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Jarawa Facts

The 590 odd - strong Jarawa, along with the other Andaman tribes the Sentinelese, the Onge and the Great Andamanese, were the sole inhabitants of the Andaman Islands until the British and then the Indians arrived. Their ancestors are thought to have been part of the first successful migrations out of Africa.

Your Nature Guide

The Oceanic Giant Wheel: How does the complex web of life in the sea sustain itself? Who eats what? What happens when plants and animals die?

Marine plants convert the inorganic nutrients available in the sea into organic matter and atone it. These are eaten by the vegetarian forms of life, which in turn are eaten by the carnivores. When they die, the plants and animals of the sunlight zone start sinking down towards the ocean floor. They gradually decomposed along the way. Nutrients locked away in their body tissues are released.

Some remains of dead plants and animals reach the deeper oceans and are fed on by the scavenger animals (like the deep water sharks) living there. Even wastes from animals in the surface waters provide nutrients for the animals living in the deep sea.

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

People's Voice

Suna hai Great Nicobar mein Kachwa log ko sikhaya jaa raha hai ki anda kahan par dena chahiye ... Kamaal hai Ambitious insaan log ...

- A Citizen



It will be a more happy and more prosperous new year if we get a Cabinet berth!

India and Austria to Sign Migration and Mobility Agreement, Shore Up Ties

Vienna, Jan 1: Close on the heels of similar mobility agreements with France, United Kingdom, Germany and Finland, India will sign a "Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement" (MMPA) with Austria on Monday during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Vienna.

While India has been keen to finalise these agreements with European countries as a stepping stone to resolving issues over the long-pending India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement and facilitating Indian professionals working in these

countries, the European countries also see them as a way to curb illegal immigration from India.

"This is a much-needed agreement, especially in view of the sharp increase in illegal migration. Austria was confronted with last year, including over 15,000 illegal migrants from India with practically no chance of asylum," explained Claudia Turtcher, spokesperson to Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg, when asked about the MMPA. "The agreement is now a useful tool to combat illegal migration together, as it



enables the swift return of illegal migrants."

In addition, the agreement will regulate multiple entry visas for professionals and

student exchange programmes, and will be reviewed regularly by a Joint Working Group (JWG).

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Indian Pharmacist Association Submits Memorandum of Demands Relating to the Profession to Visiting Health Minister

Port Blair, Jan 1: The National President of Indian Pharmacist Association (IPA), Shri. Abhay Kumar met the Hon'ble Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare, Government of India along with the delegation of IPA during the visit of the Minister in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

While discussing the matter related to the Pharmacy profession, the delegation handed over the two letters with the points to be taken up by the Ministry of Health &



Family Welfare. In its letter IPA requested to take up the following steps for the betterment of the Pharmacy Profession in India.

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Two More Young Chess Players Open Their International Rating

Port Blair, Jan 1: It is a Proud moment for Islanders as M A Dinakar, a student of Class VIII Kamaraj English Medium School Port Blair and Yuvan Singh, a class VII student of Carmel Sr. Sec. School Port Blair have opened their International Rating as per the latest FIDE Rating list published on 31st December 2022 by World Chess

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Route Diversion for HGVs & Busses from Dairy Farm Jn to Junglighat

Port Blair, Jan 1: It is noticed that commuters are facing hardship in moving from Dairy Farm Junction to Junglighat due to heavy traffic congestion especially by the HGVs & Buses. To ease out the traffic congestion, A & N traffic Police has decided to implement following

diversion of vehicles on Pilot basis from 03/01/2023 (Tuesday).

All HGVs & Buses intending to proceed towards Junglighat from Dairy Farm shall take the route via Vijay Baugh, J/Ghat. No HGVs & Buses will be allowed to proceed towards

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Greetings

HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2023

On the occasion of "New Year 2023", I extend my best wishes and warmest greetings to all the residents of A&N Islands.

New Year is an occasion to make a fresh beginning and renew our resolve for individual as well as collective growth. I am confident that in the upcoming year, our beautiful Islands will continue to progress on the path of peace and development, with the mutual cooperation and harmony. I hope that Islanders will continue to provide their invaluable support with determination and commitment for building #NewAndamans.

I appeal to all the Islanders to celebrate the occasion while adhering to COVID appropriate behavior.

