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Jarawa Facts

The Andaman Trunk Road, which cuts through the Jarawa's forest, brings poachers, settlers and tourists into the heart of their land. The Supreme Court of India in 2002 ordered that the road must be closed, but it has never been complied with.

Your Nature Guide

Coral Colours: Common coral colours are attractive shades of blue, pink, violet, red, or a rust brown. These colours are not the corals' own. They are provided by the different types of single-celled algae living in the corals. The relationship between these algae and the corals is very interesting. The presence of the algae help the corals to secrete limestone at a rate much faster than they could have done on their own. In return for this service the algae stay in the protective skeleton of the corals. Dead coral colonies have only masses of limestone skeleton without the living polyps. They are a light grayish colour, sometimes tinged with shades of their original colour.

Coral Reef Communities: Living corals reefs are alive and busy with all kinds of creatures. Anemones, soft corals, sponges, algae, and other plants and animals live attached to the limestone rock created by the stony corals. An amazing variety of fish live in the reefs. They are of all sizes and colours, and have intricate patterns.

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

People's Voice

Andaman mein Road gayab ho rahe hai aur Administration ko khabar he nahi???

- A Citizen



We have a nuclear bomb to mortgage for a loan, sir!

Member of Parliament Requests Lt. Governor to Reconstruct the Entire Stretch of Road from Wimberlygunj to Wright Myo

Port Blair, Dec. 20: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to reconstruct the entire stretch of road from Wimberlygunj to Wright Myo in the larger interest of the people of the area. In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor,

the MP said that during his recent visit to the South Andaman region, he has observed that the road from Wimberlygunj to Wright Myo is in very pathetic shape.

He mentioned that the road stretch has become almost un-motorable and after even a moderate spell of rain, the

road, full of potholes becomes too risky for two and three wheelers.

The Member of Parliament further mentioned that in the last few months several accidents have taken place in the region due to the pathetic condition of the road.

He added that a large number of students, patients,

old people and ladies cross the road on a daily basis for whom the road has become a constant source of agony. Not only this, vehicle owners are complaining that their vehicles are getting heavily damaged due to such bad roads.

ANIIMS Students Make Islanders Proud by Winning Second Place in Regional Level Red Ribbon Club Quiz Competition

Port Blair, Dec. 20: It is a proud moment for A&N Islands, as Ms. Jace Jackson & Ms. Meharpreet Kaur Bijjan of ANIIMS who represented Andaman & Nicobar Islands in the Regional Level Red Ribbon Club Quiz competition have won the second place, out of the total 8 team from other States & Union Territories. The other teams were from Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.



Regional Level Quiz Competition was conducted by National AIDS Control

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Central Crime Station Seizes Codeine Based Cough Syrup, Tablets and Ganja, Arrests Two

Port Blair, Dec 20: Acting on a specific intelligence input received from reliable source, Police team from Narcotic Cell of CID Unit consisting of SI M.A Rasheed, Head Constable Sanjay Kujur, Constables K.Rajendran & Raja Rao intercepted two persons namely Kamal Das S/o Late Jeevan Das R/o Kamrajnagar & Sujit Biswas S/o Shri Ravi Biswas R/o Calicut at VSI Airport who had arrived at Port Blair from Kolkata on

19/12/2022 by flight. During checking of their personnel belongings, 12 bottles of Codeine base syrup, 200 tablets of Nitrazepam (0.5 mg), 50 tablets of Nitrazepam (10 mg), 75 tablets of Alprazolam (0.5 mg) and 915 grams of Ganja which was clandestinely concealed in the bags were seized and accused persons were arrested observing all codal formalities.

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Delegation of NGOs Association Meet Government Employees Posted in Diglipur

Port Blair, Dec. 20: A delegation of Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association led by the General Secretary, Shri R.Rajendran recently visited the Diglipur area and met with the government employees working in various offices and schools. During the visit it was learnt that the employees are facing lot of difficulties working in the area which is not resolved by the concerned authorities.

