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Jarawa Facts

The 950 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

What is a Coral?

Corals are tiny animals that have an outer stony skeleton and live in colonies in the sea. They belong to the same animals group as the sea anemones, and jelly fish. Each coral animal is called a polyp and lives inside a cup of carbonate (Limestone). It has a mouth at the top surrounded by tentacles. The tentacles help to capture food like plankton for the coral. While it is alive, a coral polyp's tentacles protrude from the cups for feeding. In times of danger, the polyp can withdraw into its cup. This is similar to a turtle withdrawing into its shell when disturbed. A coral polyp cannot move and remains fixed to its cup throughout its life. Coral polyps can be of several species - in A&N alone, 135 species are found.

Coral Colonies : Many thousands of coral polyps are connected together to form a coral colony. These colonies are of many shapes and colours. On a visit to a nearby coral reef, you can discover the kinds of coral in your area.

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

People's Voice

Sawal ye hai ki Government Schools mein kya paisa nahi hai Pen, Pencil, Geometry Box khareedne ke liye ?

- A Citizen



We lost our jobs... so we joined as your party cadre!

Member of Parliament Demands to Conduct Fresh BPL Survey in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 12: The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to conduct a fresh BPL survey in Andaman & Nicobar Islands so that the maximum number of deserving people can get benefits of various schemes made for BPL people by the Government.

The Member of Parliament informed the Hon'ble Lt. Governor that no fresh BPL Survey has been carried out in the Islands for a long time because of which many deserving and genuine beneficiaries are at total loss.

He pointed out that for getting subsidized ration and also for getting Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance

Card, BPL cards are still required and hence many beneficiaries are unable to take advantage of schemes of the Government of India.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that in far flung Islands there are thousands of people who are facing extreme financial hardship and if a proper re-survey is carried out, many of these

Islanders will be able to get a BPL card and subsequently they will be able to get benefits under schemes of the Government of India.

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CPI(M) Demands Stopping Admission Process of Engineering Courses in DBRAIT till Pending Case Concludes

Port Blair, Dec. 12: The CPI (M) has demanded to stop the process of admission in the Engineering courses in DBRAIT, Port Blair till the pending court cases on the affiliation issues are concluded. In a letter sent to the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri D. Ayyappan, State Secretary, CPI (M) brought to the notice of the Lt. Governor that the authorities in the Administration have invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to

B.Tech courses in the DBRAIT, Port Blair. He referred to the news item published in The Daily Telegrams dated 2nd December, 2022 inviting online applications for various Branches of B.Tech in the DBRAIT. Shri Ayyappan drew the attention of the Lt. Governor to the agitations resorted to by the B.Tech students of DBRAIT during the last few months, which created unrest among the people in general and student community and

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KVK Port Blair Organises 'Kisan Mela' Under Jal Shakti Abhiyan

Port Blair, Dec. 12: The ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair organized "Kisan Mela" under Jal Shakti Abhiyan at its campus on 09.12.2022. The mela was conducted with the theme "Catch the rain: where it falls, when it falls" to raise awareness of the importance of water conservation for Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Shri H. Manoj, General Manager, NABARD, Port Blair



graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He discussed about the new technologies involved in conservation of water resources and stressed the farming communities to utilize the harvested rain water judiciously.

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Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Reaches Out to the Needs of Students of GSS Jirkatang

Port Blair, Dec. 12: Team Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi is reaching out to schools of rural area and trying to fulfil basic requirements of the students of every school.

Upon the invitation of Smt Fathima Bibi, School Incharge, GSS Jirkatang Team PBGKR reached the school and was briefed about the situation and what the students needed.

A list of items such as Steel Water Bottle (1000ml), Note Books 200 Nos, Drawing Book - 12, Colouring Book - 10, Crayons - 10 Pkts, Poster Colour - 05 Boxes, Scrapbook -



20, Blue Ball Point Pen- 100, Pencil - 02 Pkts, Geometry Box - 15 and Toys for Pre Nursery Schools were handed over to the team. The items were all procured by PBGKR and were later handed over to the team to the students in need.

