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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

Andaman mein Central University kabka bann jata agar LG AK Singh aur ek saal Andaman mein rehta ...

- A Citizen



Minister is giving a blanket statement on the situation!

Kuldeep Rai Sharma Moves Private Bill in Parliament Demanding Central University for Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 21: Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, A&N Islands has demanded for a Central University in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for which he has moved a private member's bill in the Parliament on 9-12-2022 (Friday).

Sharma said that the Islands have a literacy rate of 86.27% which is higher than the National average of 74.04%.

With such a high rate of literacy it is imperative that the Islands must have a central university to provide quality secondary education to its bright young population.

This will also create greater job specialization and aid in the carrying out of quality research. Shri Sharma highlighted that presently, the institutions of higher education in the Islands are

affiliated to the Puducherry Central University.

Increase in the number of higher educational institutions from the lone Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya (JNRM) to three degree colleges, one medical college, one engineering college, two polytechnic, two ITIs, one law college, one B.Ed. college, one DIET, one vocational training institute,

one department of ocean studies and marine biology, one department of coastal disaster management, one nursing, one ANM in which more than 3059 students pass every year, which has necessitated the need to have a separate Central University for Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

He emphasized that the absence of a full-fledged

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AATO Delegation Meets Lt. Governor, Discuss Issues Concerning Tourism in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 21: A delegation of AATO led by Shri. Mohan Vinod, President, Shri. Vivek Singh, Vice President and Shri. Saikat Biswas, Joint Secretary called on Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) at Raj Niwas today.

The delegation discussed various issues concerning tourism industry in A&N Islands.

Vinod submitted a representation to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor requesting



formation of a Tourism Coordination Committee involving stake holders and various departments of A&N Administration.

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Blind Theft Case Solved Within 6 Hours by Diglipur Police

Diglipur, Dec. 21: The team of PS Diglipur once again cracked a blind theft case within 6 hours of registration of the case and arrested 2 accused namely Bijoy Kumar Biswas, S/o Shri Bidhuth Biswas and Khitish Mondal, S/o Late Nikhil Mondal both residents of Krishnapuri village near Nikhil Medical, Diglipur. On Dec. 20, a theft case was reported at PS

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KVIB to Organise 'Rozgar evam Sawrojgar Mela'

Port Blair, Dec. 21: The A&N Islands Khadi & Village Industries Board jointly with the Industries Department & Employment Exchange and Rural Development, A&N Administration will be organizing a 'Rozgar evam Sawrojgar Mela' in association with like-minded agencies implementing Govt. sponsored schemes for providing career guidance. The programme will be held on Dec. 28, 2022 in the Multipurpose Hall of Subash Gram,

Diglipur, North Andaman from 10 am to 4 pm.

The main objective of the Rozgar mela is to provide a platform between the self-employment implementing Departments, private employers, and job seekers to set up their livelihood venture duly availing benefits of Govt. sponsored schemes or placement in private sector.

During the programme, information kiosks separately for each

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IDAS Probationers Call on Lt. Governor



Port Blair, Dec. 21: Group of Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) Probationers of 2021 batch, as part of their Tri-Services Command attachment to Andaman & Nicobar Command called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency, today at Raj Niwas.

NYA President Grateful to Chief Secretary

Port Blair, Dec. 21: The President, Nicobar Youth Association, Shri Rayhaan Pasha on behalf of the tribal community of Nicobar District has appreciated the Chief Secretary, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS for issuing an order to make A&N Administration easily accessible for the general public as well as tribal communities. This move will enable the tribal community members who come to Port Blair from far flung islands to present their grievances for redressal before the Administration, said Rayhaan adding that the tribal community of the Nicobar Islands will remain grateful to Shri Keshav Chandra.

DSS Notifies Changes in Shipping Schedule

Port Blair, Dec. 21: Due to technical reason the Directorate of Shipping Services has postponed the sailing programme of MV Campbell Bay for Little Andaman on Dec. 21 & 23, 2022. In view of delay in repair works on board MV Campbell Bay, to facilitate the passenger bound to travel to Little Andaman, the Directorate of Shipping Services has made the following arrangements.

