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#### Jarawa Facts

The Jaraw a have been living in the tropical rainforests of the Andaman Islands for up to 60.000 years. The islands. in the Bay of Bengal, were colonised by the British in the mid-nineteenth century, and are now part of India.

#### Your Nature Guide

Life in the ocean: Fromthe shores or from a boat, the sea looks like a huge mass of uniform, inky blue water. It is not so actually. Life in the sea is amazingly different at different depths. From the surface to a few feet below, the ocean is a sunlit world, that changes from day to night. Below this, the ocean becomes cold, dim, and unchanging. And thousands of meters below the surface, the ocean is a region of nearfreezing temperatures, crushing pressure, and complete darkness.

Most marine plants and animals are adapted to living in one of three regions- the sunlight, tw ilight, or midnight zone. These zones are defined by the presence (or absence) of light. They differ from one another in temperature amount of pressure, and nutrient supply. We will mainly focus here on the sunlight zone where most of the familiar animals and plants are present.

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

#### People's Voice

Ye Omicron ke chalte, kahin Andaman ka Tourism na fir se maar kha jaye ...

- A Citizen



Not work from home... he has been suspended from the House!

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# Bid to Secure 100 Percent Job Reservation for Islanders Member of Parliament Introduces Private Member's Bill in Parliament

Port Blair, Dec 6: Shri resided in the Union Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 (Friday) introduced a Private Member's Bill titled 'The Reservation of Posts in Government Establishments of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Bill, 2019' to provide reservation in government establishments in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the residents of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to improve their standard of living through employment.

The Bill proposes to reserve hundred percent jobs for local candidates who have recruitment. Through 100

Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for at least 10 years and hold valid domicile certificate before the commencement of this act. The bill intends to provide legislative backing to residence based reservations for locals of Andaman & Nicobar Islands who have resided in the islands for at least 10

The rationale behind enactment of this bill is to tackle the menace of unemployment which has seen a rise due to implementation of online

candidates, the rising unemployment can be addressed as the locals will be entitled to post under the government as per his qualification. The bill also has penal provisions to regulate any wrong doing through fake certificates & availing claims for reservations meant for deserving local candidates. Further, it also has a provision to designate a liaison officer in every government establishment who shall be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of the act are administered

percent reservation for local as per rules and in a fair manner.

> This bill seeks to provide adequate opportunities to locals of Andaman & Nicobar Islands who don't have sufficient representation government establishments. This bill will encourage the residents of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to apply for recruitment in government posts and it will facilitate the development of the islands as reservation for locals will aid in increasing the standard of living of the local candidates.

## Anchipaka Holds Meeting of Stakeholders in Swaraj Dweep

Port Blair, Dec 6: Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman along with team of officials from A & N Administration visited Swaraj Dweep on 04.12.2021 and held series of meeting

with stakeholders regarding the issues pertaining to Swaraj Dweep post pandemic relaxation.

A meeting was held at Dolphin Resort, Swaraj Dweep with political parties, boat association, tour and travel agents and



deliberated the issues faced by them and assured redressal of issues after deliberations with higher authorities

The team of officials visited the fish market and took review of the

## Continued on P2 Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Comes to the Rescue of Craft Artists of Delhi

Port Blair, Dec 6: Two renowned Paper Craft and Art artists from Delhi named Shri Suresh Rai and Shri Ramesh Rai who have been coming to A&N Islands since 2012 and have taught students of KVI& II, Ummat Public School, Jawahar Boys School, Girls Sr. Sec School and many other during their visits to the Islands.

This year expecting the business market to be the same, the artists landed on 05th of November 2021 and after a month long struggle nothing could be achieved and were left with empty pockets.

Both struggling to survive and one who's wife is due in



10 days needed to go back to their family at the earliest but with peak hike in the air fare they had no hope left.

Mr Ramesh then got in touch with Shri Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR and Shri Gurmeet Singh, Secretary, PBGKR and narrated the case, reacting to which the team immediately booked the flight tickets

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## **ANTCC Leaders Demand Help for** Fishermen Repatriated from Myanmar

Port Blair, Dec. 6: The President of the Congress party Shri. Ranglal Halder and Chairman Campaign committee Shri. G Bhasker requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to help bring back the Fishermen who have been repatriated from Myanmar to Delhi.