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Accessible India Campaign: People asked to join hand in Jan- Bhagidari and bring Sugamyata in all walks of life

Port Blair, Dec. 12: The Accessible India Campaign (AIC) or Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan was launched for creating universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The App has been developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. It is a crowd sourcing Mobile Application to enable people with disabilities and even the elderly to register accessibility-related problems. The aim of the app is to sensitize and enhance accessibility in the 3 pillars of the Accessible India Campaign which includes the built environment, transportation sector and ICT ecosystem in India.

The vision and concept for this mobile app is based on the principle of Jan- Bhagidari in the field of accessibility, so that anyone anytime, anywhere, including its key beneficiaries i.e. the Divyangjan, elderly persons, pregnant women, children and temporarily disabled persons owing to illness, surgery etc.

This app is an endeavour and a stepping stone towards achieving universal accessibility and facilitating barriers free environment under the Right of Persons with Disability Act 2016. The Sugamya Bharat App is envisaged not only as a tool to help improve accessibility of the

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PS Ograbraj Seizes 225 Gms of Illicit Ganja, Arrests Four Accused

Port Blair, Dec. 12: The team of Police Station Ograbraj has busted a Narcotics trafficking module in the area and in raids spanning 2 days and booked four persons under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 with a recovery of 225 grams of illicit Ganja.

On 08/12/2022, acting upon a credible information a team comprising of SI T Dilla Rao, SHO, PS Ograbraj, SI Tejeswar Rao, HCs Ashok Roy, R.K. Rathore, PCs Molina, Vishal Kumar, Firoz was constituted under the supervision of Sh. Arshdeep Singh Panwar, SDPO Bambooflat, conducted a two-day long operation leading to arrests of Rakesh Mondal S/o Shri. Motilal Mondal (38) yrs, Pvt. Worker R/o Tsunami Shelter, Chouldari, Mohd. Miraj Ansari S/o Mohd. Kalimuddin Ansari R/o Tushnabad, Akash Biswas S/o Shri. Raju Biswas, R/o Haddo, Ward No. 01 and S.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Cycles of Crises

When Pedro Castillo was elected the President of Peru last year, he promised voters a new social contract. With four Presidents in the past five years, there were widespread corruption allegations and growing anger in the country against the ruling elites with unemployment and poverty rising. Mr. Castillo, a former schoolteacher lacking administrative experience, vowed to fix the chronic economic problems and fight corruption. But in less than two years, the socialist met with the same fate as his immediate predecessors — impeachment by Congress. Rather than his ouster — a President being impeached is not new in Peru — what shook the nation were the developments leading to his impeachment. Just after he took over, clashes erupted between him and Congress. He also faced allegations of corruption and running a criminal organisation that profited off government contracts. While he rejected these allegations, by saying old political elites wanted to take back power, his inability to mobilise public and institutional support only emboldened his rivals. Lawmakers tried to impeach him twice invoking a clause in the Constitution that allows the sacking of Presidents “for permanent moral incapacity”, but failed to garner enough votes. The crisis came to a tipping point last month when Mr. Castillo threatened to dissolve Congress.

In 1992, President Alberto Fujimori (currently in jail), shut down Peru’s Congress, suspended its Constitution and went on to rule as a dictator until 2000. Mr. Castillo announced the dissolution of Congress on December 7, a few hours ahead of a scheduled impeachment vote. He wanted to convene a new Congress and rewrite the Constitution. But unlike the Fujimori plan, Mr. Castillo’s collapsed as the military, the police and even aides came out against him. Congress impeached him with 101 to six votes (with 10 abstentions), and Vice-President Dina Boluarte took charge as the new President. While Peruvians avoided a major constitutional crisis by defeating Mr. Castillo’s power grab plan, the whole incident should serve as a reminder of the challenges the young democracy faces. Congressional powers could be critical in preventing the rise of another Fujimori, but the constant clashes between the executive and the legislature and the back-to-back impeachment of elected Presidents are not signs of a healthy democracy. In the current political climate and context, it is nearly impossible for any elected President or legislature to have a reform agenda without triggering power clashes. And without reforms, one of the most unequal societies in South America would only get trapped in cycles of economic and political crises.