Now, the vessel MV Bharat Seema will sail for Little Andaman on Dec. 22, 2022 at 0700 hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Port Blair on the same day at 2100 hrs from Little

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Fluid Boundaries

The dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra over areas that both States claim to be theirs has become nasty and noisy in recent weeks, even leading to violence. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis — both from the BJP — have crossed swords publicly. Campaigners for the merger of Karnataka's Marathi-speaking areas with Maharashtra upped the ante this week by organising a conference in Belgaum. Maharashtra politicians wanted to attend it but were stopped by the police, leading to a flare-up, possibly as intended by the invitees and the organisers. Karnataka's practice, since 2006, of holding the winter session of the Assembly in Belgaum, is itself an assertion of its authority over the place. Recently, Mr. Bommai reiterated Karnataka's claim over 48 villages of Sangli in Maharashtra, drawing a sharp rebuttal. With exchanges getting increasingly provocative, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has told the Chief Ministers to dial down the rhetoric and wait for the Supreme Court to adjudicate the matter. The Court is seized of the matter, but it can only do so much as the underlying factors that originated along with the 1956 linguistic reorganisation of Indian States are not easily amenable to technical and legal solutions.

Carving out political units that neatly correspond with various linguistic groups is impossible in India. As a result, almost all States have linguistic minorities that are accorded special rights. The Maharashtra-Karnataka row fundamentally arises out of a lack of appreciation of that reality. In 1957, Maharashtra claimed 814 villages and the three urban settlements of Belagavi, Karwar and Nippani in Karnataka; Karnataka not only rebuffed Maharashtra's claims but also began to claim areas in Kolhapur, Sholapur and Sangli districts in Maharashtra. Elsewhere, Maharashtra and Telangana are caught in a dispute across their border, in Chandrapur and Asifabad districts, respectively. Reports of populations wanting to have their places shift from one State to another have emerged in recent weeks. In the Northeast, some boundary disputes between States have cost lives. It is wise to defer to the Court's decision on any dispute, but harmony can be achieved only through embracing and promoting a political culture that is respectful of diversity that cannot be neatly demarcated. Fluid political and cultural boundaries criss-cross the landscape of India. If new fires are lit through divisive politics, the judiciary can do very little. That will be a double engine failure.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Fun Being Myself..!

Quite a few years back, I remember a flag hoisting: I watched as my dear friend slowly made her way across to hoist the flag. She was eighty-four. "Bob," she used to say, "In Jalandhar where I lived with my husband, I used to be known for who I was, here I am known as someone's mother or the children's grandmother!"

And as the frail hands pulled the rope that held the flag I whispered to her, "Now you're famous."

"Yes," she whispered back, her eyes twinkling, "from today people will point to my son and say that is her son and to my grandchildren; those are her grandchildren." We both laughed and I steadied her as we stood straight and sang the national anthem.

US Congressman Tribble told a story about teaching his daughter that she was her own person. Wherever she went, the little girl was constantly associated with her father. "Oh, you must be Congressman Tribble's daughter," well-intentioned adults would coo.

She explained to her parents that she wanted to be herself, not simply known as Congressman Tribble's little girl. Her father told her not to worry about it. Her mother, who perhaps understood the problem better, suggested, "The next time that happens, just stand right and say, 'I am Constance Tribble!'"

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The opportunity arose just a few days later. A group of people met her and when they heard her name, they said, "Why Congressman Tribble must be your father!"

Constance looked right back at them and said, "Oh, no! That's not what my mother says!"

Ooops!

Here are two instances of people who wanted to tell the world they were their own persons. And yet there are so many of us who go through life either imitating others or living up to the expectations of those around.

For many years I felt in a party I had to be like some of my friends; cracking jokes, talking at the top of my voice and generally being noticed. I did a pretty bad job of the whole thing. I never remembered any jokes at party time, couldn't muster enough volume over the others and am not sure I was noticed.