They requested the Hon'ble Lt Governor to provide fund for their journey from Delhi to Port Blair to join their families

## **ZSI** to Conduct Workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems

Port Blair, Dec. 6: Zoological Survey of India is organizing two days online workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems under the "Training of Personnel of Other Services & Training of other Stakeholders" sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. ZSI/ ANRC, Port Blair is playing an important role in knowledge-based capacity building program on the Biodiversity of Island Ecosystem through Seminar/Symposium/ Workshop. This workshop will focus understanding the role of coastal and marine ecosystems and its vital importance in areas such as bio-diversity, food security, climate change and others. The overall objective of the workshop is to understand and make aware of the marine and coastal resources: to learn identification of corals, infauna and epifauna; to understand climate change adaptation in coastal and marine ecosystems. Continued on P5

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## **Boosters short**

On November 22, the Director-General, ICMR, said that there was no scientific evidence thus far to administer a booster vaccine dose to fully vaccinated people. The priority instead was to increase the percentage of people who are vaccinated with two doses. The Health Minister too said the priority was on fully vaccinating all adults than on booster shot immunisation though adequate vaccines were available. Even when there was growing clamour from a few States for booster doses once the new variant with higher transmissibility causing a huge surge in cases in South Africa became known, the Government has reiterated that any decision on booster doses will be based solely on scientific recommendations. Although over 65 million people in the U.S. are unvaccinated, on October 21, a booster shot was approved for all above 65 years and certain categories of young adults. It was later expanded to include all adults. Many countries in Europe too have approved booster shots, having based their decision at least partially on vaccine effectiveness data. Such evidence has become available in India only very recently. One study found Covishield to be 85% protective against moderate or severe disease and 63% protective against symptomatic infection, while another found Covaxin to be 50% effective against symptomatic infection. Both studies were undertaken during the peak of the Delta variant-driven second wave.

The effectiveness of both vaccines against the Omicron variant is unknown. While this variant appears to be far more transmissible than the Delta variant, disease severity and the age groups most vulnerable to disease are not fully known. Despite these uncertainties, it might still be prudent to approve booster doses for people older than 60 years and young adults who immunocompromised or have comorbidities. But administering booster doses cannot be at the cost of increased coverage of the first dose and full vaccination. Also, the need to begin immunising adolescents cannot be ignored. Over 1.26 billion doses have been administered as on December 4, with nearly 85% receiving one dose but only over 50% being fully vaccinated. Though the door-todoor vaccination campaign held last month witnessed 11.7% increase in second dose coverage, there is still a sizeable percentage of the population in the priority groups who are not fully vaccinated. Over 8% of health-care workers, 30% of those above 60 years and over 33% of people aged 45-59 years are yet to be fully vaccinated. The rapid global spread of the Omicron variant might also lead to increased vaccine uptake. While a sufficient supply of Covishield, which accounts for nearly 90% of vaccines administered, might be able to meet the demand, the priority should be to increase vaccine coverage and not boosters, particularly so as India will be under pressure to supply vaccines to the global South.

## **BOB'S BANTER**

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## Bowling a Maiden Over...!

If you've been thinking that cricket is only discussed and talked about by men on the field or commuters traveling in Mumbai locals or Delhi to Agra buses, you're in for a surprise as my friend a bachelor, whose mother's been relentlessly trying to get married found out last night: Kumar returned home and found his mother looking at him. "You've been bowling too many maiden overs!" she said thoughtfully. It's about time you brought

- "How mother?" asked Kumar perplexed by her cricket knowledge.
- "It's time you took a wicket!" replied the wise woman.
- "What ball should I bowl?" he asked.
- "Maybe a bouncer, a doosra, try spin but one that will get her wicket!" said his mother a twinkle in her eye.
  - "What if she bats, cross bat?" asked Kumar.
  - "Then bowl a dead ball!"
  - "But a dead ball may not bowl her over!" cried Kumar triumphantly.
- "A dead ball will help bowl a maiden over!" replied his mother with deadpan face and Kumar winced behind such cricketing logic but decided to bat chest on, "A maiden over ma will not help me bowl a maiden over!"

"With all the maiden overs you've bin' bowling son," laughed his mother, "There'll be no maidens left for you to bowl over!"

Kumar was sure he could hear a cricket commentator chuckling to hear such from a seventy year old. He entered the dining room and as usual sat at the table, waiting for his



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meal to be served, but found no sign of his mother or sister, "We've decided to stop batting for you!" said his sister appearing at the door. "We're watching cricket!"