On this occasion, I wish that the New Year brings happiness, peace and prosperity in the lives of Islanders and our Islands continue to march ahead on the path of progress.

'Happy New year to all of you'.

Admiral D K Joshi
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
Lt Governor, A&N Islands

GREETINGS

On the joyous occasion of New Year, I convey my warmest greetings and good wishes to all my respected Islanders.

Let us resolve to make it a year in which the people of the Islands in all their rich diversity unite to work towards the collective goal of inclusive development and growth.

I sincerely hope that the new year would herald extraordinary progress, abundance of peace, amity and enhance all-round development in our Islands.

I pray that peace and harmony of our 'Mini World' remain undisturbed and this New Year brings tranquillity, prosperity, excellent health and happiness in the lives of all residents of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

On this happy occasion let us collectively resolve to dedicate ourselves towards building a peaceful, prosperous and harmonious society.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma,
Member of Parliament,
A&N Islands.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

At the Precipice of Shame

December 2021 and December 2022 could not have been more contrasting for India's pharmaceutical industry. Last year, it was hailed for developing vaccines that inoculated billions against the coronavirus and underlined its moniker as the 'pharmacy of the world'. This year, two Indian drug-manufacturing firms stand accused by two countries of producing toxic cough syrup linked to the deaths of children — at least 66 in The Gambia and 18 in Uzbekistan. While The Gambia case was highlighted by the World Health Organization (WHO), the second case has been flagged by the Uzbek Health Ministry. In both cases, it is not conclusively established that consuming the syrup directly led to the deaths. What is of concern is that in both countries, batches were spiked with ethylene glycol or diethylene glycol, i.e., industrial chemicals that have no business being inside bottles of cough syrup. The Indian government adopted a truculent stance after the scandal in The Gambia. While the export licence of the Haryana-based Maiden Pharmaceuticals Ltd., which supplied the syrup to The Gambia, was revoked, Indian authorities, rather than investigating how the cough syrup was spiked, chose to question WHO's assessment that it was the cough syrup that caused the acute kidney injury linked to the deaths. The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) brazened it out with WHO in a letter suggesting that its own tests of 'control samples' of the Maiden Pharma-product showed them to be free of contaminants. It did not address how The Gambian panel's own tests found the contaminants, or how 'control samples' have nothing to do with the actual spiked samples. The DCGI, and subsequently the Health Ministry, chose to thereafter take the line that The Gambian scandal was part of a conspiracy to "malign" India's reputation as a supplier of pharmaceutical goods.

In the case of the Noida-based Marion Biotech, which made the Dok-1 Max cough syrup associated with the deaths in Uzbekistan, the Government has again revoked the export licence and, reportedly, ordered a freeze on its production facilities. Because it is early days and there is no WHO-verdict on the causes of contamination here, the Indian government has sought to adopt a wait-and-watch position. It is high time that India takes a serious look at the core issue of why batches of exported cough syrup have been found to be laced with banned chemicals rather than play victim. While mistakes happen, not taking corrective measures is what threatens India's image and undermines trust in Indian industry.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Trust and the Glass Bowl..!

A month or two ago I visited the little home in which I grew up. It was locked, but I found a window open and delicately placing my phone inside, took a picture of a shelf. The shelf was where a little glass bowl used to lie.

I don't remember ever having to ask my dad or my mother money for my daily needs. All the money that was needed for the day lay in a small glass bowl. I can still see that bowl in my mind's eye: It was made of delicate glass and had a simple painted design on it. Inside was the money which dad or mom put in every morning. It met all the requirements for the day. It looked after bus fares, the loaf of bread for the evening, vegetables for the night's dinner and all the other things needed to run the house.

What was beautiful about the glass bowl was there was no accounting needed to be given for the money spent from it. Never did my dad call me and ask, "Bob what happened to the tenner I put in this morning?" or "How did the money get over so quickly?" Nor do I remember spending anything unnecessarily from that bowl. Both my brother and I had quite a sweet tooth, but not a pie from that bowl went on sweets or chewing gum. There was the kite season and the top season and the season to play marbles, which ran alongside the cricket and the hockey and the football season but not once ever did we buy kites of marbles or even a top from the money in the glass bowl.

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The glass bowl in our house was the symbol of trust. It was a silent assurance that a dad and mom trusted their two children completely.

How easy it is for us to be a little too careful. We don't allow our children to handle our wallet thinking a few notes may disappear. What we need to do is to show them we trust them.

