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Jarawa Facts

In 1999 and 2006 the Jarawa suffered outbreaks of measles – a disease that has wiped out many tribes worldwide following contact with outsiders.

Your Nature Guide

Some Fish Food our Seas

Small pellets, beads, and other raw plastics are dumped into the ocean. Seabirds often mistake these pellets for fish eggs, fish eyes, or plankton and sometimes die from eating them.

Oil is a major killer of ocean life in large amounts. No one knows the total amounts of oil that spills into our seas from all the boats, trawlers and ships.

It is very important to remember that we have to keep the ocean clean, so we can continue to enjoy its beauty and all the many uses it provides for us.

Why Water birds Don't Get Wet: Birds have a special gland called the oil gland situated near their tails. Oil from this gland is applied on the feathers with the help of their beaks. Oil and water do not mix and thus the oil prevents the birds from getting wet. This is very useful for water birds, especially the ones that dive into water to fish and get wet frequently. Some birds like cormorants and darters do not have oil glands, and have to dry their wings by spreading them out.

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

People's Voice

Hare LG Sahabhai na... Woh Man of Few Words hai. Bus ek Photo aur chaar Line mein Communicate karte hai Public se ...

- A Citizen



Don't be jubilant! It is the party's money... reserved for expenses after the polls!

Indian Naval Air Squadron 318 Awarded CNS Unit Citation on the Occasion of Navy Day 22

Port Blair, Dec. 5: The Indian Naval Air Squadron 318, christened as 'Hawks', was commissioned on 08 Mar 1984 as a frontline Maritime Air Squadron at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Beginning with the Islander aircraft having limited reconnaissance capability, the squadron graduated to a more potent 'Dornier' aircraft in Dec 1999. Over the years, the squadron has transformed into a formidable frontline MR Squadron equipped with state of the art surveillance radar and electronic suite.

The Squadron undertakes maritime operational missions in the ANC (AOR) covering the strategic 'Six degree Channel' and the Malacca Straits, keeping a sharp vigil over the shipping

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Jolly Demands an Increase in the Amount Old Age, Widow, Destitute Pension and Disability Allowances Rs. 2500/- is Quite Meagre an Amount Considering Prevailing Cost Price Index of Our Islands: Jolly

Port Blair, Dec. 5: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP, Former State President BJP A&N and Member of Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Govt. of India has demanded increasing Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Destitute allowance, and Disability Persons Allowance considering the prevailing cost price index of these Islands through a letter addressed to Chief Secretary, A&N Administration.

In his letter he wrote that the Directorate of Social Welfare

provides old age Pension, Widow Pension, Destitute allowance and Disability allowance for the welfare of people under which several eligible needy people are availing these benefits. But, there is one factor which is quite important and requires positive consideration is that these Pension & allowances are merely Rs. 2500/- which is quite less.

He mentioned that, the prevalent cost price index of our Islands, due to its geographical isolation & distance

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Member of Parliament Calls on Lt. Governor



Port Blair, Dec. 5: Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) today at Raj Niwas. Discussed expediting execution of mega infrastructure projects worth ₹ 75,000/- Crores in A&N Islands, including International Container Transhipment Terminal and new Green Field Airport, consequent to the final clearance accorded by Government of India. Identification of additional projects for the follow-up phases was also discussed.

Selection Trial for Paddlers to Participate in National Canoe Championship

Port Blair, Dec. 5: A selection trial for selecting paddlers for participation in the 33rd Junior & Sub-Junior National Canoe Championship to be held at Bhopal, (MP) from Dec.18 to 21 will be organized by Andaman & Nicobar Kayaking & Canoeing Association at Water Sports Complex, Sippighat on Dec.10, 2022 at 6 am.

Interested Island paddlers may confirm their entries for the selection trial to the Coach (Canoeing) at Sports Authority of India (SAI) Port Blair latest by Dec.9, 2022.

