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Jarawa Facts

The 300 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 store 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



Let us vote for him... he was silent throughout the campaign!

Biden Regime Pushes for Indian Envoy Nominee

New Delhi, Nov. 4: With just two months to go in the current U.S. Congressional term, the Biden administration is redoubling efforts to ensure the nomination of Eric Garcetti is cleared by the Senate in the next few weeks, before his nomination lapses. Confirming that the U.S. still intends to send the Los Angeles Mayor and close associate of U.S. President Joseph Biden to New Delhi, the White House said the appointment remains a "priority", especially given that it is nearly two years since the last U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Juster left Delhi.

"We continue to seek the expeditious confirmation of Mayor Garcetti — that is important to this President, a

priority to this President — who was voted out of committee with strong bipartisan support to serve as Ambassador to India," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters on Thursday, referring to the fact that Mr. Garcetti, who was nominated as far back as July 2021, was cleared by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in January 2022.

However, the last step of voting on his confirmation on the floor of the Senate has not happened yet, although others who were cleared by the Committee at the same time, including Ambassadors to Pakistan, Germany and the Vatican were confirmed and posted shortly afterwards. Mr. Garcetti's nomination was effectively blocked by



two Republican Senators over allegations of sexual harassment by his deputy in office.

Though the blocks have reportedly been lifted, the Biden administration has not

felt confident of the numbers in the Senate to bring Mr. Garcetti's nomination to the floor. Even without holds, the administration would need a simple majority of 51 votes in

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India Dominates the 2022 Asian Chess Championship

Port Blair, Nov. 4 India dominated the 2022 Asian Chess Championship, which came to an end in New Delhi yesterday (November 3). Indian players swept the podium in both open and women's sections, with R Praggnanadhaa and PV Nandhidhaa winning the titles. 140 players from 13 Asian countries which include 31 Grandmasters, 46



International Masters, 14 Women Grandmasters and 17 Women International Masters took part in the prestigious championship.

NSUI State President Demands for Conducting a Fair CTET Exam in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, Nov. 4: National Students Union of India State President, Mr. M. A Sajid has demanded for conducting a fair Central Teacher Eligibility Test for the aspiring candidates of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In the letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Sajid said that the

students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands were facing a huge problem in regard to the restriction by CBSE with limited candidates in appearing for the Examination of Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET).

He said that CBSE has arranged only One Centre in Conducting of the Exam

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GoI Implements 'Nai Roshni' Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women, Proposals invited from Organisations

Port Blair, Nov. 4: The Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI is implementing Nai Roshni- the Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women. The target group includes women belonging to all minorities notified under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992

viz. Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains. The objective of the scheme is to empower and instill confidence among minority women, including their neighbours from other communities living in the same

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Polit Bureau Member of CPI(M) G Ramakrishnan to Arrive Today



Port Blair, Nov. 4: Shri G. Ramakrishnan, Polit Bureau Member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) is reaching Port Blair on 5th November 2022 morning from mainland. The senior leader will attend a series of meetings including the State Organising Committee meeting scheduled on 5th November 2022 at Shaheed Bhavan, Port Blair.

He will return to mainland on 6th November, 2022 afternoon.

Admission forms for Post Diploma in Marine Engineering

Port Blair, Nov. 4: The admission forms for the new admission in 2 yrs Pre-Sea Training for Diploma Holders (Post Diploma in Marine Engineering course) at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT) may be collected from the Maritime Section of DBRAIT from Nov. 7 to 19, 2022. This course is duly approved by DG Shipping, Mumbai and is a residential course.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Heavy-Handed Hurry