BOB’S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Passion Hits a Crescendo..!

Last evening was when passion hit a crescendo, when I saw incredible talent win over age!

To conduct a choir at the age of ninety, and to bring a perfect rendition of a Capella singing, is nothing short of an unimaginable miracle! Conducting is no mean task, and pulls out from the maestro, every ounce of not just his or her energy, but their skill and musical dexterity! For those who mistakenly think it’s just about waving a baton to and fro, while choir and musicians play on merrily, they are far mistaken.

Conducting requires a ear tuned to every voice in the choir, even as another part of same ear hearkens to harmony produced. Conducting requires the softening of that loud singer, whose spouse in the audience delights only in hearing her loved one’s voice, but an understanding conductor, like a gentle shepherd nudges him or her back to their vocal team.

I watched her do all this and more, so that later when in hushed tones, the musically inclined in the audience and other choral singers nodded and whispered, she hadn’t lost her form, I looked askance and wondered why ever would she need to? When one invests one’s whole life into one’s passion, when every sound, garish or in harmony forms a musical chord or discord, when one lives and breathes, and dreams only music, however can it ever take backstage, at whatever age one is?

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Yesterday, the pieces were simple, not the Bach and Mozart of yesteryears. But it is in the simple that one can bring out the magnificent. It is in simple tunes made profound, one shows one’s talent, just as the best chef in a five star is one who can take a plain egg and make the most delicious meal of it.

She did just that!

The other choirs came with piano and drum set, saxophone and violin, she walked on stage with none, but just a tune in her head, which through flawless movement of her still elegant hands she transferred into song to the Paranjoti Academy Chorus she’s conducted and has been conducting for the past fifty five years!

The other choirs left with drum sets and saxophones, the audience returned home humming the saxophoneless, violinless, pianoless exquisite pieces she had regaled them with!

A lesson I learnt as I saw Coomi Wadia, getting the best out of us, even as with baited breath we hoped age would not make her falter, was that time spent in investing ourselves passionately into what we love, makes what we love our support and fortifies us in our twilight years.

The audience roared, even as she walked offstage with a silent hurrah in her slow, silent, gait.

We knew she was ninety, those who’d just felt her music, didn’t..!

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KVK Port Blair Organises ‘Kisan Mela’ Under Jal Shakti Abhiyan

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Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya, Director (I/c), ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair interacted with the farmers and discussed about the need of water for sustainability of human civilization and the age-old practices involved in conservation and utilization of it. Dr. T. P. Swarnam, Principal Scientist discussed about the need and ways of water conservation for Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Dr. T. Subramani, Senior Scientist and Dr. Sirisha Adamala, Scientist demonstrated the manual paddle pump, which is suitable for low depth water lifting and conveyance at the farmers’ field.

Dr. N. Bommayasamy, Dr. Thanmai Paul and Dr. Nitu Sindhu coordinated the field visit to the instructional farm of KVK.

Dr. B. K. Nanda, S.M.S. (Agri. Engg.), coordinated the overall activities of the Kisan mela and demonstrated the water harvesting through lined pond and micro-irrigation installed at the instructional farm of KVK.

School students of various schools participated in the drawing and model making competition and farmers participated in the debate competition organized on the occasion. In the debate category for farmers, Ms. Smita Sahu, Smt. Joyshtna

Das and Ms Raj Kumari bagged first, second and third positions whereas for students in drawing competitions, Silpi Sil of G.S.S.S., Manglutan, Saritha of G.S.S.S., Port Mout and Jeet Munda of G.M.S., Humfrygunj secured first, second and third positions.