KVKs of A&N Islands Observe "World Soil Day"

Port Blair, Dec. 5: ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Central Island Agricultural Research Institute observed "World Soil Day" befittingly on 05.12.2022. at Chouldari Gram Panchayat, Govindpur and Perka village of Nicobar. The campaigns were conducted with the theme "Soils: where food begins" to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human wellbeing by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, increasing soil awareness and encouraging



societies to improve soil health.

Smt. Tapasi Saha, Pradhan, Chouldari Gram Panchayat was the Chief Guest and Samiti Member Smt. Chaitali Halder was the Guest of Honour for the awareness program at Chouldari Gram Panchayat. The programme was also attended by other PRI members of Chouldari Gram Panchayat. **Continued on P4**

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

November's GST Revenues

India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues grew almost 11% this November to nearly ₹ 1.46 lakh crore. While this is only the tenth such occasion since the onset of the GST in July 2017 that revenues have been over ₹ 1.4 lakh crore, that mark has been consistently topped for nine months now. The two highest GST monthly receipts so far — over ₹ 1.67 lakh crore in April and ₹ 1.51 lakh crore in October — were partly bolstered by taxpayers filing quarterly returns. Discounting periodic spikes in compliance, one can possibly peg the ₹ 1.4 lakh crore as the new normal baseline for monthly GST revenues hereon. With almost ₹ 12 lakh crore already in the GST kitty this year, the Government is likely to end up with a not-insignificant surplus over its Budget. This is welcome fiscal headroom, especially since the Centre's subsidy bill on items such as fertilizers and foodgrains has also surpassed the Budget math, and may help the Government stick to its fiscal deficit target. On the flip side, however, November's GST revenues are not an enthralling indicator about the state of the broader economy.

The 10.9% overall GST revenue growth in November, reflecting transactions undertaken in October when the major festivals, including Deepavali, occurred — is the slowest uptick recorded since June 2021. November revenues were the lowest in three months and marked a nearly 4% dip from October's kitty. E-way bill generation, broadly indicating outflow of goods from producers to the wholesale and retail supply chains, dropped a steeper 8.6% sequentially, perhaps as factories recorded higher downtimes amid extended holidays. One would have expected festive consumption to spike the GST intake despite the e-way bills decline, as inventories were already built up in anticipation. That effect appears muted and it is quite puzzling that revenues contracted year-on-year in as many as seven States, including Gujarat and Kerala. Growth in inflows from domestic transactions slowed from 18% in October to 8% last month, while revenues from imports of goods rose to 20% in November — a possible sign that the consumption recovery remains uneven, with goods consumed by higher income groups seeing a better rebound. December's post-festival GST collections could yield a clearer picture, both on the sustainability of the headline revenue numbers and the growth trajectory of the economy. The GST Council, meeting this month after another prolonged gap, must expedite long-awaited action on pending issues to bolster compliance, and not lose sight of the larger, currently-deferred plan to rationalise the tax rates with a view to spur broad-based and sustainable consumption growth.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Explore! Dream! Discover..!

At the age of seventy-five my father was a computer wizard. In fact I remember so well dad teaching me the basics of the machine and its technology. He was a man who never slipped into a mode of 'so much and no farther.' He always wanted to experiment and try out new things and never ceased to have a boyish wonder for anything different.

My dad passed away some years ago, but ever since I have tried to tell many others his age to learn about the net and e-mail and all the wonders of the world wide web. "Talk to your children every day through Zoom or Skype," I tell lonely parents whose sons and daughters live abroad and they shake their heads and tell me it's too late to learn Bob!"

It is not hard to see what can happen when we refuse to improve ourselves. Do you know who set the standard for fine watch making for most of the 20th Century? It was the Swiss who came forward with the minute hand and the second hand. They led the world in discovering better ways to manufacture the gears, bearings, and mainsprings of watches. They even led the way in waterproofing techniques and self-winding models. By 1968, the Swiss made 65 percent of all watches sold in the world and laid claim to as much as 90 percent of the profits.

Which country sold the most wrist watches in the 1980s?