What happens when there is a grave lapse in editorial judgment and something false gets published? If the report is against someone who wields influence, and the media institution concerned is a known critic of the Government, the consequences might turn out to be disproportionately severe. Digital publication The Wire finds itself in precisely this predicament after a series of its stories has been discredited due to what it admits is fabricated evidence provided by one of its own consultants. Its reporting relating to the alleged privileges enjoyed by a purported beneficiary of social media giant Meta's 'XCheck' programme — privileges that it claimed included the right to report any post and have it taken down with no questions asked — has turned out to be a major debacle. Amit Malviya, head of the ruling BJP's national IT department, named as the one who had got an Instagram post removed, has filed a police complaint, alleging a conspiracy by The Wire to harm his reputation through forgery. The Delhi Police, with whom The Wire too filed a complaint against its consultant Devesh Kumar for allegedly perpetrating an elaborate hoax by submitting fabricated digital proof, lost no time in searching the residences of its editors and seizing laptops and phones. Even by the set standards of the present regime in dealing with vocal dissenters, the hurry shown and the seizures made by the police are shocking. The effort seems to be to make an example of The Wire.

Despite the element of forgery in this case, one cannot dismiss a possible conspiracy to discredit The Wire. Mr. Malviya has limited his complaint to its founders and the journalists whose bylines appeared in initial reports concerning him. Further, the complaint does not name Mr. Kumar, raising a doubt whether this is intentional. The police should not really be investigating the defamation angle, as Supreme Court judgments are clear that prosecution for defamation should only be at the instance of the aggrieved person, and there can be no police FIR. The case highlights the continuing hazard of having defamation on the criminal statute to be exploited by influential state-backed actors rather than a civil remedy to aggrieved individuals. The Court's refusal to decriminalise defamation does add state power to the armoury of those waiting for occasional lapses in the media. The absence of malice, a key defence in such cases, is quite obvious in The Wire case, as no one would wilfully publish a report based on fabricated proof and fake validation by experts under the clear risk of exposure. At the same time, media outlets should acknowledge the perils of the interplay between editorial laxity and confirmation bias in assessing a potential story.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Godmen and the Honeytrap..!

"How could he?" we shout hysterically when we find that a godman or a man of God, has fallen into a honeytrap!

"He's nearly a god!" some say.

"He is one!" say others, and therein lies the problem.

Many years ago, an old, wise, ninety-year old lady stopped me as I criticized a priest, "Remember Bob, beneath the cassock lies a man!"

Wise words indeed!

Most priests start off on the right track. They, at some point in their lives decide that instead of serving mammon, serving God makes more sense. Somewhere on the way, their flock change them.

"You blame us for what happens to these godmen and men of God?" you ask incredulously.

To a certain extent yes!

We love men and women with chutzpah and charisma, right? And when that same man or oftentimes a woman wears white, red, purple or saffron, we revere them all the more. In our emptiness we admire they have reached fulfillment quite similar to our love for billionaires who we envy for what we don't have and then put them on a pedestal.

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And like the golden calf of yore, we adulate them.

And that adulation gets to the godman, or man of God, who starts enjoying a near 'godlike' worship up there where you've placed him, laps up the feeling, and slowly over a period of time starts imagining he is God himself.

He isn't. His job was to point the way to God, to teach men and women in his care how to keep themselves pure and holy so God could live in them.

But as these gurus progressed from teacher to preacher to godman, they lost God!

In the losing of their holiness they became the base man they were before they started, with all the desires of an ordinary human being. It was dwelling with God, that kept them from the carnal, but now with a smile on their lips and lewd words from their mouths they step into the honeytrap!

We, as a people have a duty here. Since we are part of the problem. We need to see this does not happen to those who've decided to serve God. Stop treating them like the divine, and consistently bring them back to earth, when they start climbing the pedestal.

Instead of saying "You are a wonderful speaker!" say simple words like, "We thank God for the wonderful discourse you were able to deliver!"

Remind them constantly about Whom they serve.

Do this at every stage in their rise, remind them, their gift to speak, to heal, and to enlighten comes not from themselves but from the One above.

Then, you will find fewer falling headlong into the honeytrap, and the Divine smiling at you for guarding His chosen..!

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for the overall 5000 above aspiring candidates in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

He further mentioned that CTET is conducted as on the Computer Based Test. Due to lack of adequate infrastructure, it might be the

reason for CBSE to restrict no. of seats in conducting Examination in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In addition to the same, Sajid has given his suggestion to the Chief Secretary to convince CBSE in conducting the exam in an

offline mode or either to optimize sufficient centres for conducting examination in Online Mode so as enable more aspiring candidates to be appear for the Test in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hansika Motwani Blushes as Paparazzi Address her Fiance Sohael Khaturiya as 'Jiju'.