In model making competitions, G.S.S.S., Port Mout bagged first positions, G.S.S.S., Manglutan secured second position and G.S.S.S., Garacharma and Invent Public School, Sippighat jointly owned third prize whereas Don Bosco S.S.S., Chouldari and G.M.S., Humfrygunj bagged consolation prize. A total of 120 nos. of participants attended the program.

ENTERTAINMENT

What to Watch on OTTs for the Week Ending December 16

December 12: James Cameron's magnum opus 'Avtaar 2' is scheduled to hit the big screens this week. However, the OTT subscribers need not feel left out as a lot of content is ready to be streamed across platforms. Right from Nollywood to Turkish rom-com, streamers are ready with a slew of interesting offerings. Besides, quite a few old movies which are liked a lot by the audiences too will make it to the platforms.

It's almost Christmas time but it's time for one of the darkest shows to be released as well. 'Beast of Bangalore: Indian Predator' will stream from December 16. It's a tale of a vicious predator's brutal and murderous pursuit of women.

Another thriller by Alexi Hawley is 'The Recruit' featuring Noah Centineo and Laura Haddock. According to Netflix's description, it is the story of a rookie lawyer at the CIA who stumbles into the dangerous world of international espionage.

Naga Chaitanya and Kriti Sanon's seven-year-old movie, 'Dohchay', will start streaming on Netflix this Friday.

Besides, we will have a Polish drama that has been described as steamy and intimate on the streaming platform. 'Glitter' is about three women's journey to find independence, financial



freedom, and love. The show starts on December 14. On the same day, Wednesday, a docuseries 'Don't Pick Up The Phone,' about the strip search phone scam calls that happened across the US in the early 2000s will also drop in. A special holiday-themed episode of 'Murderville' is also releasing. On December 15, holiday-themed 'Who Killed Santa?' will start streaming. Similarly, 'A Storm For Christmas' telling us a story of a bunch of people stuck at an airport on festival eve comes this Friday. It's a limited series.

Malayalam movie 'Ariyippu', which was a part of the 75th Locarno Film Festival will also be released this Friday. The critically acclaimed movie has been written and directed by Mahesh Narayanan. It has Kunchacko Boban and Divya Prabha in the lead.

On choc-a-bloc Friday, we will have Netflix's first Nigerian young adult TV series, 'Far From Home'. It has been created by Chinaza Onuzo and Dami Elebe. The series is very loosely inspired by Chinaza's time in boarding school. Telugu movie 'O Pitta Katha' which was initially released two years ago will also start streaming on December 16.

A Turkish rom-com 'Private Lesson' is the streamer's next offering. It has been directed by Kivanc Baruu and features Bensu Soral and Halit Ozgur San.

Critically acclaimed Mexican filmmaker Alejandro Iñárritu's recently released 'Bardo' makes its way to the platform. Alejandro is a four-time Academy winner. 'Bardo: False Chronicle of a Handful of Truths' is the story of a Mexican journalist living in America who is forced to go back to Mexico.

Drishyam 2 Box Office Collection: Ajay Devgn Thriller Enters Rs 200 cr Club After Minting Rs 203.58 cr, Becomes 3rd Hindi Film to do so After The Kashmir Files and Brahmastra

December 12: Actor Ajay Devgn and Tabu led thriller Drishyam 2 has minted over Rs 200 cr at the domestic box office, becoming only the third Hindi film this year to achieve the figure after Brahmastra and The Kashmir Files.

The thriller, which released on November 18, had a solid, comfortable run at the box office despite two other Bollywood outings, Varun Dhawan-led creature comedy Bhediya and Ayushmann Khurrana starrer An Action Hero.