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The answer is Japan. By 1980, Swiss companies had laid off thousands of watch makers and controlled less than 10 percent of the world market. Their profit domination dropped to less than 20 percent. Between 1979 and 1981, eighty percent of Swiss watchmakers lost their jobs.

Why?

Because the Swiss had refused to change the way they traditionally designed watches and utilize the less expensive and more accurate Quartz crystal.) Quartz movement, ironically was invented by Swiss.) They did not seriously experiment with a radical new way of designing timepieces.

Our lives are not so different.

Without constant experimentation – daily growth and change to become the best we can be – our old attitudes, behaviors and skills will no longer work for us. The old ways of thinking and doing will be about as relevant as a grandfather clock on a space shuttle. We need to experiment and improve. We need to turn our lives into an active science.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do," wrote Mark Twain. "So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Make your life an experiment...and something wonderful can happen..!

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traffic and surveillance over the EEZ shared with neighbouring nations of Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The Squadron has been executing its role in a professional manner contributing immensely to maintenance of Maritime Security. The squadron has been pivotal in monitoring the activities of Multi

National Forces (MNF) and Extra Regional Forces (ERF) in the region having successfully undertaken multitude of missions ranging from Maritime Reconnaissance, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Surveillance, Information Warfare (IW)/ELINT Operations, Search and Shadow operations, SLOC (Sea Lines of Communication)

monitoring, Fleet Support, Search and Rescue, Casualty Evacuation, Co-ordinated Patrols with foreign navies and Communication Duties.

For their exceptional service, professionalism and dedication towards duty, the squadron was awarded Unit Citation by the Chief of Naval Staff on the occasion of Navy Day 22.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Freddy' Movie Review | Despite Kartik, Fried by Freddy

December 5: Eons ago moviegoers lapped up the comedy dished out by the duo Laurel and Hardy. We have one Hardy again. This time he is a pet tortoise, a computer-generated one. His Laurel is Freddy, the subject of our story. Together they are leading a happy life until Freddy falls in love with one Kainaz who is already married. So, in order to marry her, Freddy decides to bump off her husband. Freddy now hopes to unite with his Kainaz but instead receives the shock of his life that she is hand in glove with Raymond and dumps Freddy for him.

This utterly predictable story and screenplay by Parveez Shaikh may come across as repetitive for audiences who have already seen all this and ilk in 'n' number of movies. But all filmmakers still want to give it "their touch" and so did director Shashanka Ghosh. Kartik Aryan plays the title character and he is the only saving grace of the insipid drama termed as a revenge thriller.

Freddy is a complex character and Kartik does play it with elan. After 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', indeed he has become a bankable star and 'Freddy' just drives home that point further. Freddy is a bundle of contradictions. He is a simpleton and scheming at the same time. He is slow and a tech guru rolled into one. He is a dentist who is desperate to get married and hence falls prey to the plot hatched by



Kainaz (a convincing Alaya F). However, hell breaks loose when he realizes that he has been taken for a ride. Being a dentist, he believes in an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

Unfortunately, viewers too have to embark upon a childish and illogical journey of over two hours. En route, they encounter a Mumbai which surprisingly wears a vintage look and is never crowded, BGM by Clinton Crejo which alerts them to the thrills and chill on the screen, and two passable songs composed by Pritam.

It's towards the climax that this saga picks up pace but it's too late to invest in it by then. The scenes intended to be thrilling are ridiculous and the ones supposed to be light are pathetic. Picture this: Freddy asks one of his young patients: Who is Agarbatti's mom? Or Freddy breaking into Kainaz's house, spiking her face wash, hacking into her and Raymond's phone, cops giving ample time to murder suspects

(Kainaz and Raymond) to come over to the police station, et al. Also, after decades you will find the ever-obedient and affable Ramu Kaka as a servant again. The story is replete with pothole-sized loopholes. It can appeal only to those wet behind their ears or die-hard fans of Kartik Aryan.