Today I have a reasonably good time at gatherings just being myself. I love sitting and observing the crowd, instead of pacing all over the room with a glass in hand. I avoid the joke cracking crowd and generally chat with people I find interesting, and quite often leave after making a new good friend.

I learnt it was fun being myself.

Try doing the same. Don't just live under the shadow of a father or husband or wife, be yourself, and have fun doing the same..!

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Kuldeep Rai Sharma Moves Private Bill in Parliament Demanding Central University for Andaman & Nicobar Islands

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University in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands is depriving the local students belonging to poor or marginalized sections of the society since they have very limited higher educational opportunities in the Islands and have to travel to mainland for higher education purpose which is a costly affair and difficult to bear.

In order to realize the true potential of students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, there is an eminent requirement to establish a Central University in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

According to Sharma, a Central University is

necessary to revolutionize Higher Education and to provide a level playing field to the students of the Islands in comparison with other Union Territories like Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Delhi, Puducherry, Chandigarh who have their own Universities.

The Central University will enable the introduction of several new courses in the field of Marine Biology, Forest, Fisheries, Tribal Culture, Environment and many others. This will also facilitate socioeconomic development of the A&N Islands and will also generate more employment opportunities for the Islanders.

The MP from A&N further pointed out that Central University will provide employment to the local youths including tribals but this Central University will create an educational hub in the Islands, which will also generate revenue as the Islands will soon be open to South Eastern Asian countries. Students from South East Asian countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, and Myanmar (Burma) will come to Andaman & Nicobar Islands for higher education.

ENTERTAINMENT

Are Actresses Being targeted?

December 21: The row over Deepika Padukone's 'saffron' costume in the Besharam Rang song from the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer Pathaan isn't going to die down any time soon. Ex MP and actor Divya Spandana expressed her anger over the raging controversy on social media, terming misogyny 'the biggest evil.' She also cited examples of how female actors have been targeted for all kinds of things in the recent past. "Samantha trolled for her divorce, Sai Pallavi for her opinions, Rashmika for her separation, Deepika for her clothes and many, many other women for pretty much EVERYTHING. Freedom of choice is our basic right. Women are the embodiment of Maa Durga — misogyny is an evil we must fight," tweeted Divya.

She also appealed to everyone to refrain from posting derogatory comments against women, children or anyone. Divya's tweet has brought into focus the plight of 'leading ladies' who are on top of their game but are targeted



unreasonably for their choices, be it professional or personal.

Recently, Rashmika Mandanna shared a glimpse into the kind of hate she's been receiving from many people for various reasons. Commenting on the abuse she's been getting for calling off her engagement and for the Kantara episode, among other instances, she said, "I just have love for them (trollers). I don't know what else I'm supposed to say about it. It's left to them. The world doesn't know what's happening on the inside. We can't put a camera on our personal lives and show it."

Samantha too came under scrutiny for her personal and professional choices — the decision she and her husband Naga Chaitanya took to part ways, her role in The Family Man 2, and her special song in Pushpa. She was also accused for leaking info about her ex husband and Shobita Dhulipala seeing each other. The abuse reached such a pitch that Sam was forced to intervene and shut down the trolls. "Rumours on girl - Must be true !! Rumours on boy-Planted by girl !! Grow up guys .. Parties involved have clearly moved on .. you should move on too !! Concentrate on your work ... on your families .. move on!!," she tweeted.

What to Watch for the Week Ending December 23

December 21: Argentina has won the football world cup and fans can now breathe easy. But the end of the world cup does not mean the end of entertainment. It's almost Christmas and streaming platforms too are ready with their lineup to keep the fans hooked to screens, big or small. As usual, we will have some old favorites coming with the new season while some entirely fresh content also awaits us.

Lily Collins returns as Emily in 'Emily in Paris' as the third season drops this week on Netflix on December 21. The series chronicling an American's life in Paris has had a successful run so far. This is its third season in just two years.

Next is Alice, not in wonderland, but borderland. The second season of 'Alice in Borderland' will be aired on December 22. It's a Japanese science fiction thriller drama



based on the manga of the same name.