The pathetic condition of the National Highway running from Mayabunder to Diglipur (Aerial Bay)

has put the government employees, students and general public in a troublesome situation and they are suffering daily while travelling from Diglipur to various other areas by bus or any other means. It was also brought to the notice of this Association that the Primary Health Centre at Diglipur is functioning with shortage of doctors and other vital services especially Paediatrician, Gynaecologist and Ultra Sound facilities due to which the patients

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CS Orders Senior Officers to Fix Time Between 3 pm - 4 pm for Redressal of Public Grievances

Port Blair, Dec. 20: The Chief Secretary, A & N Administration has ordered that all the Senior Officers i.e. PCCF, DGP, Commissioner-cum-Secretaries, Secretaries, Heads of Departments, all field officers (DCs/SPs/ACs/SDPOs/DFOs/Tehsildars/BDOs etc.) and all other Government Officers to fix the time between 3 pm & 4 pm on all working days for meeting with general public to redress their grievances.

ANTCC President Demands for Special Sailing for Ayyappa Devotees of A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 20: The ANTCC President, Shri. Rangalal Halder has demanded the Administration for a Special Ship to sail for Chennai from 3rd to 4th January 2023 for the Devotees of Lord Ayyappa.

In his letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, he said that around 1000 no's of Ayyappa Devotees are likely to attend the mass gathering puja at Sabarimala Temple, Kerala to extend their beliefs and worship towards the Lord.

The flight fare is much higher which cannot be afforded by the Ayyappa Devotees and most importantly the flight schedules are not regular due to the construction work of the Airport in process.

N&M Andaman Police Comes Heavy on Illicit Liquor Manufacturers

Port Blair, Dec. 20: The District Police of North & Middle Andaman have been conducting intensive jungle search and combing operations to crackdown on manufacturing of illicit Liquor. Adding to the spree of crackdown on illicit liquor manufacturing in the district, Police team headed by SI Deva Raju, ASI Sanjay Yadav, PC Anirudh Das, PC Mohd Safique and PC Sudash LalI conducted combing in Shyam Kund jungle under the jurisdiction of OP Bakultala. The team recovered a total of 60 tins in a total of 04 bhatts containing about 600 ltrs of fermented

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

A Planet in Crisis

A month after the 27th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) in Egypt, diplomatic retinue went into a contentious huddle again to save the planet — in Montreal, Canada, this time, and as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). While both these conferences can trace their origins to the Rio summit of 1992, the CBD does not get anywhere near the media attention COP commands. There are no world leaders and heads of state making grandiloquent commitments because the CBD largely continues to be framed as an 'environmentalist' concern, much like what COP used to be, until the forces of capitalism managed to reimagine the idea of a planet being inexorably slow-cooked in greenhouse gases to one that may yet be saved by renewable energy sources — and at the very least — make some entrepreneurs rich.

Unlike cyclones and melting glaciers that have become visual aids to bring home the climate crisis wrought by invisible gases, biodiversity loss continues to be largely invisible despite its victims being extremely visible. Based on current trends, the UN reckons, an estimated 34,000 plant and 5,200 animal species, including one in eight of the world's bird species, face extinction. About 30% of breeds of main farm animal species are currently at high risk of extinction. Forests are home to much of the known terrestrial biodiversity, but about 45% of the earth's original forests are gone, cleared mostly during the past century. Yet, because much of this extinction is not finely accounted for as the rise in per capita carbon emissions or temperature swings, it fails to evoke the urgency it deserves. In this light, India's stance, i.e., of not wanting hard targets on proposals such as reducing the use of pesticides, given that their effects on impacting biodiversity are documented, and conserving 30% of land and sea, seems anachronistic particularly when it sees itself as a champion of conservation and living in harmony with nature. While India, adopting a negotiating tack from climate conferences, has argued that different nations have differing levels of responsibility towards biodiversity conservation (which requires richer nations to be more generous funders of global conservation efforts), it is well known that such demands are a dead end unless countries agree to definite targets. What cannot be measured, as the adage goes, cannot be understood or addressed. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the CBD, has described the negotiations as one that should result in a "Paris moment for nature"; while this was not quite what happened, countries have agreed on preparing concrete road maps by 2024 and the richer ones, committing \$30 billion an annum by 2030. But seeing tangible outcomes is a long time away.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Young Bosses..!

"Bob," she wept on the phone, "I don't have a job!"

"How's that?" I asked, very surprised, "You have many years before retirement and you're good at your work, I thought?"

"That's what I thought too," she whispered, "But a young boss took over and he felt that I didn't have the ruthlessness and focus to deal with my juniors! She felt I was too soft!"