Hindi cinema is known for stereotyping communities and Parsis are no exception. However, 'Freddy' must be one of those rare movies in which a Parsi is not shown in a positive light. Be it Freddy, Kainaz, or her husband or boyfriend, all characters have negative shades.

The weakest link here is the story and characterization which are amateurish to the hilt. Everything happens too easily here. Despite an impressive performance by Kartik Aryan, you end up being fried.

If you do not wish to escape from this movie by the skin of your teeth, 'Freddy' is streaming on Disney+ Hotstar.

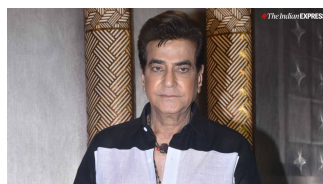
When Jeetendra's Father Said 'Aaja Meri Godh Mai Aake Baith ja' After V Shantaram Almost Fired the Actor from Sehra

December 5: Veteran actor Jeetendra, who made his acting debut with a small role in Sehra, recalled an incident in which he came dangerously close to losing his job as a junior artiste in the V Shantaram directorial. The actor, who graced the show Indian Idol 13, said that when he called his father after the incident, his reaction drastically changed the course of his life. When Shantaram was shooting Sehra, he gave Jeetendra his first break by asking him to be a junior artiste in the film. The location of the shoot was outside Bombay and

Jeetendra said that he once reached the sets half-an-hour after the scheduled time. The actor said that Shantaram got very angry and lashed out at him for being late and said, "Isko wapas Bombay bhejo (Send him back to Bombay)."

A dejected Jeetendra called his father, Amarnath Kapoor, and explained to him the situation. The actor said, "What my father said changed the course of my life."

After his father's reaction, Jeetendra changed himself and went to the sets at 6 am and also managed to impress



V Shantaram. The actor added, "The moral of the story and I want to tell every youngster. Maa, baap ki gaali bhi aap ke liye ashirwaad hai (The offensive words of your father and mother are also blessings)." The Indian Idol judges Vishal Dadlani, Neha Kakkar, Himesh Reshammiya also agreed with Jeetendra's words of wisdom.

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Aditya L-1 to Piggyback on PSLV for 15 Lakh km Trip



December 5: Nellore: Buoyed by the success of the PSLV-C54 mission on Saturday, Isro chairman S. Somanath said the PSLV will be used for a mission to the sun, to deploy the Aditya-L1 satellite, a coronagraphy spacecraft to study the solar atmosphere, next year.

The spacecraft will be placed in a halo orbit around the first Lagrange point, L1, of the Sun-Earth system. A satellite around the L1 point has the major advantage of continuously viewing the sun without occultation or eclipses.

Dr Somanath said several other missions are in the pipeline for the near future which encompasses navigation and commercial sectors.

He said that the space agency plans to use its PSLVs, GSLVs, LVM3 and SSLV for a slew of satellite launches in the coming months.

Referring to the successful launch of 36 satellites of UK-based OneWeb recently, he said that the firm contracted ISRO's commercial arm, NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), to launch the next batch of 36 satellites in January 2023. Each launch fetches NSIL '1,000 crore, sources said.

OneWeb is a joint venture between India Bharti Global and the UK Government.

Among the plans is also the launch of a navigation satellite for the country's NavIC constellation, Somanath said, adding that the first of four will go up in 2023.

Isro orbited eight satellites for the NavIC constellation, of which some are not working.

The space agency will also send up its small rocket, the SSLV, Somanath said. Modifications have been made following the failure of the rocket's maiden mission this year, he said.

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Modi, Shah to Vote in Second Phase of Gujarat Polls Today

December 5: NEW DELHI: The second phase of polling in Gujarat for the remaining 93 out of 182 Assembly constituencies spread across 14 districts will be held on Monday. This will decide the fate of 833 candidates in the electoral fray. The results of the state Assembly elections will be declared on December 8 and the exit polls will be out after the end of voting hours on Monday evening for both Gujarat as well as Himachal Pradesh, which voted on November 12.