Often it's not just kids. The suspicious wife who doesn't allow her husband a late night out with the guys; the man who stands outside his wife's office waiting for the office party to get over; all need to practice the glass bowl effect.

Let your child handle your wallet; he'll grow up to be an honest citizen. Allow your husband a late night or two with his friends; he may have a drink or two but the trust you have in him will prevent him from hiding and drinking and becoming an alcoholic. Same with you suspicious husbands and boyfriends; build trust.

The glass bowl in our house was the symbol of trust. It was a silent assurance that a dad and mom trusted me and made me want to be worthy of that trust..!

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India and Austria to Sign Migration and Mobility Agreement, Shore Up Ties

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Mr. Jaishankar who is on a trip to Cyprus and Austria, attended the famous "New Year's Concert" of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra together with Mr. Schallenberg on Sunday, and the two Ministers will meet again on Monday for bilateral talks. They also held a combined meeting with Foreign Ministers of Czech and Slovakia, under the "Slavkov" trilateral format for the Central European countries.

On the agenda for bilateral and multilateral talks, the Austrian Foreign Minister's Spokesperson said, is India's Presidency of the G-20, as well as "the position of India on the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine and its global negative ramifications". During a visit to Delhi in March, Mr. Schallenberg, one of a number of U.S. and

European senior officials who tried to change the Modi government's position on Russian war in Ukraine, had told The Hindu that the war in Europe would have repercussions for the whole world, and no country could "stay at its sidelines".

This is the first trip to Austria by an Indian Foreign Minister in 27 years, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement last week, indicating the importance of the visit. Mr. Jaishankar also met with the Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer on Sunday, and will meet the Director General of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Grossi on Monday.

Mr. Grossi had earlier interacted with Mr. Jaishankar in 2016, when he was the head of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and

worked on proposals for India's membership application, which is still pending. More recently he has been at the forefront on monitoring the Russian occupation of Ukrainian Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) at Zaporizhzhia where India was amongst countries that expressed concerns over nuclear safety risks. Also of interest for India is the IAEA's assessment of Iran's nuclear programme and efforts to revive the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

Monday's meeting between Mr. Jaishankar and Mr. Schallenberg will be their fifth formal meeting, as apart from bilateral visits, the two also met at the Munich Security Conference, Globsec Bratislava Forum and UN General Assembly.

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Change I Want to See

January 1: Filmmakers and actors are always trying out new techniques and roles. Freshness is key to progress, and as we ring in the New Year, they talk about the way they hope the industry will progress in the immediate future.

More biopics please

I believe we need to have more biopics of extraordinary people in our country. Tales of unsung heroes make for compelling content. Real life provides a narrative to which one can truly relate. Such inspiring stories will also serve to educate and empower people. Watching inspirational movies, especially when you know they're true stories, appeals to that part of one's imagination that drives one's own life. Such narratives have greater recall value.

I would like to see casting done based on merit and talent and not on the basis of the 'reach' and 'followers' of an actor, because some people don't have organic followers. Followers accrue

often because people post bold content using the 'sex sells' concept. Actresses should be selected because they have the talent the character demands and they fit the role. It's about time we be fair. More so, in a field (film industry) where the opportunities are only a handful. This is one reason many good movies tank. If popularity were enough, every movie with a big star would be a hit.

I believe there's more scope for independent musicians to showcase their work through platforms like independent/private songs and shows. In films, songs are governed by scripts but independent music brings out so much more in an artiste that the audience can connect to. The audience can get to know more about the performer's journey through independent songs. Although Tollywood is doing great in terms of songs and music, independent songs

will add a different dimension to its repertoire. In the existing band culture, artistes perform/sing rehash versions of films songs, but if we can come up with 40 percent of original songs, (Independent music), the shows will become more engaging and lively.



— Yamini Ghantasala, singer
Often, I find people saying the content of a film appeals to only the audience in A or B or C centres (metros, cities, and villages/towns, respectively). Such prejudice is like 'casteism' in cinema. I want that barrier to be broken. Without such commercial barricades, filmmakers will be able to deliver more creative content. Cinema is universal. I'm glad to see that the change has already started, both audiences and actors are welcoming scripts irrespective of the scale of the film.