I felt sad as I put down the phone, and thought of her young boss who felt that being compassionate and kind was a liability, "maybe they needed to know that feelings like caring could also help them in their career," I thought to myself and remembered a little story related by Fulton Oursler.

Says Oursler: I often remember with pleasure an encounter one story night, many years ago when an elderly man and his wife entered the lobby of a small hotel in Philadelphia. The couple had no baggage.

"All the big places are filled up," said the man, "Can you possibly give us a room here?"

The clerk replied that there were conventions in town, and no accommodations anywhere.

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"Every guest room is taken," he explained. "But still I simply can't send a nice couple like you out into the rain at one o'clock in the morning. Would you perhaps be willing to sleep in my room?... Oh, I'll make out just fine: don't worry about me."

The next morning, as he paid his bill, the elderly man said to the clerk:

"You are the kind of manager who should be the boss of the best hotel in the United States. Maybe someday I'll build one for you!"

The clerk laughed. And he laughed again when, after two years had passed, he received a letter containing a round-trip ticket to New York and a request that he call upon his guest of that rainy night. In the metropolis the old man led the young clerk to the corner of Fifth Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street and pointed to a vast new building there, a palace of reddish stone, with turrets and watchtowers, like a castle from fairyland cleaving the New York sky.

"That," he declared, "is the hotel I have just built for you to manage."

As if hit by lightning, the young man, George C. Boldt, stood fixed to the ground. His benefactor was William Waldorf Astor — and the hotel, the most famous of its day, the original Waldorf-Astoria.

So my young friends who are now becoming bosses treat all people with care, especially those who seek our help, for under an old ragged coat they may hide their wings..!

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ANIIMS Students Make Islanders Proud by Winning Second Place in Regional Level Red Ribbon Club Quiz Competition

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Organization (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI organized at Pondicherry on 16th December 2022. Team representing A & N Islands were selected through various rounds of competitions at College, Inter-college/inter-youth club and State level by Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS). Dr. Munni Singhania, Director of Health Services

congratulated the students for their good performance and encouraged them for participating in more such programmes.

Altogether, 25 teams from 13 Colleges and 9 team from 7 Youth Clubs participated and went through various rounds of quiz competitions and finally, one team was selected at State level to participate in the Regional round held at Puducherry along with 7 other states.

The objective of organizing this competition was to provide platform to exchange information on issues associated with HIV & AIDS, taboos and myths and to channelize the power of our youth in positive direction and assess the level of IEC in the territories which is matching with the national level.

Central Crime Station Seizes Codeine Based Cough Syrup, Tablets and Ganja, Arrests Two

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A case under relevant sections of NDPS Act-1985 has been registered at PSCCS and investigation is being carried

out. The general public is requested to inform about any credible information pertaining to sale or possession of contrabands or

any other illegal activity on the following telephone numbers- 100, 232586, 233307, 9474290250. The identity of the informer will be kept secret.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sushmita Sen, sister-in-law Charu Asopa celebrate 'baba' Shubeer Sen's birthday: 'Wish every girl gets father-in-law like him'

December 20: Bollywood actor Sushmita Sen on Monday, sent warm wishes to her 'baba' Shubeer Sen on his birthday. Taking to Instagram, Sushmita dropped a string of beautiful pictures. Sharing the series of pictures along with a sweet message, "Love, kindness, courage & empathy...the four chambers of a balanced heart" Here's to the one who epitomises it!! Happppyyyy Birthday Baba @sensubir Here's to your health & happiness always!!! You are God's precious blessing in our lives!! We love you!!!!#duggadugga Alisah, @reneesen47 & your Titan."

As soon as the pictures were uploaded, the actor's fans and industry friend dropped in their comments. Sister-in-law Charu Asopa wrote, "Happy bday to the most amazing person I know. I wish every girl gets a father in law like him. #worldsbestfatherinlaw love you baba you are the best."

Even though her relationship with her husband Rajeev Sen has reportedly been turbulent, Charu has, time and again, expressed her love and fondness for her sister-in-law Sushmita. She has also been very cordial with her in-laws.



The Main Hoon Na star shares a special bond with her father Shubeer Sen, who served the country as an Indian Air Force Officer for many years. In many of her interviews, Sushmita has often shared anecdotes of how her father pulled out all the stops to support her for the Miss Universe pageant.

On the work front, Sushmita is all set to play the role of transgender activist Gauri Sawant in a new webseries titled Taali. And now Sushmita is gearing up for Aarya 3.