Traditionally, the BJP and the Congress have dominated Gujarat politics. However, this time, the AAP has emerged as a third player. While the BJP and the AAP have nominated candidates for all 93 seats going to the polls in the second phase, the Congress has fielded candidates for only 90 seats. In the remaining three seats, it has entered into an alliance with the NCP. A total of 285 Independent candidates are also in the fray.

Leaving nothing to chance, the BJP deputed all its heavyweights, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath, to campaign for



the party and its candidates. The BJP's star campaigners could be seen crisscrossing the state all through the campaign.

The AAP, for its part, put its best foot forward in its electoral battle debut in the state. Delhi chief minister and party supremo Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann and other party leaders aggressively campaigned in the state.

The Congress, unlike the 2017 Assembly election in the state, ran a "lacklustre" campaign in the state. Though Rahul Gandhi made an appearance in the first phase of the campaign and addressed two rallies, he gave the second phase a miss. Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi did not campaign in the state. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge did address some rallies in the state.

Despite the Congress's low-key campaign, the BJP still sees the party as the main challenger and claims that the AAP will not even get a single seat in the state.

The prominent candidates contesting in the second phase of Gujarat elections include chief minister Bhupendra Patel, senior BJP minister Hrishikesh Patel, BJP leaders Hardik Patel and Alpesh Thakor, Congress leaders Sukhram Rathava and Jignesh Mavani and AAP leaders Bharat Singh Vakhala and Bhema Bhai Choudhury.

In the first phase of Gujarat Assembly elections covering 89 seats, 19 districts of Saurashtra-Kutch and southern regions of the state on December 1, the voter turnout was recorded at 63.14 per cent, down from 66.75 per cent in the 2017 Gujarat Assembly elections.

Jolly Demands an Increase in the Amount Old Age, Widow, Destitute Pension and Disability Allowances

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is much higher than other States and Union Territories and it has also been observed that the meagre amount of Rs. 2500/- is disbursed either in the second week or third week of the month which is extremely unfortunate and disheartening.

He also mentioned that islanders are largely dependent upon goods and products from other parts of our Country and consequently the prices get escalated to such an extent that it is nearly impossible for any beneficiaries of the aforementioned pensions &

allowances to manage themselves with a meager amount of Rs. 2500/- only. They are totally dependent upon these benefits and under no circumstances this amount would suffice the very objective of providing their basic needs.

Accordingly, he requested the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration to sympathetically consider the plight of these categories of people & increase these pension & allowances from Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 4000/- per head and ensured that these pensions & allowances are disbursed at least in the first or second day of each & every month, for the welfare of these beneficiaries.

KVKs of A&N Islands Observe "World Soil Day"

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Dr. B. K. Nanda, S.M.S. (Agri. Engg.), Shri Thanmai Paul, Technical Officer of KVK, South Andaman and Er. Manoj Kumar, SMS (Agri. Engg.), ICAR-KVK, Nimbudera were the resource persons for the programs. A detailed discussion was made on the importance of soil conservation, natural farming, soil health card, Fasal Bima Yojana, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme and other schemes related to agriculture and allied sector, of Govt. of India. A practical demonstration was conducted on the preparation of "Jeevamrut" involving the participants of the program.

At Govindpur, the programme was inaugurated by Shri Sanjay Biswas, Head, Govt. Secondary School, Govindpur in presence of School teachers. In his inaugural speech Shri Sanjay Biswas expressed the need of soil conservation measures for enhancing crop productivity in this region. Shri Paul David, First Headman Perka Village grace the program.

On this occasion, a total of 173 farmers, farm women and school children were befitted at three places of the Islands. These programs were organised under the supervision & guidance of Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, CIARI, Port Blair and Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head.