- "So who's going to cook for me?" asked Kumar.
- "The night watchman!"
- "A locum cook, a replacement?"
- "A rookie batsman!"
- "Who?"
- "You!" said his mother, "You may occupy the crease! And when you bowl, pitch well!"
- "Pitch well?" asked Kumar faintly.
- "Into the frying pan and not all over the kitchen! Don't damage the crease!"

Kumar heard the sound of the TV in the next room and very furtively crept to see what was happening, "Howzat!" shouted his sister, turning round.

- "Out!" shouted the mother also spying him.
- "I declare!" shouted a desperate Kumar.
- "Follow on!" cried his sister pointing to the kitchen.
- "You can't do this to me!" shouted a hysterically furious Kumar, "This is my house, my TV!"

"He's sledging!" complained his mother to the third umpire as she led him back to the kitchen, "You want meals to be served, food to be cooked or company for dinner? You'll have to bring your own maiden over..!"

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## Anchipaka Holds Meeting of Stakeholders in Swaraj Dweep

Continued from Page 1 representatives renovation works being concerned department of roads at Swaraj Dweep. undertaken. Directions were given to EE PRI, to expedite immediately take up the Commissioner, as early as possible.

The Vegetable market area and the toilet complex under the project of Rural Development in Market area were also reviewed by the officials.

The team further visited the Swaraj Dweep jetty area with concerned stake holders and local representatives and reviewed the status of approach road. The were directed to Commissioner, South Andaman also interacted with the tourists at the Jetty area and enquired about the facilities available at the tourist spots and further suggestions, if any required to be implemented at the Swaraj Dweep.

The officials also inspected the proposed site for parking area alongwith all stakeholders

of and reviewed the conditions

Deputy South the renovation work and issue of the repair of road Andaman also visited the make the market operational near jetty area. The Deputy Primary Health Centre (Health and Wellness Centre) and had interaction with Medical Officer along with local representatives. The team also interacted with patients and noted the grievances and assured upgradation of facilities as well as staff at the Health

# ENTERTAINMENT

# My Daughter Does not Like my Fight Scenes: Mahesh Babu

**Hyderabad:** Standing under bright fluorescent lights, trying to perfectly crack an expression for an ad commercial was actor Mahesh Babu, supremely eager in understanding the nuance of the take.

In a career spanning over two decades as an actor, Mahesh, who made his debut as a child artist back in 1979, and emerged as a 'superstar', gives all credit to his father, veteran Telugu actor Krishna.

"All credit goes to my father because he made me do films during summer vacations. I became a child star before I even knew it. In a flash, I completed around 10 to 12 films, some of which were successful. Then, one day, as suddenly, my dad told me you finish your education and then come back to do films," he said.

While talking about his iconic following, Mahesh summarised his cinepersona to the work he has done, saying he takes great pride in the style and mark he has achieved. Talking about his earlier days, Mahesh revealed he felt a huge responsibility to satisfy his father superstar Krishna's fans. Moving away from his father's shadow to make a name for himself was a big challenge.

"I was my father's son, who was a huge superstar. I had to satisfy his fans when I did my first film. For me to carry on that responsibility and to fulfil his fans is by itself an achievement," he

Surprised when asked how different acting in movies versus doing advertisement commercials as a brand ambassador, Mahesh candidly confessed that it was the first time he was asked such a question, adding, from an actor's perspective, both were different.

Excerpts from an exclusive interview.

You are a reserved private person, a family man. Do you watch your movies with your children? How do they respond seeing you dance with a heroine or fight with villains?



go out, especially my daughter. But they thoroughly enjoy my films. amazing experience. When far away from politics. you work so hard, the ultimate reward is to watch the film with your children. I am also very scared because I am very keen to know what they think of my film. So, lots of excitement and nervousness together in one day.

Your son made his debut as a child artist in Nenokkadine. Does he or your daughter aspire to be in films? Would youadvise them to be?

I don't know. My wife and I have left it to our children. They are most welcome to do what they tenth grade right now and familiar way. wants to go to the UK to study. My daughter does a lot of things, so I don't know. Movies are now a really serious profession. When I was young, it was more like a hobby. Unless my children are prepared for such hard work and commitment, I cannot really push them.