The first two seasons of the show got impeccable responses from critics and viewers alike, with Sushmita Sen leading the show and Sikandar playing a pivotal lead in the front for which he earned several awards earlier this year. Aarya marked Sushmita Sen's

comeback on-screen and her digital debut.

Earlier, speaking about her role in Season 3, Sushmita said, "It is a new dawn for Aarya Sareen, and she is fierce. In season 3, she is going places and starting her own story free from the obstacles of her past. Reprising the role of Aarya is like slipping into old jeans but for a brand-new journey. It feels great to be back with Ram Madhvani and the Disney+ Hotstar team, can't wait to return the love and appreciation viewers have showered on Aarya."

The first season was even nominated for the 'Best Drama' series at the International Emmy Awards. Apart from Sushmita Sen and Sikandar Kher, the series also stars Namit Das, Manish Chaudhari, and Vinod Rawat among others in pivotal roles.

Amrita Arora Says Malaika Arora Didn't Ask her Before Taking a Dig at Her Clothes, her Career: 'Why only Ammu...?'

December 20: In the latest episode of Moving In With Malaika, Amrita Arora tried to put Malaika Arora on the spot by taking subtle digs at her. Amrita also spoke to Malaika about her stand-up act and asked her why she was so 'inconsiderate' towards her.

While the family sat down for lunch with Arhaan Khan, Amrita looked at Malaika and asked, "You could have been more considerate. About the jokes you cracked on me all the time. About me wearing big-size clothes, about indirectly not doing anything. You know that was something which you could have just kind of called me up and asked me if I'm okay with it." To which Malaika replied,

"Okay but in a stand-up you're not supposed to do that."

Amrita then said, "You cannot throw anyone

under the bus. I mean as great as it was and you were fantastic. I just feel there are certain things you have to really ask people and run by them. Why was only Ammu thrown under the bus." However Malaika said, "I think I went for everybody in the room."

In one of the episodes, Malaika did stand-up comedy and roasted Amrita. She took several



digs at her and said, "My sister's in the house! She's the funny one. I'm the pretty one. She has a rich husband, and I am doing standup." She also said, "My mother said 'If we can sit through Amrita's debut movie Kitne Door Kitne Paas, we can surely sit at your stand-up for 20 minutes.'"

All the episodes from Moving in with Malaika are currently streaming on Disney Plus Hotstar.

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Less Sleep is Dangerous to Health, Warn docs



December 20: HYDERABAD: Though people are well aware that not getting enough

sleep can have several adverse physical and psychological effects, doctors

say they do not place as much emphasis on it as they do on other health issues.

According to a pan-India survey conducted this year by a mattress manufacturing firm, there has been a 32 percent increase in the number of people in Hyderabad who believe they have insomnia since last year. One of the main reasons attributed to sleeping late was browsing social media till late hours, which 41 per cent of Hyderabadis said they do.

Dr S. K. Jaiswal, chief neurologist at a private hospital, stated that there is a lack of a wareness about sleep disorders. "For example, if someone snores, they may believe it is a sign that they are sleeping well. However, it could be caused by a disorder such as sleep apnea." Another issue is that often people are not aware that they are not sleeping well. Even if they are aware, they believe it is normal and do not seek treatment, said Dr Jaiswal.

Continuous lack of sleep over long periods can cause some minor and even major ailments. It can cause anxiety and depression, cause certain epilepsies, and worsen pre-existing medical conditions like diabetes and hypertension.

Dr. Manoj Vasireddy, consultant neurologist at a private hospital, said most people are not able to make enough time to get adequate sleep even if they know its importance. "Lifestyles have changed a lot in the past 20-25 years, which causes people more stress and allows them less time to sleep." He went

on to say that insomnia was a fairly common complaint among patients, and

that even when people recognise that they are suffering from it and can pinpoint the source as anxiety or stress, they are unable to cope with it.

Jaishankar, in a Swipe at Rahul, Says 'PM had Sent Army to LAC'

December 20: NEW DELHI: External affairs minister S. Jaishankar on Monday took a potshot at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and said the unprecedented deployment of Indian troops at the Line of Actual Control to deter Chinese troops from unilaterally changing the Line of Actual Control had been ordered at the instance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He was speaking at a conclave organised by a media group. Later in the day, in Parliament, while reacting to Mr Gandhi's reported comment that Indian soldiers in Arunachal Pradesh were being "beaten up" by Chinese troops, the minister said the word "pitai" (thrashing) should not be used for our troops.