Kharge Talks Tough on Accountability from 'Top to Bottom', Cong Plenary in Feb

December 5: NEW DELHI: The Congress' steering committee met Sunday under the chairmanship of the party's new president Mallikarjun Kharge. It decided that the party's 85th plenary session will be held at Raipur in Chhattisgarh in the second half of February 2023. The session will ratify the election of the Congress president and will also see the appointment of a new working committee of the party. The steering committee was formed in place of the working committee, the party's highest decision-making body after Mr Kharge took charge as the new Congress chief in early October.

Mr Kharge read the riot act to the party's office-bearers at Sunday's first meeting and demanded that accountability be fixed. In his opening remarks to the steering

committee constituted by him, Mr Kharge asked all the state in-charges to submit a roadmap for holding mass contact movements on people-centric issues over a period of 30 to 90 days, and sought a schedule of plans of the party in states where elections are due before 2024.

Talking tough, Mr Kharge said: "This is neither right nor acceptable. Those who are unable to fulfil their responsibility, they will have to make way for their colleagues," he said. He added he would like the general secretaries and state in-charges to first ensure their own responsibility and then the responsibility of the organisation under them.

He cautioned party leaders and said that unless the general secretaries and in-charges, their secretaries, state Congress chiefs and party MLAs and MPs do not

prepare a blueprint for action at the ground level, the Congress' job as the main Opposition party cannot be fulfilled. Mr Kharge also hit out at the Narendra Modi government over several issues. These included rising prices, farmers' issues, the climate of hate being spread in the country, the border standoff with China, among other things. The steering committee decided to hold a "Hath se Hath Jodo Abhiyan" across the country following a massiveresponse to the Bharat Jodo Yatra. AICC general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said: "It was decided to hold a two-month campaign 'Hath se Hath Jodo Abhiyan' from January 26. This will be a clear follow-up of the Bharat Jodo Yatra." The campaign will have block level padayatras covering all booths across the country.

CRC Observes International Day for Persons with Disabilities

Port Blair, Dec. 5: Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Brookshabad observed 'International Day for Persons with Disabilities' on Dec. 2 with the theme 'Transformative Solutions for Inclusive Development: the role of innovation fuelling an accessible and equitable world'. The programme was chaired by the Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma. The Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smti Pramila Kumari was the special guest.

On the occasion, children with special needs presented

a cultural programme along with the students of ANCOL, JNRM and Pondicherry University, Brookshabad campus. The MP and Adhyaksha presented prizes to the winners of various competitions held as part of the observance. They also congratulated the staff of CRC for their excellent support and dedicated services towards divyangjans.

Earlier, Smt. Sumithamol, Resident Nodal Officer in her welcome address expressed gratitude to the Member of Parliament for providing a 32 seater bus for CRC which will solve the transportation difficulties faced by divyangjans.

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Mass Sticking Programme Marks National Pollution Control Day in the Isles

Port Blair, Dec. 5: On the occasion of 'National Pollution Control Day', Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC), Department of Science and Technology, A&N Administration organized a

mass sticking programme with a message 'Walk More; Drive Smart' to reduce the air pollution caused due to the emission from vehicles.

To mark the occasion, stickers were pasted on the spot on various types of vehicles at Petrol Pump,

Lamba Line to create awareness among general public on harmful effects of pollution and also to promote e-vehicles in A&N Islands with the motive to make a paradigm shift from using fossil fuel to green energy.

Agriculture Department Celebrates World Soil Day 2022

Port Blair, Dec. 5: The Department of Agriculture in association with Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) celebrated 'World Soil Day, 2022' on the theme 'Soils: Where Food Begins' at Namunaghar Gram Panchayat today. Shri Y.Yenketeswar, Pradhan, Namunaghar Gram Panchayat was the chief guest on the occasion while Shri Mohammed Safiq, Pradhan, Mithakhari Gram Panchayat was the guest of honour. PRIs members and villagers of Namunaghar attended the programme.

In his address, the Pradhan Namunaghar expressed motivated the farmers to save the soil and avail the benefits of various schemes implementing by the Agriculture Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ramesh Kumar, Joint Director (Agri), HQ Department of Agriculture highlighted the history, importance of 'World Soil Day' and its value and benefits for preserving healthy ecosystem.