The thriller collected Rs 4.67 crore on its fourth Saturday, thereby collecting an impressive Rs 203.58

crore at the ticket counters. Drishyam 2 featured Ajay Devgn, Shriya Saran, Ishita Dutta, Mrunal Jadhav, Rajat Kapoor and Tabu, reprising their roles from the first part of the thriller. The new addition in the film is actor Akshaye Khanna, who plays a cop.

The film is a remake of the acclaimed Malayalam film of the same name starring Mohanlal. In an interview with indianexpress.com, the director had shared that a lazy remake, which just relies on the original "frame to frame", will not



work at the box office." If you want to make that (same) film, just take the rights, dub it and release it. Don't do frame to frame, because then what are you adding to it as a director? Don't think like a remake, just take it as a screenplay, forget a film and just make yours. I have seen a lot of times people end up making frame to frame remakes," he had said.

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Health, Science /Tech

High Prevalence of Medical Conditions in TS: Survey

December 12: **HYDERABAD:**

A countrywide survey that also covered Telangana has found a very



high prevalence of severe medical conditions this year, compared to 2021. The survey results also indicated that such conditions were more prevalent in people who had not taken the Covid-19 vaccine.

As part of the survey, over 32,000 responses were recorded from citizens in 357 districts. In Telangana, 49 per cent of the 2,201 respondents said someone in their family or close network had experienced severe medical conditions such as heart attack, brain stroke, blood clots, neurological complications or cancer acceleration in the past two years.

Nationally, the percentage of respondents who knew someone from their family or close network who had experienced such conditions was 51 per cent, showing a very steep rise from the figure of 31 per cent recorded in 2021.

While four per cent of respondents in the state said they knew five to 10 such affected individuals, 19 per cent knew two to four persons and 26 per cent knew of a single person. Only about 57 per cent of those who had suffered some condition had taken two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, while 14 per cent had taken a single dose and 10 per cent had not taken any dose, indicating that those not vaccinated were more at risk from such conditions.

Respondents were also asked about how many times the affected persons were infected by Covid. A total of 25 per cent of people said they got infected in the third wave, 21 per cent in the second wave and 17 per cent in the first. While 13 per cent got infected multiple times, 19 per cent of them did not get infected even once.

As per a report based on the survey results, a majority of those infected from Covid reported a mildly symptomatic illness. However, mildly symptomatic illness does not necessarily translate to no impact on health in the medium to long term.

The survey was conducted by the online platform LocalCircles. About 67 per cent respondents were men while 33 per cent were women. About 47 per cent respondents were from Tier 1 cities, 33 per cent from Tier 2 and 20 per cent respondents were from Tier 3 and 4 cities and from rural districts.

Question to respondents: How many individuals in your family or close network do you know who have experienced severe medical complications in the past two years?

Country's Unity Above Win or Loss in Elections: Cong Leader Salman Khurshid

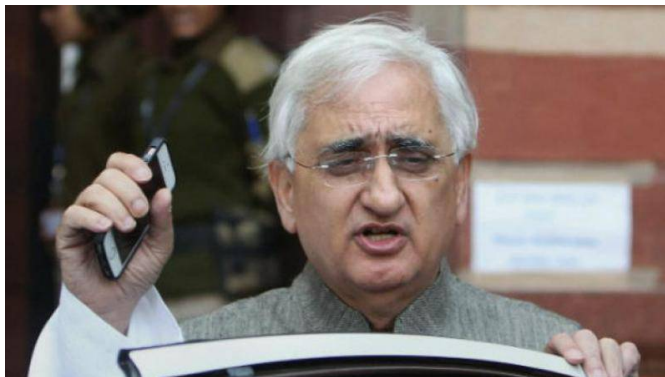
December 12: Bareilly (UP): Senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid has said winning or losing elections is not important but what is important is the unity of the country.

On his party's defeat in the just concluded Gujarat assembly elections, he said the Congress' vote went to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and termed it a matter of concern.