Daniel Craig was as much loved as a detective in 'Knives Out' as was as James Bond. He is back as world-famous detective Benoit Blanc peeling back the layers of a mystery surrounding a tech magnate. The movie, Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery, has been directed by Rian Johnson.

Nandi award-winning movie 'Anukokunda Oka Roju' is all set for its OTT release this Friday, 17 years after its original

release. Starring Jagapathi Babu, and Charmy, it is a mystery-thriller film. This movie also had a Hindi remake.

Considered one of the best Telugu movies, 'Oohalu Gusagusalade' starring Naga Shourya and Raashi Khanna will start streaming on Friday.

Similarly, a new episode of the K-drama 'Trolley' featuring Park Hee-soon will be dropped on Monday.

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Health, Science /Tech

Bharat Biotech Expects Regulator's Nod for Intranasal COVID-19 Vaccine This Month

December 21:

Bharat Biotech, which is working on an intranasal COVID-19 vaccine candidate is hopeful of getting regulatory licenses this month, if all goes well, Chairman and Managing Director of the company, Krishna Ella said.

He also has said BBIL (Bharat Biotech International Limited), which has a vaccine manufacturing plant in Ankleshwar in Gujarat is one of the two plants in the world capable of producing vaccine for monkeypox disease. The other one is in Bavarian Nordic, Germany.

"We will be applying for licenses and (they) should come. If everything goes well, we know by next month (August). You (people) would rather get the coronavirus nasal vaccine and if any variant comes it is easy to plug in quickly and move fast. So we are optimistic that both injectable and nasal strategy will work protecting people's lives in the future, any variant comes also we can handle," he said in a recently held event.

Clinical trials of nasal vaccine complete

Mr. Ella said the firm completed clinical trials of the nasal vaccine with about 4,000 volunteers and there is no instance of side effect or adverse reaction reported so far.

The Drug Controller General of India gave its nod to conduct clinical trials for BBIL's intranasal vaccine as booster dose.

Separately, the DCGI also granted permission to the firm to conduct phase-3 clinical trial to compare the immunogenicity and safety of BBV-154 (intranasal) with Covaxin. This trial has been permitted to be conducted at nine sites. Nasal vaccine vs injectable vaccine Justifying the reason for a nasal vaccine for coronavirus, he said any injectable vaccine only protects the lower level (of the body). That's why people who were vaccinated with injectable vaccines may still get RT-PCR positive, whereas the nasal jab gives protection to the whole body. Replying to a query, he predicted that the country may face higher hospitalisations with the emerging coronavirus variant BA.5 as the new form may "evade the vaccine". "It is totally different from delta variant. It is totally different from omicron also. They call "deltaomicron", a combination of both. I think if that attacks then it is going to be an issue. But we keep watching. We are working on that also. Risk mitigation we are trying to do. We are well prepared now... I think hospitalisation will increase if there are BA.5 attacks," Mr. Ella said.



PBGKR Felicitates Muaythai Athletes



Port Blair, Dec. 21: Port Blair Guruki Rasoi today facilitated the Muaythai athletes Mr Deepak Krishnan and Mr

Aman Kumar Sharma with the mementos. Deepak Krishnan has won a silver medal in the -71 kg category and Aman

Kumar Sharma has won a silver medal in the +91 kg category.

ICAR-KVK, Port Blair Conducts Awareness programme on Natural Farming

Port Blair, Dec. 21: ICAR-KVK, CIARI, Port Blair organized awareness programme of natural farming at Community Hall, Maglutan on 20.12.2022 under out scaling of Natural farming through Krishi Vigyan Kednras. The programme was inaugurated by Dr Y Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head.

In his address on the occasion, Dr Y Ramakrishna highlighted the various ill-effects of indiscriminate use of agro-chemicals and inorganic fertilizers in soil health and soil microbial diversity. He apprised the gathering about the importance of natural farming by which the cost of crop production can be reduced by replacing the inorganic fertilizers and plant protection chemical.