Speaking at the conclave organised by the India Today Group, the minister said: "The deployment of the Indian Army (is there) on the China border that we've never had. It was done to counter Chinese deployments which were scaled up massively since 2020. Now, if we were in denial, how is the Army out there? The Army didn't go there because Rahul Gandhi asked them to go. The Army went there because the Prime Minister of India ordered them to go."

He added: "I understand today politics is politics. People will say things. They may not be credible. They may sometimes contradict their own positions, their own behaviour. All that could happen... The proof of the pudding is that the Indian Army today is deployed to counter any attempt to unilaterally change the LAC."

Later, in the Lok Sabha, the minister said: "The word 'pitai' should not be used for our jawans," adding that while the government had no problem with political criticism, one should not disrespect Indian troops. The minister said: "We should not criticise our jawans directly or indirectly. Our soldiers are standing at a height of 13,000 feet in Yangtse and guarding our border. They should be respected and appreciated, this (criticism) is not appropriate."



He added: "If we were indifferent to China, then who sent the Indian Army to the border? If we were indifferent to China, then why are we pressuring China for de-escalation and disengagement today? Why are we saying publicly that our relations are not normal." Mr Jaishankar was responding to Mr Gandhi's criticism that the government was "hiding facts" on the Chinese incursions and the allegation that it had taken Indian territory along the LAC at India Today's India-Japan Conclave.

Indian and Chinese troops were engaged in a fresh clash in the Yangtse area of Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector on December 9. The incident came amidst the over 30-month border standoff in eastern Ladakh.

The external affairs minister said it was the commitment of the Indian Army to not allow China to change the LAC unilaterally. "I am saying that it is the obligation of the Indian State and that is the duty and commitment of the Indian military that we will not let any country, and in this case China, change the LAC unilaterally," Jaishankar said.

"I think it is fairly obvious and most people in the country see that. You can make your polemical points. I think people will treat it as politics," he added.

Asked about Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's criticism of the government for increasing trade volumes

with China despite the border row, he said that India continues to import from that country because there was no adequate focus on the manufacturing sector. Mr Jaishankar said not much attention was given to the MSME sector and building supply chains as well after India opened up its economy in 1991.

"When somebody says why imports are coming out of China, there are imports coming out of China because for 30 years, you did not give your industry the kind of support and protection you should have," Mr Jaishankar said. "It is only now in recent years that you have started to do it. Now you cannot reverse in five or 10 years what you have done in 30 years," he said.

The Lok Sabha, meanwhile, passed the Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill to make special provisions for the repression of piracy on the high seas, with the government adding life imprisonment along with the provision of death penalty for those convicted of the crime. Some amendments moved by Opposition MPs were negated and the bill was passed by a voice vote.

Mr Jaishankar said keeping in mind the observations of the Supreme Court that the death penalty should be in rarest of rare cases and the fact that many nations do not extradite the accused in view of the provision of capital punishment, the government was including the option of life in prison.

Delegation of NGOs Association Meet Government Employees Posted in Diglipur

Continued from Page 1 have to travel to Mayabunder or Port Blair in such poor road condition.

The government employees posted at Diglipur area have complained regarding delay in sanctioning of leave by the concerned Heads of Department which is creating a lot of discontentment among them especially in Education and employees posted in Panchayati Raj Institutions. Employees of Education and Health Departments are being frequently transferred in the name of Intra Zonal Transfer by the Zonal authorities in a pick and choose manner which is causing mental agony to the employees and their family members to settle in one place even after being

transferred by the Department on General Transfer. The Zonal authorities are also harassing the employees in the name of such biased Intra Zonal Transfers.

A General Body meeting of Diglipur Branch was held on 17.12.2022 which elected Shri S.Arumugam as Vice President, Shri Senthil Kumar as Secretary and Shri Dulal Debnath as Treasurer. Besides, other office bearers and executive members were elected in the meeting. Shri S.L.Vinjit, Asst. General Secretary, Shri Dipak Karmakar, Organising Secretary, Shri Sasi Pillai, Central Executive Member, Shri P.Jay Murthy, Secretary, South Andaman Teachers' Branch and Shri Ashish, Executive Member, Panchayat Secretary's Sub-Committee also addressed the meeting on various issues of employees. Several resolutions are adopted in the meeting.