Khurshid, who arrived here on Saturday to flag off the regional 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', attacked the Modi government and said the need for this yatra has arisen because the country is getting divided and the distance between people is increasing.

"It is more important to unite the country. It is not necessary whether you win or lose the election," he told reporters.

On the defeat in Gujarat, Khurshid said, "Our vote got transferred to AAP, so losing is not a matter of concern, what is the matter



of concern is to find out how our vote went to Kejriwal?"

Warning the BJP of any misadventure — hinting at horse trading — in Himachal Pradesh, the Congress leader said if the saffron party thinks of any such thing, then it will only "blacken its face".

Khurshid said the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is meant to unite the country.

"In the last 10 years, distance has come between people. That's why uniting the country is more important than winning or losing elections," he said.

Khurshid also targeted Union Minister Jyotiraditya

Scindia over his remarks that the Congress has lost its existence.

"Only those who do not know about Indian geography can say this. Even today there is no BJP in many provinces of the country," he said.

"The importance that Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia had in Congress, he no longer has in BJP," he added.

On India assuming the presidency of G-20, Khurshid said, "The chance to chair the G-20 comes on a rotation basis."

CPI(M) Demands Stopping Admission Process of Engineering Courses in DBRAIT till Pending Case Concludes

Continued from Page 1 parents in particular over the fate of the students who were admitted to various B. Tech branches in the DBRAIT from 2019 onwards. He said that the University refused to give affiliation to the Engineering courses of DBRAIT from 2019 onwards citing various deficiencies in the functioning of the DBRAIT. It was reportedly on the orders of the Hon'ble High Court that the provisional admission was given to B.Tech streams for the last 3 years. CPI (M) Secretary said that since the matter is pending before the Court, admitting students again to the courses which had no affiliation from the Pondicherry University will precipitate the matter further.

CPI (M) informed the Lt. Governor that in the absence of affiliation/approval from the Pondicherry University, it is illegal and unjustified to admit students to B.Tech courses in DBRAIT. It is surprising to note that as done earlier, this year also, no mention has been made in the advertisement while inviting online applications about the pending court cases relating to the affiliation of the Engineering courses with the University. This will also lead to further unrest among the students and agitation by students and parents besides causing court cases. Hence, Shri Ayyappan requested the Lt. Governor to look into this matter and direct the authorities concerned to stop the process of admission in the Engineering courses in DBRAIT till the pending court cases on the affiliation issues are concluded.

Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Reaches Out to the Needs of Students of GSS Jirkatang

Continued from Page 1 Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR on the occasion encouraged the

students to study and get into sports as well and assured his support to them.

Accessible India Campaign: People asked to join hand in Jan-Bhagidari and bring Sugamyata in all walks of life

Continued from Page 1 public infrastructure and services across India but also to act as a nudge campaign to sensitize people about the importance of Sugamyata in all walks of life.

Citizens have been requested to download the App from Google Play store and join hand in Jan-Bhagidari and bring Sugamyata in all walks of life.

PS Ograbraj Seizes 225 Gms of Illicit Ganja, Arrests Four Accused

Continued from Page 1 Poowathi Raja, S/o Shri. Subbaiah R/o Haddo, Sunder Colony, who all were involved in trafficking of Ganja in various parts of South Andaman district. A total of 225 grams of Ganja were recovered in the operation. Further

investigation of the case is in progress.

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

IGNOU Re-Registration for January 2023 Session

Port Blair, Dec. 12: The online Re-registration in IGNOU for January 2023 session has started on the Samarth portal. All the learners, who are desirous to register for January 2023 cycle are advised to submit re-registration form through online on or before last date i.e. 31st December

2022. All the learners of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th semester are advised to make semester fees through online: <https://onlinerr.ignou.ac.in/>.

For more details, learners may contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair over Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111 or Email: rcportblair@ignou.ac.in.