Dr N. Bommayasamy, SMS (Agro./Agrl.Extn.) dealt about difference of organic and natural farming practices, management of crops pests by using Neemastra, Bhramastra and Agnistra and application of sour curd. Application of ghanajeevamrut and jeevamrut helps in improving the soil health and soil biological activity by providing nutrients.

The experts demonstrated the method of preparation of ghanajeevamrut, jeevamrut

during the programme. ICAR-KVK, Port Blair distributed jeevamrut preparation kits to participants. Fifty-three farmers and farm women participated and benefited in this programme.

The programme concluded a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Snehalata, farm women. The programme was organized under supervision and guidance of Dr Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

Application form for 2 Year Pre-Sea Training

Port Blair, Dec. 21: The application form for new admission to 2 yrs Pre-Sea Training for Diploma Holders (Post Diploma in marine Engineering course) at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT) is available at the Maritime Section of DBRAIT. The last

date for submission of filled in application form is Dec 30, 2022. This course is duly approved by DG Shipping, Mumbai and is a residential course. This course is of 24 months duration and the entry qualification is Diploma in Mechanical/Electrical/EEE/Diploma Ship

Building Engineering with 50% marks in final year of the Diploma and 50% marks in English, either in Class X or XII. For further details about the course, fees structure, etc., candidates may contact to the Maritime Section of DBRAIT during working hours (Mob-9679553501 / 9933224884).

Firing Practice by Indian Navy

Port Blair, Dec. 21: Firing practice by Indian Navy will be carried out on NSCB Island on Jan. 5 & 6, 2023 from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The safe flying

height is 7000 Mtr AMSL. All concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vessels/fishing boat away from the firing range during

the above mentioned dates and time, a press release from Indian Navy said.

IV Boats Directed to Shift to Junglighat Jetty on Dec. 26

Port Blair Dec. 21: In connection with the observance of Tsunami anniversary on Dec 26, 2022, all IV boats plying from Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports Complex have been directed to shift from Aberdeen Jetty to Junglighat Jetty on Dec.25, 2022 by 1700 hrs positively.

No vessel will be permitted to ply/anchor in the area between Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Island and Aberdeen Jetty off Marina Park on Dec.26. Normal ferry service thereafter can be resumed from Aberdeen Jetty on Dec.27 onwards.

Similarly, all owners of Jetski scooters have also been directed to park their Jetski scooters at parking place by 1700 hrs on Dec.25, 2022. No water sports activities will be permitted on Dec.26, 2022 from Aberdeen Jetty.

AATO Delegation Meets Lt. Governor, Discuss Issues Concerning Tourism

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He also requested the Lt. Governor to ease out registration and renewal procedure of I.V. Boats, Parasailing boats and other water sports activities.

The Lt. Governor appraised the delegation about various initiatives of Niti Ayog & A&N

Administration with regard to development of tourism in these Islands. He also assured all possible assistance to tourism stakeholders in smooth operations of tourism related activities in these islands. Vinod has expressed sincere gratitude to Lt. Governor for meeting the delegation amidst his busy schedule.

Blind Theft Case Solved Within 6 Hours by Diglipur Police

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Diglipur where 3 batteries were stolen from 3 trucks parked at different locations at Diglipur. A case was registered and a team was constituted by Insp. Vikash Singh, SHO PS Diglipur, consisting of Insp. Kabita Kirtonia, PC Devsai, PC Abubacker Siddique, PC Santosh Lal and PC Sameresh Mistry.

The team immediately activated the informers and checked all available local CCTV footage and cross checked with the local garbage collectors related to suspicious movements at night. Also various scrap dealers were examined and based on quick human intelligence gathering, 2 accused were apprehended. After sustained

interrogation, the stolen batteries were recovered which was stolen on the intervening night of 19/12/22 and 20/12/22. The accused sold the stolen batteries in a nearby scrap yard and the owner who purchased the stolen property was apprehended. The whole exercise took place under the command of Shri Lakshya Pandey, SDPO Diglipur and overall supervision of Smti Geetanjali Khandelwal, Superintendent of Police, N & M Andaman District.