In Bharat Ane Nenu, you have played a political character. In real life you come across as apolitical. How do you prepare for such roles which are perhaps not really your type? Did you study any particular politician in preparing, for say, a role like Bharat?

I totally give credit to my director Koratala Siva because I really don't know much about politics. I like to stay away from it. I

They don't like the action like to just mind my own part. Whenever a fight business. That said, Bharat scene comes on, they just is one of my favourite characters, I thoroughly enjoyed playing the role of a chief minister. The director We watch it at home on the did all the research from first day of release. It is an which I learnt a lot. But I stay

All your roles have you play a good person in a conventional sense; you are a 'hero figure'. Will we see you experimenting anytime in future?

I tried to experiment with my roles in the past, but unfortunately they didn't fare well. Stars in south Indian films have to cater to a strong audience taste. The stakes areso high and money invested is large, so one can't really experiment much. So I figured out I have to cater to fans and audiences taste while trying to do something new. We ensure my films have the elements - action, want to. My son is in his but we have to do it in a

In a social media era, how do you avoid controversies?

(Ha ha ha) I don't have anything controversial to offer. I stay away from such issues and mind my own business. Even my friend circle is not too big. I prefer to go to work, then head home and spend time with my family. I stick to the

Everyone wants to know this secret... of your looks and fitness? You don't grow older than 32?

Don't stress much. Lead life in a simple way. Diet is very important, then your lifestyle and work follow. Most important thing is to be happy. I learned that from my father. He always has a smile on his face. I have always looked up to him. No matter what happens he just takes it with a smile on his



# Health, Science /Tech Apple Starts Legal Action

# **Against Russian Regulator** in App Store Dispute



Moscow, Dec. 6: Apple has started legal proceedings against Russia's anti-monopoly regulator in a dispute concerning alternative payment options on its App Store platform, the RIA news agency reported on Sunday citing court filings.

Russia opened an antitrust case against Apple in late October, accusing it of failing to allow app developers to tell customers about alternative payment options when using its App Store. It said Apple could face a fine based on its revenue in Russia if found guilty.

In documents published on Dec. 1, the Moscow Arbitration Court listed Apple as a claimant and Russia's Federal Anti-monopoly Service (FAS) as a defendant in "economic disputes over administrative legal relations."

Apple, which did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment, demanded that additional documents be added to the case on Dec. 2, RIA reported.

Forbes Russia cited a FAS representative as saying that the proceedings related to a warning it issued on Aug. 30 over Apple's alleged failure to inform users they could also pay for purchases outside the App Store.

The FAS did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Apple faced pushback over its App Store rules in the United States in September when a federal judge issued a ruling forcing the company to allow developers to send their users to other payment systems.

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## Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Comes to the Rescue of Craft Artists of Delhi

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Grewal added.



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## MP Demands Compensation for Farmers who have Suffered Loss due to Damage of Paddy and **Vegetable Crops**

Port Blair, Dec 6: Highlighting the problems of cultivators of paddy and vegetables, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to direct the concerned departments to assess the damage to crops in the entire North and Middle Andaman region necessary pay compensation to the farmers, who have suffered losses due to damage of crops because of heavy rain.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Member of Parliament mentioned that very recently due to low pressure formation in the South Andaman region and also because of other natural causes the North and Middle Andaman region witnessed heavy rain, which has caused large scale damage to the standing paddy crops. In many villages vegetable cultivators have also suffered heavy loss due to heavy rainfall, he added.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that in Andaman and Nicobar Islands most of the farmers are completely dependent on paddy cultivation for their need of rice for the entire year while some portion of the rice is also sold in local markets.

He informed the Hon'ble Lt. Governor that because of the heavy rain now many cultivators of paddy and vegetables, who have invested heavily for seeds, fertilizers and insecticides have lost source of income for the coming months due to damage to their standing crops.

## **Pradesh Congress Members Perform Last Rites of Diglipur Resident**

Port Blair, Dec. 6: The Pradesh Congress committee A&N Islands under the leadership of Shri.Rangalal Halder, President, PCC and Shri. G Bhasker Chairman, Campaign Committee performed the final rites of a patient who belongs to Sita Nagar Diglipur. There was no one to perform his funeral ceremony.