N&M Andaman Police Comes Heavy on Illicit Liquor Manufacturers



Continued from Page 1 illicit liquor (lehan) and other bhatti materials at different location within the jungle and destroyed the same in the jungle. The team searched for the miscreants in the jungle who had fermented the illicit liquor in bhattis but in vain.

Local residents have highly appreciated the pro-

active efforts of police. In this fight against illicit liquor, bootleggers & drug abuse, the public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime /illegal activities to police over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

Road from Teal House Jn to Chatham Foreshore to be Closed for Vehicular Movement

Port Blair, Dec. 20: The road portion from Teal House Jn. to Chatham Foreshore Road will be closed for all the vehicular

movement for 10 days w.e.f. 21.12.2022. Hence, all the vehicles will be diverted through Haddo and Chatham Road.

Sailing Programme of MV Campbell Bay for LA Postponed

Port Blair, Dec. 20: Due to technical reasons, the scheduled sailing programme of the vessel MV Campbell Bay for Little Andaman on Dec. 21 & 23, 2022 from Port Blair and her

return voyage from Little Andaman has been postponed till further notice. However, fresh date of sailing of the vessel will be announced in due course, a press release from DSS said.

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PMFBY Scheme Aims at Supporting Sustainable Production in Agriculture

Port Blair, Dec. 20: Notification of Revamped Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for Rabi-2022-23 season was circulated in which, details of notified area, coverage of risk, indemnity level, sum insured, premium rate, seasonality discipline, subsidy on premium etc. in respect of this UT were mentioned in the Notification dated 3rd June, 2021 and was uploaded in Andaman & Nicobar Administration website: www.andaman.gov.in for Kharif 2021 & Rabi 2022-23.

The PMFBY scheme aims at supporting sustainable production in agriculture sector by way of:

Providing financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of unforeseen events.

Stabilizing the income of farmers to ensure their continuance in farming.

Encouraging farmers to adopt innovative and modern agriculture practices.

Ensuring flow of credit to the agriculture sector which will contribute to food security, crop diversification and enhancing growth and competitiveness of agriculture sector besides protecting farmers from production risks.

Calculation of sum Insured in respect of notified crops during Kharif will be based on the scale of finance.

The premium rates as offered by the company for the notified crops (Paddy) Kharif season has been approved by the A&N Administration.

The seasonality discipline: Cut-off date for receipt of Proposals/enrollment of farmers (Loanee and non-loanee) under this Rabi' 2022-23 scheme is 15th January, 2023.

Consolidated declaration of both loanee and non-loanee farmers from Bank branches (CBs/RRBs) to respective insurance companies and DCCBs for PACs within 15 days for loanee farmers and 7 days for non-loanee farmers after cut-off date.

Uploading of soft copy of the details of individual insured farmers by commercial banks/RRBs/PACS/Intermediaries within 15 days after cut-off date for collection of premium from farmers.

Yield data harvest within 20 days from final harvest.

Cutoff date for Processing, Approval and Payment of Final Claims based on yield data is three weeks from receipt of yield data.

Normal sowing & harvesting period of crops under Rabi' 2022-23 season is Sowing from 1st Oct – 15 Jan and Harvesting from 15th January – 15th April.

All farmers (loanee or non-loanee) enrolled under PMFBY will have to pay maximum 1.5% of sum insured or actuarial premium rate whichever is lower for Pulses and also 5% of sum insured or actuarial premium rate whichever is lower for horticulture crops for all

vegetables under Rabi' 2022-23 season. The difference between actuarial premium rate and the rate of insurance charges payable by farmer shall be treated as Rate of normal premium subsidy, which shall be shared equally by the State Government and Central Government in the ratio of 50:50. (As per revised operational guidelines of PMFBY, farmer's premium share will be 1.5 % & 5% for Rabi' 2022-23 seasons. As decided by SLCCCI of A&N Islands in its meeting held on 11.04.2022, the farmers will pay the premium rates only @ 0.5% of the Sum insured for all the notified crops for their enrollment under PMFBY which will be collected by the Nodal banks of these islands and the remaining premium share amount out of 1.5 % & 5% (i.e. 1.0 % & 4.5% of Farmer's premium) will be borne by this UT. Similarly, as the maximum farmers premium by default is 1.5% out of premium rate 5% of SI for Pulses and the farmers' premium to be borne by the farmers is 0.5%, so the U.T A & N Administration have to bear the balance 1%. Hence, the Central shares of the subsidy should be 1.75% ((5-1.5)/2), State shares of subsidy will be 2.75% (1.75+1) and also 5% out of premium rate 15% of SI for all vegetables and the farmers' premium to be borne by the farmers is 0.5%, so the U.T A & N Administration have to bear the balance 4.5%. Hence, the Central shares of the subsidy should be 5% ((15-5)/2), State shares of subsidy will be 9.5% (5+4.5).