Shri C.Vinod Kumar, Assistant Director (Soil), HQ briefed about the Soil Health Card and the methodology adopted for collecting Soil Samples from farmer's field for analysis purposes to determine the Soil fertility status while Shri Navashakti, Agriculture Officer, South Andaman briefed about the challenges in soil management and its significance in food production. Smti. Tanuja Begum, Agriculture Officer (Soil) threw light on Soil Conservation schemes implemented by the Agriculture Department.

The Pradhan, Mithakhari while addressing the gathering expressed his gratitude to the Department for organizing such programme and delivering valuable information about the cropping techniques and importance of Soil management. During the programme, Soil Health Cards were distributed to the farmers by the Pradhan, Namunaghar and Joint Director (Agri), HQ.

A feedback and interaction session with the farmers was also held. Altogether 50 farmers along with Departmental Officers/ Officials and ATMA staff of Ferrargunj Block participated in the programme.

Identification Call for New Born's Dead Body

Port Blair, Dec. 5: On 25.11.2022, a FIR was registered at PS Humfrygunj on finding the dead body of a deceased new born baby from the creek of Sippighat near SAI Boat House area. Since then, no family members/ relatives have come

forward to claim the body. The body of the deceased new born has been preserved at cold mortuary of GB Pant Hospital. The family members of the aforesaid baby are hereby requested to approach PS Humfrygunj and take over the deceased body from GB Pant Hospital.

The general public has been requested to share/ pass on information to the Police if the aforesaid new born baby belongs to their family members over phone number 03192-287590 or 100 and may approach PS Humfrygunj to identify the dead body.

Heavy Rain Forecast, Fishers Advised

Port Blair, Dec. 5: 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. 6. In anticipation of formation of low pressure area, fishermen of Andaman and Nicobar coasts have been

advised not to venture into the sea till Dec. 7, 2022.

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.

Meanwhile, in another press release received from

Directorate of Fisheries, quoting IMD, Kolkata advised the fishermen not to venture into sea. For any assistance, they may call Indian Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554 or Directorate of Fisheries or nearest Zonal Fisheries Office/Sub Station over Phone Number 03192-240095 / 231474 / 273295 / 265111.

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Patients suffering from Upper Abdominal Pain & discomfort, Blood Vomiting, Fatty Liver, Hepatitis B & C Virus, Liver Cancer, Liver Cirrhosis, Gall Stone, Pancreas Cancer, Pancreas Complaints, Jaundice with itching and requiring liver Transplantation can benefit.

Date : Saturday, 10th December 2022
Time: 11.00 am to 6.00 pm

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Scheduled Sailing of MV Swaraj Dweep Postponed Due to Inclement Weather Conditions

Port Blair, Dec. 5: In view of the weather advisory issued by IMD about the formation of low pressure area over Southeast Bay of Bengal and South Andaman Sea and is likely to intensify into a Cyclonic Storm and reach Southwest Bay of Bengal near north Tamil Nadu coasts on Dec. 8, the Directorate of Shipping Services, keeping in view the safety of the passengers and the vessel has postponed the

scheduled sailing programme of MV Swaraj Dweep for Chennai scheduled on Dec.6, 2022 from Port Blair. Now, the vessel will sail for Chennai on Dec.8, 2022 at 1000 hrs from Haddo Wharf.

Passengers can also get update/status from the Information Counter at Phoenix Bay by dialling phone Number 03192 - 245555/232714 & Toll Free Number 18003452714.

DSS Cautions Passengers Regarding Suspension of Sailings

Port Blair, Dec. 5: The weather forecast bulletin received from Meteorological Department indicates low pressure area formation over South Andaman Sea and subsequently depression formation over Southeast Bay of Bengal by 6th December, 2022. Keeping in view the safety of passenger and vessels, the sailing of DSS vessels may get

suspended/ cancelled in all sectors including harbour ferry at short notice. Therefore, passengers and tourists have been advised to plan their journey suitably to avoid any inconvenience. However, passengers can also get update/status of the vessels from the Information Counter at Phoenix Bay by dialling Number 03192 - 245555/232714 & Toll Free Number 18003452714.