Tunisha Sharma Case: Sheezan Khan Says 'Have Faith in Judiciary, I am Innocent'

January 1: Advocate Shailendra Mishra, the lawyer of TV actor Tunisha Sharma's death accused Sheezan Khan, on Saturday said that his client (Sheezan) is innocent and he has faith in the judiciary.

"Sheezan Khan before being presented to the Vasai court met his family. He spoke to us and said that he has faith in the judiciary," Advocate Mishra told ANI while walking out of Vasai court on Saturday. "I have full faith in the judiciary. I am innocent, 'Satyamev Jayate'," Sheezan's lawyer quoted Sheezan as saying. According to Mishra, they will file their first bail application in connection to the case in court on Monday. "We have applied for some certified documents related to the case. It will be okay if we get it by today. If not, then we will file the first bail application on Monday morning," advocate Shailendra Mishra told ANI. Earlier in the day, the Vasai court sent Khan to 14-day judicial custody.

The Waliv police produced the 28-year-old actor in court

after his police custody ended on Saturday. Speaking on his client's judicial custody, Shailendra Mishra told ANI that the police tried to seek Sheezan's custody, based on the same ground which was presented before the court yesterday. After hearing the lawyers' arguments, the court sent him to judicial custody. "Wait till Monday. I need to come publicly with his family because various types of baseless allegations are floating," Advocate Mishra said while replying to a question about Sheezan's 'secret girlfriend'.

Sheezan's lawyer Shailendra Mishra submitted four applications on the behalf of his client seeking permission to get home-cooked food on the jail premises. The lawyer submitted that Sheezan is seeking permission to use an inhaler for his asthma. The accused's counsel also sought permission for visits from family members and lawyers while in custody. Sheezan has also asked that

his hair not be cut while he is in custody and also for security inside the jail.

Sheezan Khan is the reported former boyfriend and co-star of 20-year-old Tunisha, who was found dead on December 24, a fortnight after the two broke up their months-long relationship. He was arrested on charges of abetment to suicide on December 25. So far, the police have recorded the statements of 27 people in the matter.

In the application submitted by the Waliv police seeking Sheezan's five-day remand from the court on Friday, officials alleged that Sheezan Khan was having an affair with another girl apart from Tunisha Sharma and had also deleted many chats from his mobile after being detained in Tunisha Sharma's death case. According to the police, Sheezan was not cooperating with the investigation and repeatedly changed his statements when asked about the chats with his "secret girlfriend".

Health, Science /Tech

ISRO Lines Up Science Missions for 2023

January 1: New Delhi: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will turn its focus on science experiments in 2023 with dedicated missions to the Sun - Aditya - and the moon - Chandrayaan-3 - even as the nascent start-up sector is set to soar in the space applications segment.

The upcoming year will also witness a series of experiments on India's maiden human space flight - Gaganyaan project - with the first uncrewed mission expected in the last quarter of 2023 aimed at validating the performance of the human-rated launch vehicle, orbital module propulsion system and recovery operations.

ISRO further plans to conduct the first runway landing experiment (RLV-LEX) of the reusable launch vehicle early next year from Aeronautical Test Range in Karnataka's Chitradurga. Union Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh told Parliament this month.

Indian start-ups that marked their arrival with the sub-orbital flight by Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-S rocket, the first by a private sector company and the launch of Pixxel's hyperspectral satellites Shakuntala, on SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket in April and Anand onboard ISRO's PSLV in November.

Skyroot Aerospace, which launched India's first privately developed rocket in November, plans to put a client satellite in orbit sometime next year, while Agnikul Cosmos, a start-up incubated on the IIT-Madras campus, has also lined up the test flight of its highly customisable AgniBaan rocket.

"We are developing six commercial hyperspectral imagery satellites which will be ready for launch next year," Awais Ahmed, Pixxel co-founder and CEO, had told PTI.

Ahmed said many more rocket companies around the globe will see their first orbital launches come to fruition which will lead to a rocket-themed game of thrones as they vie for the same set of customers sending satellites into space.

The start-ups are eyeing the huge space applications market in the country, which was earlier the sole domain of ISRO, carving a niche for themselves in the earth imaging sector, developing rockets to launch small satellites, designing cheaper fuels for satellites and even planning to take tourists on a space journey.