Firing Practice by IN Dornier

Port Blair, Dec. 20: Firing practice by IN Dornier will be carried out on 2m Rock near Passage Island on Dec. 20-23, 2022 from 1500-1700 hrs. The safe flying height is above 300 mtr AMSL.

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The Mind's Eye

BEST RESPONSE FOR EVERY PROBLEM



Spiritual Response is a blend of benign values as universal love, goodwill, co-operation, concern for the wellbeing of the whole family of mankind, based on the constant and living awareness that we are souls

Whole world, today, is facing many global problems which are connected with each other directly or indirectly and which, together, have created a very complex and grave situation. These problems are too many and too well-known to need any listing here. Till date many solutions have been tried to solve these problems but it has been noticed that every solution has, in the process or at the end, created some new problems even if it has partially solved the old ones. The reason why the solutions, adopted by man, have been unable to fulfil his dream is not only that the solutions have been piecemeal and of ad-hoc and fragmentary nature but what is most important is that some essential element, that should generate happiness and inner satisfaction has been missing. So, even after strenuous efforts and huge expenditure, the result achieved has not been an unmixed-happiness or a lasting respite and relief. There is, therefore, the need to know or to explore what that missing element is. An analysis of human action, in general, would suggest that our response is, invariably and always, based on our belief system. At present, our outlook, our values, our attitudes and our actions are often prompted by the belief system that is built from our knowledge of science and technology and other disciplines such as economics, politics, etc., and therefore, our response is mainly materialistic, secular, mundane or influenced by body-consciousness. It is not moral and spiritual or of a quality higher than the earthly. Our motives, goals and efforts are coloured by merely worldly or material considerations and immediate concerns. They do not take into account the durable gain and a higher, nobler and ennobling experience. They violate moral and spiritual laws for immediate gain and neglect the well being of the soul to attain a short-lived, pleasurable, sensual experience. Our present predicament thus is due to this missing element which should elicit the soul-conscious or the spiritual response. Spiritual Response is a blend of such benign values as universal love, goodwill, co-operation, concern for the wellbeing of the whole family of mankind, based on the constant and living awareness that we are souls and children of one Supreme and are divine in our nature and origin. We must thus remember that without this kind of spiritual response, no problem, whether you call it political, economic, ethnic or by any other name, can be solved.



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SPORTS

Suryakumar Yadav Interview: 'Once in the Middle of an Innings, Virat Bhai Told Me "Tu Video Game Khel Raha Hai Kya?"

December 20: SURYAKUMAR Yadav is experiencing a purple patch in white-ball cricket at the international level, and is now eyeing a berth in the Indian Test team. The Mumbai middle-order batsman will be in action during the Ranji Trophy game against Hyderabad starting at the MCA-BKC ground on Tuesday. In a chat with The Indian Express, Yadav spoke about his exploits over the past six months, how he himself is amazed at some of the shots he plays, and why he feels a Test call is round the corner.

I was playing such shots at domestic and IPL level as well, but to do so successfully on the big stage has left even me amazed. The other day, I saw videos of my batting over the past three months. And I told myself "arre, yeh knock meine aise kaise khel diya? How did I do this? I saw it on social media and it kept on repeating on my timeline. So I watched it all.

Rohit (Sharma) is the only one who has seen me for a very long time. But this season, he saw so many knocks that a time came when he didn't tell me anything. In a few games, he said "mujhe ab kuchh bolna nahi abhi tere baare mein (Now I don't have anything to say about you)". Once I was batting with Virat (Kohli) bhai, and he came and told me "tu video game khel raha hai kya? Alag chal raha hai tera bhi (Are you playing video games? You are at a different level)." It felt nice to hear these things.