Revaluation of UG Course Results affiliated to Pondicherry University

Port Blair, Dec. 5: As per the communication received from Pondicherry University, the revaluation is being enabled by the University for all the result

hosted courses of UG. Hence, student may contact the Admission & Examination Wing of JNRM by Dec.9, 2022 for filling the application form.

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SPORTS

Defiant 10th-Wicket Bangladesh Stand Snatches Victory in First ODI

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Bangladesh's Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Mustafizur Rahman during the first one day international cricket match between Bangladesh and India in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022. (AP Photo Surjeet Yadav)

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In fact, India were not even supposed to be in that position. Yet they were, largely thanks to KL Rahul – who further established his credentials as a middle-order batsman by top-scoring with a 70-ball 73 – and through some timely strikes from the bowling unit that was disciplined for the most part.

As Mehidy took the calculative gamble, going after anything that had width on offer, boundaries flew thick and fast. India got a chance to seal the game in the 43rd over, only for Rahul – keeping wicket in the absence of the injured Rishabh Pant – to spill the chance. Having made good ground by running as far as fine-leg, Rahul settled underneath, only to shell the chance offered by Mehidy. Thereafter, nothing went India's

way. With each passing delivery and over, the momentum swung the hosts' way and for a change, they didn't let emotions take over.

For India, although this would feel like a game that the bowlers failed to closedown, this was lost with the bat. For a team that began preparations for the 2023 World Cup on home soil, the batting performance was below par. Maybe it had to do with the fact that the regulars were playing ODIs after a long time and were a bit rusty. And the pitch by no means was a platter with plenty of runs to be taken.

If anything, this was a typical pitch that one expects in these parts. A black soil pitch where the ball holds a bit – to suit the Bangladesh spinners – and gets slower as the game progresses. In many ways, this was a throwback to conditions in India in the 1990s when scores of 230-240 would be challenging to chase. But this is what one expects against Bangladesh, a team that is not just competent in these conditions, but can beat any side on any given day. When they take the field in ODIs at home, they are expected to win. They have already sealed their spot in next year's World Cup ahead of South Africa, Sri Lanka and are in fifth spot in the ODI Super League, even ahead of Pakistan. It is a format in which Bangladesh feel completely at home.

Under Tamim Iqbal, they have their eyes set on a top-four finish in the World Cup in India. And if conditions in India remain similar, they would definitely believe they can do it. Very few teams have such resourceful spinners, who can tie up opponents, as Bangladesh do. In Mehidy Hasan and Shakib Al Hasan, they have tweakers who can be difficult for batsmen to get underneath. And if pitches are on the slower side, they can not just be frustrating to play against, but can also wreak havoc, as India found out.

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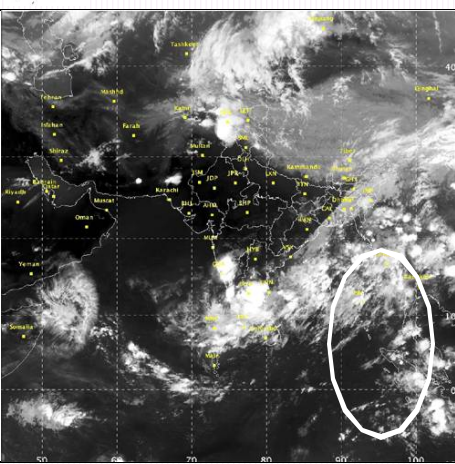
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Weather



Max. Temp: 29.8 °C	Min.: 26.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 81% 1730 Hrs: 89%	
Sunrise: 0526 Hrs.	Sunset: 1654 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	008.6 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2600.9 mm

Forecast

Generally cloudy sky and heavy rain or thundershower/ lightning is very likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 06/12/2022.

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