November 4: Actor Hansika Motwani, popular for her roles in films like Koi Mil Gaya, Aap Ka Suror, Desamuduru and Velayudham among others, returned to



Mumbai with her fiance Sohael Khaturiya on Thursday. The couple was spotted at the airport. At the airport, Hansika, who wore a co-ord set, interacted with photographers. She gave a shy smile when they addressed her fiance as 'jiju'. Sohael, who was dressed casually in denim and a blue t-shirt, avoided interacting

with the paparazzi. He seemed to be camera-shy, as, despite repeated requests from them, Sohael didn't pose for the photographers. Sohael Khaturiya arranged a dreamy proposal for Hansika Motwani in Paris. He proposed to her in front of the Eiffel Tower. She shared the pictures of the proposal on social media

and captioned them, "Now & Forever." While Hansika has not shared details about her wedding, a few reports mentioned that the actor will be marrying Sohael in the first week of December. It's said that the couple has planned a destination wedding in Jaipur. They will be flying out to Jaipur with close friends and family for the wedding festivities.

Shah Rukh Khan Asks Fans to Pray for Pathaan's Sequel: 'Wish You'll Pray We Quickly Start Working on the Sequel'

November 4: Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan made his birthday special for his fans by releasing the teaser of his upcoming film Pathaan. He also attended a fan event on his birthday and



expressed his gratitude for all the love. During the event, the superstar also requested his fans to pray for the success of Pathaan, so that the makers could make its sequel too. Shah Rukh told his fans, "Aap log dua karo ki Pathaan ka sequel ban jaaye. (Please pray that we get to make the sequel of Pathaan). I hope everybody likes it. All of us have worked hard on the film. And for Deepika (Padukone), John (Abraham), Siddharth

Anand and Adi (Aditya Chopra), I wish you'll pray that the film is so good and comes out with the second part, so we can quickly start working on the sequel." Pathaan, an action thriller, is directed by Siddharth Anand. It has Shah Rukh Khan presumably in the role of a spy. When asked about his favourite thing about Pathaan, Shah Rukh replied, "The hair. I love the hair." He added, "The only thing weird was that

many times Deepika and me had the same hairstyle in the scene. So, for the first time, I had to discuss hairstyles with my co-star. I miss it now. I have cut my hair. Hopefully, if we make part 2 of Pathaan, if you like the first part, I will grow it again." Apart from Pathaan, Shah Rukh has Atlee's Jawan and Rajkumar Hirani's Dunki in the pipeline.

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Health, Science /Tech

Cyberchondria is on the Rise Among 'Google Doctors'



November 4: HYDERABAD: Doctors have reported an increase in cyberchondria, a phenomenon in which healthy people believe they have serious health problems due to repeated or excessive online searches for medical-related information. As a result, these patients become anxious and stressed, undergo unnecessary tests, and struggle to overcome the belief that something is wrong with them. They also tend to double-check the doctors' diagnoses using Google search, which doctors discourage. Symptoms for chest pain is one of the most common online searches, according to Dr A. Sharath Reddy, Director, CTO and Complex Coronary Interventions, Medicover Hospitals. He claims that when patients conduct online searches to determine the causes of chest pain, the results show heart ailments, even though other, minor causes could exist. "And once the idea is planted in their heads, they enter a cycle of thought and end up undergoing unnecessary investigations, despite doctors telling them there is nothing wrong with them. Many patients request that I prescribe medical investigations to rule out heart problems or blockages. Dr Reddy says such patients have increased due to a rise in incidents of sudden heart attacks among the young people. Out of 20 patients he sees every day, 2-3 are victims of cyberchondria, and they are all in the 25-35 age group, he said. According to paediatrician Dr Sivaranjani Santosh, the phenomenon is also common among parents who conduct excessive online searches with regard to the health of their children. "They have a tendency to imagine the worst. For example, when a child coughed, the parents conducted a Google search with keywords 'cough causes', and concluded that their child had pneumonia, and rushed to see me. Also, after we diagnose something, parents may re-search it on Google and draw their own conclusions. Such patients are referred to as "Google doctors," according to Dr Santosh. According to general physician Dr K. Shivaraj, patients often search for medical-related information on symptoms such as hyperventilation and stomach problems, which often leads to cyberchondria. "Their symptoms may be genuine, but they are not caused by a disease. The underlying cause of their symptoms could be anxiety or stress, but they waste a lot of time and money on consultations and medical tests," he explained.