Bhupendra Patel to Take Oath as Gujarat CM; PM Modi to Attend

December 12: Gandhinagar: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Bhupendra Patel will take oath as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a second straight term in Gandhinagar on Monday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and other dignitaries.

Patel will be administered the oath as the 18th chief minister by Governor Acharya Devvrat at a function to be held at the Helipad Ground near the new Secretariat at 2 PM.

Besides the prime minister and Shah, chief ministers of other BJP-ruled states are set to attend the ceremony, BJP leaders said.

Along with Patel, some new ministers are also expected to take the oath.

In the just-concluded Gujarat Assembly elections, counting for which was held on December 8, the BJP won a seventh straight term by winning record 156 seats in the 182-member House. The



Congress won 17 constituencies and AAP 5.

Patel, 60, resigned as chief minister along with his entire cabinet on Friday to pave the way for the formation of a new government following the election results.

He was elected as the leader of the BJP legislative party on Saturday, following which he met the governor and staked the claim to form the next government.

Patel won the Ghatlodia seat with the highest margin of 1.92 lakh votes in the elections.

A low-profile BJP leader and the first from the Kadva

Patidar sub-group to become CM, Patel replaced Vijay Rupani in September 2021.

Hectic consultations are going on in BJP for picking ministerial candidates against the backdrop of the historic mandate given the party will have to walk the tightrope of balancing caste and regional representations, sources said.

MLAs Kanu Desai, Raghavji Patel, Rushikesh Patel, Harsh Sanghavi, Shankar Chaudhary, Purnesh Modi, Manisha Vakil, Ramanlal Vora and Raman Patkar are among those expected to be inducted in the ministry, they added.

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India Needs Sustainable Development, not Shortcut Politics, Says Modi

December 12: Mumbai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused some political parties of trying to destroy the country's economy, calling them "the biggest enemies of the country". They are looting the hard-earned taxpayers' money and such "shortcut politics" is not going to work in India, he said, while urging people to expose such parties. "Country's development cannot take place through shortcut politics," Mr Modi said on Sunday.

"Some political parties are trying to destroy the country's economy and people should expose such politicians and parties. My appeal to all political leaders is to focus on sustainable development instead of shortcut politics. You can win elections with sustainable development," he added.

The PM made the statement while addressing a gathering in Nagpur after launching and inaugurating projects worth Rs.75,000 crores. He also flagged off the first phase of the Nagpur Metro rail project and travelled in the train with students. He said the 11 projects he dedicated to the state were part of holistic development.

"The projects inaugurated today will give a new direction to development in Maharashtra. These projects give a holistic vision of infrastructure in the state. It is proof of how fast the double engine government in



Maharashtra and at the Centre is working," Mr Modi said in his speech.

Targeting Opposition parties, Mr Modi said, "I want to warn you against shortcut politics. Those political leaders adopting shortcuts are the biggest enemies of the country. Those who aim to gain power by making false promises can't make a government. I urge them to understand the importance of development."

"Youngsters and taxpayers of the country should expose selfish political parties that go by the policy of 'aamdani athanni, kharcha rupaiya' (earning less, spending more)," he said, adding that there are many countries of the world where entire economies collapsed due to such bad policymaking.

"A developed India can become a reality through united strength, progress and development of all states. When we have a narrow approach towards development, opportunities are also limited," the PM said. Mr Modi also inaugurated the first phase of the Nagpur-Mumbai "Samruddhi Expressway".

The first phase connects Nagpur to the popular

temple town of Shirdi in Ahmednagar district, covering a distance of 520 km. Apart from this, he also laid the foundation stone for Phase-II of the Nagpur Metro project.

The PM's "shortcut politics" statement was considered a veiled attack on Shiv Sena (UBT), which had earlier opposed the Samruddhi Expressway project in Maharashtra. The Sena has also been opposing the oil refinery project in the Konkan region.

