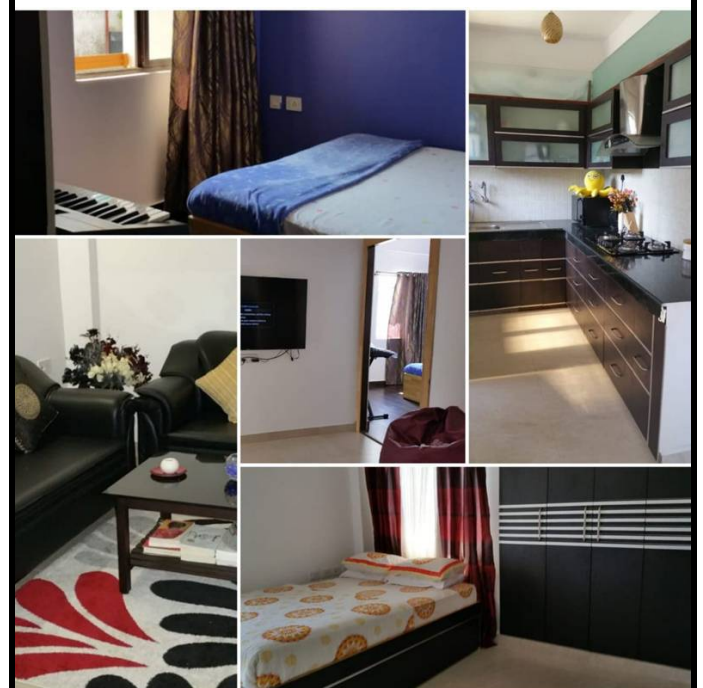
Singapore had announced that it was restarting flight connectivity with India from November 29, after a gap of 20 months, and fully vaccinated Indian passengers could avail quarantine-free entry under its "Vaccinated Travel Lane" scheme. But later that month, in a setback to many planning to reunite with their families after a long time,

India put Singapore on the list of at-risk countries requiring passengers arriving into the country to undergo additional health safety protocols.

Singapore will now be classified with countries "not at risk". Passengers arriving from these countries can enjoy quarantine-free travel within India and will only need to self-monitor their health for 14 days. In addition, a random selection of a mere 2% of passengers travelling from Singapore will need to undergo RT-PCR testing on arrival at Indian airports.

The "at-risk" list of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare now comprises Europe and 11 countries — South Africa, Brazil, Botswana, China, Ghana, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Hong Kong and Israel.

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SPORTS

Quality that Virat Kohli has as batter and leader is required in our team, says Rohit Sharma

New Delhi, Dec. 9: A batter of Virat Kohli's calibre and the qualities that he brings along with his leadership skills are very much required in the team, said India's new white ball captain Rohit Sharma.

Rohit, who was already appointed T20 International captain, has also replaced Kohli as ODI captain.

He feels that a captain's job is 20% on the field and rest at the planning stage where he would like his men to be prepared for the worst, keeping crunch situations in major ICC event encounters in mind.

"A batter of his quality is always needed in the squad. To have an average of 50 plus in the T20 format, it is crazy and unreal. Obviously, with the experience, he batted and bailed India out so many times from difficult situations," Rohit said during YouTube show 'Backstage with Boria'.

'Captain is as good as the team'

For Rohit, a captain is as good as his team and it's important for the world to know what the role of a captain is.

"A captain is there to ensure right players are playing, right combination is playing and obviously few tactical things that you need to look after," he stated.

For him a captain needs to walk the talk with his performance but otherwise stand at the back and put an arm around teammates.

"Captain needs to stand at forefront while performing and for everything else needs to stand at the back.



"The reason I say that is he can make a difference by standing at the back because then he can make sure he puts his hand around everyone, that's what I meant when I said you have to be least important member of the team." For Rohit, a captain only has 20% work on field and 80% off it.

"My role is more on the outside than inside. Give roles to players who are expected to go out there. It happens off the field. Once you are on the field, you have only three hours and little you can change in them and there are 11 guys playing and you have to look after all," he explained.

"On field, you can't change too much," said the new skipper.

He has five trophies with Mumbai Indians but he believes that he had very little role in the success as team management had created a formidable unit.

'Prepare for the worst in major matches' Rohit said he can't pinpoint on what exactly went wrong in last three ICC events, 2017 Champions Trophy final, 2019 World Cup semi-final and this year's T20 World Cup.

"It was the initial phase where we lost. I want to see that we prepare for the worst like a 10 for 3 situation. That's how I want to move forward and guys batting at numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be prepared. Nowhere it's written that from 10/3, you can't score 190." "Suppose we are 10/2 in first two overs. What do we do? What is the plan? I want to put ourselves in that situation. We have got some games (ahead of T20 WC) to try and test that." For Rohit it has happened thrice —twice against Pakistan and once versus New Zealand.

"The quality of bowling (in these matches) has been exceptional. It has happened three times. Hope it does not happen for the fourth time," he said.

Couldn't Afford 'too much of leadership', Says Ganguly on Rohit Replacing Kohli as ODI Skipper

New Delhi, Dec. 9: BCCI president Sourav Ganguly on Thursday said that once Virat Kohli refused to continue as India's T20 captain, the selectors made up their mind to hand the ODI reins to Rohit Sharma as the national team couldn't afford "too much leadership" with two separate captains in the limited-overs format.

The BCCI on Wednesday named Rohit the captain of the ODI side going into the 2023 ODI World Cup and Ganguly, in an interaction with PTI, opened up on the issue, asserting that the incumbent was spoken to and duly accepted the decision.

"We had requested Virat not to step down as T20 captain but he didn't want to continue as captain. So, the selectors felt that they cannot have two white ball captains in two white-ball formats. That's too much of leadership," BCCI president and former India captain told PTI.

Virat Kohli stepped down as T20 captain after India's disastrous World Cup campaign in October-November.

Ganguly said the selectors felt that multiple leaders in the white-ball format would lead to confusion and that's why the Chetan Sharma-led committee suggested that it's better to have one leader.

"I don't know (about confusion) but that's what they (selectors) felt. That's how this conclusion was arrived at — that let Rohit captain in white ball and let Virat be the red-ball skipper," Ganguly added.

So how does he see Rohit performing as ODI skipper? Ganguly said that he wouldn't like to make any predictions but is confident of the new skipper's abilities.

"It's very difficult to predict. I wish him all the best and hope he does a good job," he said.

But was it taken into consideration that Kohli has been a good ODI skipper with over 70% win record in 95 games that he was in charge.

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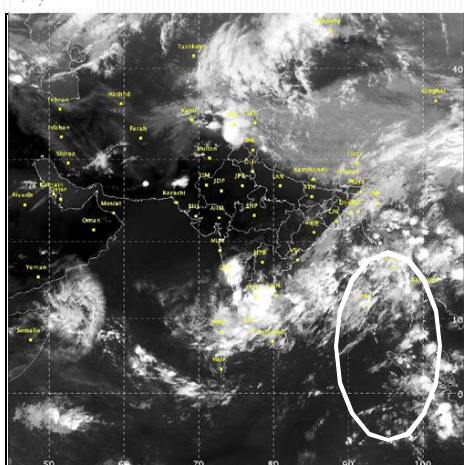
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.1 °C	Min.: 26.0 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 65%	1730 Hrs: 71%
Sunrise: 0528 Hrs.	Sunset: 1656 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	054.4 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3453.2 mm

Forecast

Dry weather most likely to occur over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 10/12/2021

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