Realizing the seriousness problem,

Shri.Rangalal Halder reached G.B Pant hospital and received the dead body at 10.00 AM along with his team members namely Shri. M.A. Sajid (State President NSUI), Shri.Saji Verghese, Shri.Amir Bux, Shri. Ibrahim Baba, Shri. Abdul Shabir (Congress Leaders), Shri. Anick Das and Shri. Zubair Ali (State General Secretary of NSUI) and brought it to

the Shamshan Ghar at Junglighat where the funeral ceremony was done around

This act by Congress Party has shown us the spirit of humanity is still alive in the Islands. Shri.Rangalal Halder said entire Congress Party is always ready to help islanders no matter what the situation remains.

## Vehicle Ferry Services between Uttara and Gandhighat to be Affected

Port Blair, Dec. 6: In order to carry out preventive routine maintenance work on board vehicle ferry vessel MVF Kadamtala operating between Uttara and Gandhighat will be withdrawn from services for 02 days w.e.f. 05.12.2021 1400 Hrs. Due to

above withdrawal, there would be only vehicle ferry vessel MV Austin -III to cater the services between Uttara and Gandhighat during the above period. To clear the rush, the available vehicle ferry shall shuttle/ operate

continuously in the above route during the above period, without maintaining the fixed scheduled time.

All out efforts are being made to restore the operations of Kadamtala as early as possible.

## Vehicle Drivers Asked to Carry **Original Document**

Port Blair, Dec 6: General documents will attract with both and suspension of public has been advised to penalty as per M.V (A) carry the DL & other Act, 2019. requisite documents of RC, road tax, insurance etc. and additional documents of permit, fitness etc. for commercial vehicles either in original or in DigiLocker/ mParivahan app. Driving vehicles without valid

Drunken driving is not only dangerous for life but also attracts punishments as per M.V (A) Act, 2019 i.e imprisonment upto 06 months or with fine upto Ten thousand rupees or

DL for a period not less than 03 months. During the year 2021, till 03/12/2021, total 1829 drivers/riders have been prosecuted for driving under the influence of alcohol by A & N Traffic

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## ZSI to Conduct Workshop on **Coastal and Marine Biodiversity** of Island Ecosystems

Total of 21 participants enrolled to attend the two day workshop during 7th -8th December 2021, under the Training of Personnel of Other Services from A & N Police (Police Training School, Marine Police Force & Anti-Corruption Unit); Central Bureau of Investigation, INS Utkrosh, Indian Navy; Central Industrial Security Force; Indian Coast Guard; Directorate of Fisheries; Directorate of Agriculture; The District & Sessions Court, Directorate of Animal Husbandry and

Veterinary Services.

Total of 34 participants enrolled to attend the two day workshop during 9th - 10th December 2021, under the Training of other Stakeholders from St. Mary's School, Bathu Basti Mohanpura; Government Model Senior Secondary School; Kamaraj English Medium School; Nirmala Senior Secondary School; Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya; Sagritara School; Tagore Government College of Education; Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2; Carmel Senior Secondary School; Andaman and Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences; Andaman Law College; Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology; Jawaharlal Nehra Rajkeeya Mahaviyalaya;

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Total of nine different talk on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity will be delivered by expert from Island Ecosystems for the each workshop such as Faunal diversity with special reference to avifauna of Andaman & Nicobar archipelago; Overview of Floral Diversity of A & N Islands; Conservation of biodiversity of A & N Islands and its challenges; Marine Faunal Diversity of Lakshadweep Islands; Marine faunal diversity of Andaman & Nicobar Islands: Human-animal interactions with special reference to management of Crocodiles in Island ecosystem; Mangrove ecosystem of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; Biogeography of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; Population ecology of island ecosystem with special reference to Endemic and Endangered animals. This is training workshop will provide an unique opportunity to expose and learn about the marine faunal wealth of the island ecosystems and importance.

Shri. P. Subramanyam, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Department of Environment and Forests, A & N Islands; Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata will inaugurate the workshop on 7th December 2021.

## **Bharat Seema to Sail for** Diglipur

Port Blair, Dec 6: The Directorate of Shipping Services in consultation the District Administration has scheduled the sailing programme of the vessel MV Bharat Seema for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 09.12.2021 at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and

will sail back to Port Blair on 10.12.2021 at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder.

Passenger tickets will be issued on 07.12.2021 from 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at STARS Ticketing Counter, Phoenix Bay, Port Blair by following latest COVID 19 SOP in effect.