"The potential for innovative space applications is immense, especially if established aerospace companies form partnerships with businesses that traditionally haven't ventured into orbit, e.g. pharmaceutical, agriculture companies," Chaitanya Dora Surapureddy, Chief Financial Officer, DhruvaSpace, told PTI.

DhruvaSpace had launched two satellites Thybolt 1 & 2 onboard ISRO's PSLV-C54 mission that demonstrated the ability to conduct amateur satellite communication which will help ham radio operations.

Surapureddy said DhruvaSpace has already bagged its first commercial contract worth Rs 20 crore to build satellites.

IPA Submits Memorandum of Demands Relating to the Profession to Visiting Health Minister

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1) Constitution of Pharmacy Section under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

2) National Register of Pharmacist, which shall include the database of all registered Pharmacists.

3) Entry grade of Rs.4600/- (VI CPC) for the Pharmacist under government with promotional avenues up to the post of Deputy Director of Pharmacy in the entire Nation.

4) Immediately inclusion of Pharmacists for the Community Health Officer posts as mentioned / recommended under the National Health Policy 2017.

5) Securing jobs for the Registered Pharmacist in the Industrial and Academia.

6) Re-constitution of all State Pharmacy Councils where elections are not held for the last 5 years or more.

7) Uniform fee structure for registration and renewal of Pharmacy registration.

8) Discourages Online Pharmacy.

9) New openings / job opportunities for B.Pharm & Pharm D graduates in different competitive exams / recruitments.

10) Strengthening of Drugs Control Department with constitution and recruitment of sufficient graduate Pharmacist under Drug Control department in all the states of India.

11) State and UT Pharmacy Councils must be established

in every state for the benefit of Pharmacists residing in their respective states. Moreover, ensuring the posting of Pharmacy Inspector by all the State Pharmacy Councils for enforcement of Pharmacy Act, Drugs & Cosmetic Act.

12) Online processing of the entire procedure viz. registration / renewal or job portal by the respective State Pharmacy Council as pioneered by you in the Gujarat State Pharmacy Council.

13) Orientation / CME program by the designated agency for the Pharmacist in every state for the benefit of the Pharmacist and health eco system at large. Indian Pharmacist Association, (IPA) is ready to work as the Nodal agency for this.

14) Active involvement of Pharmacists under the National Digital Health Mission.

15) Stressing up for the recruitment of Pharmacists under various government and PSU / agencies where recruitment is pending for many years.

16) Indian Pharmacist Association, (IPA) is ready to work as the Nodal agency for all the AIIMS across India to provide Pharmacists. As of now, many AIIMS have come into different states across the nation after the Central government initiative to provide quality health facilities to the people.

17) Indian Pharmacist Association, (IPA) is ready to work as the Nodal agency for all the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra, across India to provide Pharmacists. As of now, many Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra have come into different states & districts, across the nation after the Central government initiative to provide quality medicine at an affordable rate, to the people.

In a separate letter to Hon'ble Minister Dr. Bharati P Pawar, it was also requested to accord necessary approval as required by the A & N administration to conduct the recruitment examination for the 28 posts of Pharmacists under DHS, A & N Islands, which was postponed in the month of December.

IPA also assure you that IPA shall remain committed to play its part in the health sector for the betterment of common people of India and believe that Pharmacists and Pharmacy profession will be uplifted under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as per his commitment during our fruitful meeting with him at his office in New Delhi in 2018.

The Minister acknowledge the vital role of Pharmacy in the Health Sector and has assured the delegation of all best possibility for the ministry can do for the betterment of Pharmacy.

GREETINGS

On the occasion of New Year, CPI (M), Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee extends warmest wishes to the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

As the year 2022 passed, many revolutionary tasks were left to be completed in the coming year.

CPI (M) hope that 2023 will be a fruitful and memorable year in the struggle against anti-working class policies of the government.

D. Ayyappan
Secretary

CPI (M) A & N State Organizing Committee

Two More Young Chess Players Open Their International Rating

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Federation (FIDE). M A Dinakar and Yuvan Singh, recently participated in the 35th National Under-13 Chess Championship 2022 held at Vanarapet, Pondicherry from 11th December 2022 to 18th Dec.2022 and performed

reasonably well which led them to open the International Rating.