I spoke to Rahul (Dravid) bhai too. When he saw my innings like these, he came and told me that the position at which I bat, I can go and change the game. When he became India coach, I went and told him once that when the match is between the 7-14 over stage, please send me out to bat. I have batted in that situation plenty of times for Mumbai Indians. I know how to score runs in that particular situation. My mind was clear and I just went and told him. He agreed and told me to express myself whenever I go out to bat.

(Laughs) My wife travels with me. So a few suitcases are added,

especially when we are travelling abroad. It could be cold or hot weather. There are shoes for different outfits (laughs).

What he (Rohit) meant is did I carry extra baggage once I come out to bat? I had told him that whatever extra baggage I have in terms of planning, I leave it on the ground. When I'm on the ground, I don't think about anything else. And whether I have scored or not, I never discuss cricket with anyone once I'm back, until and unless we players are seated together.

I watch my videos once I'm back. I try to read situations and learn from my teammates.

I don't have any, actually. I just sit near the dugout and watch the entire game without looking here and there. I don't watch the TV nearby. I just like to warm up near the boundary before I go out to bat. I always sprint when I go out to bat. That's the only excitement I have. Every second ball, I will stretch, will keep my bat in my hand and roll it to get the feel of it.

The reason I sprint to the ground is to feel my legs get free till the time I reach the middle. What if I have to run three runs on the first ball? Aisa na ho ki body thandi hai (The body should not be cold).

The bat sound makes me feel that aaj apna din hai (today is my day). At the same time, it's difficult to be in the present because my mind tells me that I can score a lot today. It's important to be in the present. Like in the first T20 World Cup game, I scored 10 runs off the first three balls. I had got a head start. In that situation, if anyone scores a 25-ball 50, the match is done. I got out as I felt ki aaj bada lagega (score a lot). My mindset has always been to change the game.

I think that half-century against South Africa in Perth was the defining knock for me. It was the most challenging wicket I have faced till date. Before the game, I went to bat in the nets for 15 minutes and I got the feeling of



Perth there itself. The practice pitches were quick. So I faced a mere 15 balls and told Vicky paaji (batting coach Vikram Rathod) that I am done for the day, whatever batting is to be done will be done in the match.

When I went in to bat, I told myself ki yeh pitch toh sochne se bhi jyada tez hai (this pitch is quicker than I thought). So, when I went to the non-striker's end, I kept thinking which shots I could play as there was bounce too. When we were 49 for 5, we had nothing to lose. We could have got all out for 75, but I decided to take the positive route.

I share a good rapport with Rohit, so I talk to him. I give my views and take his view too.

I like to watch Andaz Apna Apna, Chup Chup Ke, Golmaal, Hulchul, Heri Pheri. I can watch them endless times. Be it a World Cup game or any other game, I will watch it in my room on my phone. My wife has asked me to maintain a work-life balance.

Everywhere I'm going, I have been chased by people, which is new for me. Every Indian I met in Australia or New Zealand, even at the Singapore airport, a couple screamed "Suryakumar Yadav, how are you." I was shocked and wondered why they are doing this, aisa mein kya kar diya (what have I done)? I ran to catch my flight. There has been a change for sure. I'm the same as before, just my time has changed. Now the family knows that it won't be easy to travel with them. Earlier we used to go out for family dinners or a movie. These are the things I enjoyed, but now I know there will be restrictions.

I feel I'm close. I have played this format. I have an idea of red-ball cricket because we all start from red-ball cricket. Yes, conditions are challenging but if you can apply your mind and alter your game, you can succeed.

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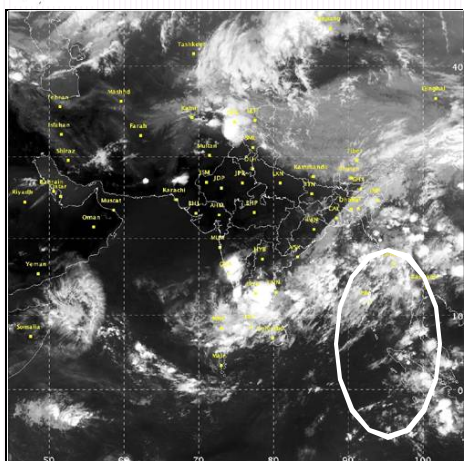
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 24.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77%	1730 Hrs: 82%
Sunrise: 0511 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2366.7 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain or thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 21/12/2022.

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