Meanwhile, the general public have been requested to pass and share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest Police Station or over phone No.100, 112 & 30192 273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

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participating Department and Banks will be setup to disseminate information to the interested beneficiaries on the formalities / procedure for application submission and benefits of the various schemes being implemented by the respective Departments. As

a part of the programme, the Employment Exchange will organizing a placement drive for the job seekers in the private sector firms on the spot.

Unemployed youth have been requested to attend the programme and make optimum utilization of the services being provided by the Govt. Departments.

DSS Notifies Changes in Shipping Schedule

Andaman. Passengers those who are holding their tickets of MV Campbell Bay for 21st Dec., sailing have been advised to surrender the same and avail MV Bharat Seema by obtaining fresh ticket at Haddo Wharf (Gate No. 3) on Dec.22, 2022 which will be issued on first come first server basis.

Similarly, the vessel Nalanda will sail for Little Andaman on Dec.24, 2022 at 2100 hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on Dec.25, 2022 at 0800 hrs from Little Andaman. Passengers those who are holding their tickets of MV Campbell Bay for Dec. 23, 2022 have been advised to cancel their tickets and get fresh ticket of Nalanda from STARS Ticketing Counter, Phoenix Bay from Dec.22 onwards.

Further, the schedule of MV Bharat Seema for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 23.12.2022 and back to Port Blair on 24.12.2022 has been postponed by a day. Now, the vessel will sail for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 24.12.2022 at 0700 hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 25.12.2022 at 1200 hrs directly from Car Nicobar.

The schedule of MV Campbell Bay for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 27.12.2022 and her return voyage from Campbell Bay to Port Blair on 29.12.2022 has been cancelled. Fresh date of sailing for Campbell Bay via Nancowry will be announced shortly.

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NIT No : 119/EE/PBSD/2022-23.
Name of work : Repair and Renovation of Multipurpose Hall and Sport Flooring at Netaji Stadium, Port Blair. Sub work:- Supply and Installation of Badminton Sport PVC vinyl flooring system BWF approved.
Estimated Cost : ` 13,12,395/-
Earnest Money : ` 26,248/-
Time of completion : 15 (Fifteen) Days


Last date and time of submission of Bid : 30/12/2022 15:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of opening of Bid : 30/12/2022 15:30 Hrs.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

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Popularise Millets: PM Modi Tells BJP MPs

December 21: New Delhi: Emphasizing India's position as a major millet crop producing country globally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that making millets, grown by most small farmers in the country, popular amounts to serving the country. Mr Modi also asked the BJP MPs during the parliamentary party meeting to promote sports meets with a special focus on Indian games like kabaddi. Noting that the UN has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millet on his government's request, the



Prime Minister called for making the bouquet of grains high in nutrition a popular choice of food for people. He pointed out that over 85 per cent of small farmers in the country grow millets in large numbers, so an increase

in the consumption of these grains will help them financially. The government also hosted a millet lunch for MPs.

CONDOLENCE

CPI (M) Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee mourn the sudden demise of Shri PG Haridas, retired Office Superintendent, A&N Administration at District Hospital, Garacharma today (21.12.2022). He was 75 years. CPI (M) conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family members. His body will be taken for funeral from his house at Teylorabad at 11.30 a.m. on 22nd December, 2022.

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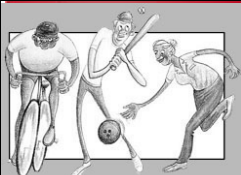
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SPORTS

Graham's Hat-Trick; Gardner, Harris Power-Hitting Floor India in 5th T20I

December 21: Heather Graham became only the second woman cricketer from her country to take a T20 hat-trick as Australia crushed India by 54 runs in the final match to clinch the five-game series 4-1 here on Tuesday.

Graham (4/8 from 2 overs) was the star performer with the ball for Australia as she first dismissed Devika Vaidya and Radha Yadav in the last two deliveries of the 13th over.

She then returned in the final over of the innings to not only claim a hat-trick with the opening ball in the form of Renuka Singh but also picked up the prized scalp of Deepti Sharma (53 off 34) in the final delivery.