Altogether 8 young chess players, including R Kashthuri Bhai have successfully opened their International Rating in the year 2022 which is a blessing sign for the game of chess in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Route Diversion for HGVs & Busses from Dairy Farm Jn to Junglighat

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Junglighat via Hayat Singh Jn. No HGVs & Buses (except engaged in Airport Construction work) will be allowed to proceed via Hayat Singh Jn.

Also, no vehicles except two wheelers will be allowed to proceed towards

Vijay Baugh, Dairy Farm via Junglighat Old CCS Jn.

A&N Traffic Police is striving to provide safer & smoother vehicular arrangements for the road users. Hence, all the general public are hereby advised to cooperate with the Traffic Police to successfully implement the above directions.


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With You Celebrates New Year with Inmates of Old Age, Divyangjans & Orphans

Port Blair, Jan 1: The NGO (WITH YOU) celebrated New Year today with inmates of old age, divyangjans and orphans at Ferrargunj Home by cutting cakes with the inmates. They donated 35 numbers of track pants to the old aged people at home. They also distributed sweets and fruits to all the inmates and staff. Later the inmates had lunch with the members of NGO and the same was arranged by WITH YOU.

Ms V. K.Mariyam bibi, President WITH YOU expressed gratitude to Smti Rashmi Goenka for helping the needy by donating clothes to them.



Condolence

Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP – A & N Islands has deeply mourned the sad demise of Mr. Mahesh Kumar Gogia, Father of Mr. Gaurav Gogia, State General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, R/o Shadipur who expired on 31.12.2022 at Apollo Hospital, Chennai. In his message Shri Jolly prayed to the Almighty to give peace to his eternal soul departed for heavenly abode and give strength to his bereaved family member to bear this irreparable loss.

Condolence

Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex Member of Parliament, Hindu Rashtra Shakti, Hindu Sewa Sangh & LOTE deeply mourn the sudden demise of Mr Mahesh Kumar Gogia, F/o Mr Gaurav Gogia at Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He was 75 years old. We pay homage to the departed soul and convey our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family. May the departed soul rest in peace and may God give more strength to family.

Condolence

Shri. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, A&N Islands along with all office bearers of BJP, Andaman & Nicobar Islands has condoled the demise of Shri Mahesh Kumar Gogia, who left for his heavenly abode on 31/12/2022 at Apollo Hospital, Chennai.

Late Mahesh Kumar Sharma was the father of Shri Gaurav Gogia, State General Secretary, BJYM, A&N Islands.

The Leaders pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

With You Distributes Certificates for Course in Tailoring and Fashion Designing

Port Blair, Jan 1: The NGO (WITH YOU) had conducted a 06 months course in tailoring and fashion designing. Today a function was organized at the NGO office at Bambooflat for distributing the certificates to 25 participants who had completed the above course successfully. On this occasion Smti Padmawathi, Pramukh, Panchayat Samity, Ferrargunj was the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest lauded the efforts of WITH YOU for

Greetings

May the dawn of New Year, imbued with fresh energy, bring new happiness, goals, inspirations and greater achievements in our lives. On this occasion, let us resolve to rededicate ourselves to the unity, integrity and inclusive development of the of our islands.

I wish for the progress and prosperity of our glorious islands and the people in the year 2023.

Ajoy Bairagi
State President
BJP, A&N Islands

Greetings

The ANTCC President, Shri. Rangalal Halder along with the entire Congress family extends heartfelt wishes and greetings on the Auspicious Occasion of New year 2023.

In this grateful Year, I bless the Islanders to take responsibilities towards their work and family sincerely and I hope this year turns out to be the best year of your life and your family too.

On this New Year, all islanders should take a pledge to support, to encourage and to help the needy people for making changes to do grateful things for the Nation.

Wish all islanders a "HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023".

Greetings

Shri. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP- A&N Islands wishes to the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on the occasion of New Year 2023. May the New Year bring new hope, greater peace, harmony and prosperity in the lives of the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, wished Mr. Jolly.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

imparting tailoring classes to the women as it will make them self -employed so that they can support their family also.

Smti Dhana Rekha, ZPM, Shorepoint, Smti Rasheeda,



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Pradhan Hopetown and Smti Sadna, Social worker were also present to encourage the women folk. Smti Sadna congratulated the ladies for learning the course with dedication and wished that the skill which they got will

be utilized in a better way. Ms V. K. Mariyam Bibi, President WITH YOU wished them all success for their bright future.