# **SPORTS**

# India Beats New Zealand by 372 Runs in Second Test, Win Series 1-0

Mumbai, Dec 6: India carried out a decimation of New Zealand, winning the second Test by a record-breaking 372run margin to clinch the two-Test series 1-0 with comebackman Jayant Yadav cleaning up the visiting team's lower half on the fourth morning here on Monday.

At exactly 10.13 am, 43 minutes to the start of the day, Ravichandran Ashwin (4/34) benefitted from a reflex stumping by Wriddhiman Saha and also completed his 300th wicket on Indian soil to finish the proceedings in a jiffy as New Zealand were all out for 167 in 56.3 overs

Themargin of victory is India's highest ever on home soil.

For a team that had fought tooth and nail in Kanpur, the extra bounce and turn did pose familiar problems for the Kiwis in a match they will try to remember for Ajaz Patel's 10wicket heroics.

"I think it was good to finish the series as winners, cameclose in Kanpur, not able to get that last wicket, had to work hard here. This result seems onesided, but right through the series, we were made to work hard," India coach Rahul Dravid said after the demolition

"There have been phases where we were behind and had to fight back, credit to the team. Great to see the boys stepping up and taking their opportunities," he added.

Funnily, Patel bowled 73.5 overs across two innings for New Zealand and his team, in total, batted 84.4 overs which signify would abject capitulation.

Apart from this, there was nothing much to write home about in an insipid performance from a usually gutsy side.

Starting the day at 140 for five, the victory target of 540 was simply out of reach for the Black Caps but Jayant, who had not looked in good rhythm on the third evening, suddenly found his mojo with a career-best spell of 14-4-49-4 having last played a Test match in 2017.

"In the morning, the moisture in the wicket helped. You could



see the difference between last evening and this morning, it was getting much more bite," Yadav said explaining his performance.

"It was just important to get the ball in the right areas," he added.

The win in which India ticked almost all the boxes save their middle-order woes will give skipper Virat Kohli lot of confidence going into the away series against South Africa starting in three weeks' time.

It was Yadav's first five-wicket haul in a Test and considering that he hasn't had a great run in first-class cricket, plagued by injuries and poor form, head coach Rahul Dravid's confidence in his abilities certainly bore fruit.

He didn't turn the ball a lot but bowling from Tata End, he used the rough to good effect as he pitched it on the cracks and got extra bounce bringing both inside and outside edges into the equation.

Rachin Ravindra edged one to second slip after he was drawn forward by the flight while Kyle Jamies on tried to play an offbreak on the back-foot to be plumb in-front. It was a delivery for which he should have used his giant stride to smother the

Tim Southee went for a slogger's hoick to be bowled and

Kanpur Test's hero Will Somerville gave a simple bat pad catch at forward short-leg.

While the series will definitely be a confidence booster but at the same time, everyone knows what awaits in South Africa and the most pressing issue will be the lack of form of three key batters in skipper Kohli, his vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane and No.3 Cheteshwar Pujara.

On current form, all three can't be accommodated in the playing eleven and with Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill showing good form and Hanuma Vihari, with some useful knocks, waiting in the wings, there are some tough selection calls to be taken.

Another concern is veteran pacer Ishant Sharma, who no longer fits in the four-pronged pace attack with Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Siraj way ahead of him.

Kohli would expect that Ravindra Jadeja's forearm injury isn't very serious as he would again be the sole spinner at least in Johannesburg and Centurion if not Cape Town where they might use

Ashwin bowled well but he might again have to sit out in overseas conditions.

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Coast Guard RHQ: 232681 Coastal Security 1093 State Control Room: 1077, 238880 **PBMC Control Room:** 245798 Kisan Call Centre: 1551 245229. Wildlife Control Room:: 200661, 200754

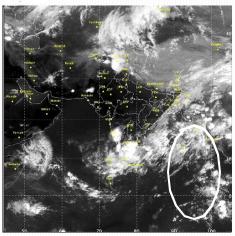
#### **Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs)**

State Control Room: 03192- 238880

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**District Control Room:** 03192-238881 03193-264020 EOC (Campbell Bay): EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222 EOC (N&M): 03192-262960 EOC (Hut Bay): 03192-284014

# Weather



Max. Temp: 29.7 °C Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 61% 1730 Hrs: 66% Sunrise: 0527 Hrs. Sunset: 1655 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 w eather most likely. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 07/12/2021

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