Australian pacer Megan Schutt was the first woman from her country to claim a hat-trick in T20 cricket in 2018. Sent into bat, Asheigh Gardner (66 not out off 32) and Grace Harris (64 not out off 35) struck explosive unbeaten half-centuries to power Australia to an imposing 196 for four.

The Indian bowlers cut a sorry figure after initial success as Gardner and Harris stitched an attacking unbeaten 129 off just 62 balls to fire Australia to their highest total of the series.

The asking rate was too tall for India as they kept losing wickets at regular intervals to be bowled out for 142.

India started their big chase with a bang with vice-captain Smriti Mandhana (4) pulling Darcie Brown across the square-leg boundary in the first delivery of the innings.

But Mandhana's stay was short-lived as two balls later she holed out to Grace Harris at forward square leg, looking to flick the ball.

One-down Harleen Deol came all out attacking and struck a boundary through point and gully from her first ball of the innings.

Shafali Verma (13) then got a reprieve in the third over when she was dropped by Harris at



point after the batter miscued a shot.

But it was not Shafali's day as she was caught by Annabel Sutherland off the bowling of Gardner at long-on.

Harleen Deol played a 16-ball 24-run cameo before becoming a victim of an unnecessary run out.

Things turned bad to worse when skipper Harmanpreet Kaur departed. Introduced into the attack in the ninth over, Annabel Sutherland struck gold with her first delivery, trapping Harmanpreet in front of wicket as the batter failed to gauge the length of the delivery.

Wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh struck two boundaries before perishing and then Heather Graham dismissed Devika Vaidya and Radha Yadav in consecutive deliveries to be in the fray for a hat-trick, which she completed in the final over of the match.

Earlier, Gardner remained unbeaten on 66 off 32 balls with the help of 11 boundaries and one six, while Harris made 64 not out of 35 balls during which she struck six fours and four hits over the fence.

Electing to bowl, India started brightly, dismissing Beth Mooney (2) and Phoebe Litchfield (11) cheaply inside four overs.

Thereafter, skipper Tahila McGrath (26 off 26) and Ellyse Perry (18 off 14) shared 38 runs for the third wicket to stabilise the innings.

Just when the partnership was looking dangerous, Shafali Verma fooled McGrath with a tossed up delivery which spun just enough to beat the bat of an aggressive McGrath to be stumped by Richa Ghosh.

An over later, Perry departed in search of big shot down the ground, caught by Harleen Deol in a juggling act of the bowling off Devika Vaidya.

Thereafter, it was a complete Harris and Gardner show as the two batters took the Indian bowlers to the cleaners.

All the Indian bowlers looked clueless in front of the two Australian batters as they found the boundaries at will.

It was Harris who brought up her fifty first in just 28 balls with a six off Renuka Singh in the 18th over and then a ball later Gardner also reached the feat with a boundary in just 25 balls.

It was raining boundaries and sixes towards the end as the Indian bowlers looked completely out of sorts and some sloppy work in the field also didn't help the hosts.

Vaidya turned out to be the most economical for India with figures of 1/26 from her three overs.

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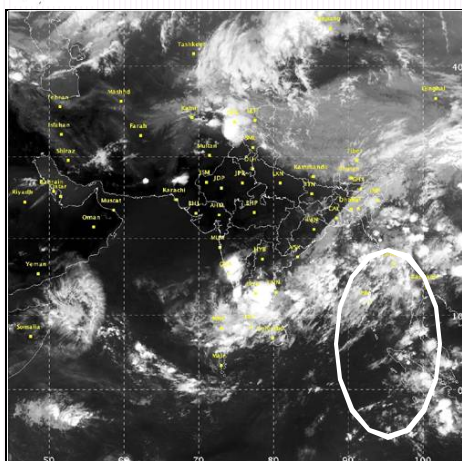
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.0 °C	Min.: 26.7 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 78%	1730 Hrs: 74%
Sunrise: 0535 Hrs.	Sunset: 1701 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):	2585.2 mm

Forecast

The weather will be dry over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 26°C respectively on Thursday 22/12/2022.

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