SPORTS

Babar Azam is the Backbone of the Pakistan Team: Shahid Afridi

December 1: Pakistan Cricket Board's interim chief selector Shahid Afridi on Saturday said that he will back captain Babar Azam and will try to improve the "bench strength" during his tenure.

"Babar Azam hamari team ka backbone hai (Babar Azam is the backbone of our team). He is one of our top performers. I liked it when he challenged the New Zealand team for the chase. And as a selection committee, we want to be a shoulder for him and support him," Afridi told reporters.

"Also, I liked what he said in the post-match presser after the draw. He said the team is focusing on cricket and is unaware of what is being said outside. So, Babar should focus on the game only. The selection committee will always support him to come up with better combinations so that he feels confident on the field," he added.

"I want to create two teams for Pakistan before my tenure ends in order to improve bench strength," he said.

Afridi also pointed out that the "communication gap" in the Pakistan cricket is a big issue. He



said: "The major problem that I've observed here is the communication gap among management, doctors and selection committee. It is important for a chief selector – be it me or someone else – to stay in direct contact with players. When I spoke to Haris and Fakhar, I got to know the better picture and I invited them to the fitness Test."

Afridi also lamented former management for preparing poor pitches. "It will be something where bowlers will get some support and batters will also enjoy their stay, there will be some bounce on the wicket. We can not become a top team by

playing on these wickets. The wickets on which we've been playing are injurious to our bowlers, pacers will start having fitness issues and spinners will injure their fingers," said Shahid Afridi.

"Who says we can not produce better wickets in Pakistan? We certainly can if we are allowed to do so. One thing is that our academies are not working for last 8 months, it is important that we keep them running for our domestic and under-19 performers. I will try to start a camp there for all such youngsters," he added.

After the first match ended in a draw, the second Test of the two-match series will start from Monday at National Stadium in Karachi.

Ahead of India Tour, Taylor Tells Australia to Experiment with Five Bowlers in Final Test Against SA

January 1: With the high-profile tour of India fast approaching, former Australia skipper Mark Taylor wants the Pat Cummins-led side to explore the option of playing with five bowlers in the third and final Test against South Africa beginning here on Wednesday.

The tour of India, comprising four Tests for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, will take place in February-March.

Going into the final Test at Sydney, the hosts are holding an unassailable 2-0 series lead, providing them with an opportunity to explore few other options.

"They've got an opportunity in Sydney to try a few things. I know people say you shouldn't try things in Test matches, but with Cameron Green not playing, I'd really like to see Alex

Carey bat at six and Australia pick five bowlers.

"They can go all out attack with the ball and rely on their top five and Carey to make enough runs to win the Test match," Taylor was quoted as saying by Wide World of Sports.

Because of injuries to Mitchell Starc and Cameron Green during their massive win in Melbourne, Australia have called up Matthew Renshaw and Ashton Agar.

"I think with the bowling they've got there, with whoever those quicks are going to be, you've got enough guys there to take the 20 wickets. South Africa only just made 200 in the final



innings in Melbourne for the first time in four Test matches, their batting is very gettable at the moment.

"So I'd be looking to attack with the ball and back yourselves in to make enough runs with only five specialist batters," Taylor added.

Australia, who are currently heading the World Test Championships (WTC) table, will travel to India at the end of the assignments against South Africa.

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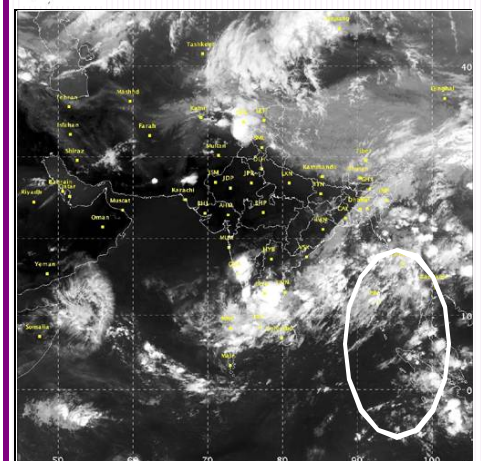
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.0 °C	Min.: 23.7 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 70%	1730 Hrs: 65%
Sunrise: 0539 Hrs.	Sunset: 1707 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, 2023 till date):	000.0 mm

Forecast

The weather will be dry over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30.0°C and 23.0°C respectively on Monday 02/01/2023.

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