Terming the statement as "funny", Shiv Sena (UBT) spokesperson Priyanka Chaturvedi said, "Short-term politics is undermining the Constitution, the federal structure of the country, democracy and agencies to form an illegal and unconstitutional government."

Referring to the formation of the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government after a split in the Uddhav Thackeray-led outfit, she said, "You (the BJP) could have waited for five years for elections and then got your majority. But what you have done is a result of short-term gains, short-term politics and short-sightedness that damages constitutional morality."



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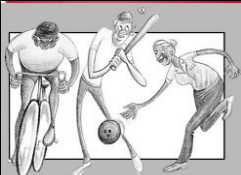
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Heavy Rains Expected

Port Blair, Dec. 12: As per Indian Meteorological Department's weather forecast, heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Nicobar Islands on Dec. 15. For further enquiries / information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any assistance, call Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554.

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SPORTS

Josh Hazlewood Ruled Out of First South Africa Test

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Australia's Josh Hazlewood, centre, is congratulated by teammate David Warner after



taking the wicket of West Indies' Tegenarine Chanderpaul during play on the third day of the first cricket test between Australia and the West Indies in Perth, Australia. (AP)

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Pat Cummins (capt), Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Marcus Harris, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Lance Morris, Michael Neser, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, David Warner

One of Most Entertaining Games we Have Been Part of: Mandhana

December 12: Star batter Smriti Mandhana, the architect of India's win against Australia in the second women's T20 on Sunday, described the game as one of the most entertaining matches she has been part of.

India won the match via Super Over after the scores were tied at 187 to level the five-match series 1-1.

"Happy to see such wickets prepared for women's cricket, you'll get high scores, high run chases. I think this is one of the most entertaining games we've all been a part of," Mandhana said at the post-match presentation. "When they were

batting, I realised it was an amazing wicket, I had my eyes on a big score. Didn't want to make the same mistake as the last innings," said Mandhana, who was named player of the match for her 79 off 49 balls.

She said everyone in the Indian team enjoyed chasing targets but the team "also needs to work on setting totals".

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur said her players learnt a lot from the previous game which the home side lost by nine wickets.

"We backed ourselves. If someone could get a bit more, then we could have gone even 200. So that was the plan today, to back

ourselves," she said. On Richa Ghosh who made 26 not out off 13 balls, Kaur said, "I was always backing her, even when she wasn't getting runs. Today we saw what we could do with her power hitting.

"Fielding is something we need to keep working at, we gave too many runs today. Bowling was better today, because this wicket was too easy to bat on, nothing for the bowlers. Fielding is the only thing we need to improve from today." Australia captain Alyssa Healy said, "Missed a bit with the ball tonight and they cashed in. What a great advertisement for women's cricket this has been, with 40,000 people here tonight.

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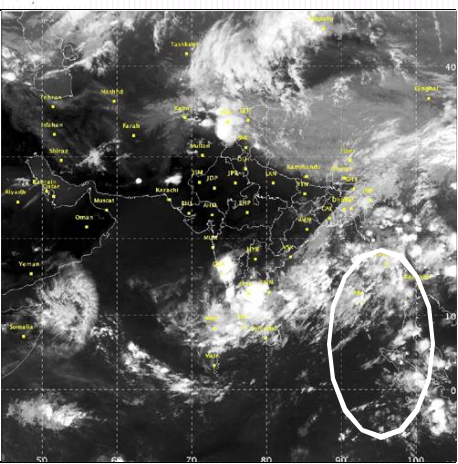
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Weather



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| Max. Temp: 30.9 °C | Min.: 24.4 °C |
| Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 81% | 1730 Hrs: 80% |
| Sunrise: 0530 Hrs. | Sunset: 1657 Hrs. |
| Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): | 000.0 mm |
| Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): | 000.0 mm |
| Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date): | 2584.8 mm |

Forecast

Dry Weather likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 13/12/2022.

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