India Asks Canada to Prevent Anti-India Activities by Individuals, Groups Based there

November 4: India on Thursday reiterated its concern over certain forces planning a so-called referendum in Canada on their demand for Khalistan and called upon that country to prevent anti-India activities by individuals and groups based there.

It also urged Canada to designate as terrorists under its laws those individuals and entities who have been declared as terrorists under Indian laws.

Asked about the issue of the so-called Khalistan referendum in Canada, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "I think we have made our position clear a couple of times. Our position on the efforts by anti-India elements to hold a so-called Khalistan referendum is well known. It has been conveyed to the Canadian government both in New Delhi and in Canada."

The government of Canada has conveyed that it respects India's



sovereignty and territorial integrity and will not recognise the so-called referendum, which is to take place in two parts in Canada, Bagchi said.

"The Canadian high commissioner here and their deputy foreign minister reiterated this perspective earlier this week in separate statements. However, let me also reiterate what we said earlier, which is that we find it deeply objectionable that politically-motivated exercises by extremist elements are allowed to take place in a friendly country, and you are all aware of the history of violence in this regard," he added.

"We will continue to press the government of Canada in this matter. We call upon them to prevent anti-India activities by individuals and groups based in their country, and to designate as terrorists under their laws the individuals and entities who have been declared as terrorists under our laws," the MEA official said.

The Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) has proposed the so-called referendum in Mississauga, near Toronto, on November 6.

The first such exercise was held at Brampton on September 18.

Biden Regime Pushes for Indian Envoy Nominee

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the Senate, where Democrat strength at present is 48, and it is unclear if all Democrats are on board with the Garcetti appointment.

Much will now depend on how next week's mid-term Congressional elections play out, and analysts warn that a swing in favour of the opposition Republican party could further complicate the appointment. In addition, the Garcetti nomination will lapse on January 3, 2023, when the new Congress comes in, and a fresh nomination process would be required.

"Not having an ambassador in place has a substantial impact on the relationship, as the US is missing opportunities to strengthen ties. It is crucial that the U.S. administration brings Mr. Garcetti's nomination to the Senate for confirmation as soon as the mid-term elections are over," Mukesh Aghi, president and CEO of the U.S. India Strategic Partnership Forum told The Hindu during a visit to Delhi.

In an interview to Los Angeles Magazine last week, Mr. Garcetti said the process has been "frustrating", but he is "optimistic" that the confirmation will come

through, especially as he will complete his term as Los Angeles mayor by December. Reports have suggested that if it does, the confirmation would also come in time for a possible visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the U.S. to chair a special session of the UN Security Council in mid-December on counter-terrorism, before travelling to Washington for meetings. Ahead of the visit, which is yet to be confirmed, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra is in the U.S. this week, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is also expected to travel to the U.S. in December.

When asked about the lack of a U.S. Ambassador in Delhi for 22 months, the longest such period in history, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that representation is the "choice of the sending state". Since Mr. Juster, who was a Trump appointee left in January 2021, the U.S. has sent five Charge d'Affaires to New Delhi. The latest is 74-year old Elizabeth Jones, an officer who retired as a career diplomat years ago, but was appointed more recently to oversee Afghan relocation efforts in the U.S.

"I think we have vibrant ties with the U.S. and they are going from strength to strength. We would of course hope that that position is filled but it is finally the call of the U.S. side," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi at a media briefing on Thursday.

Gol Implements 'Nai Roshni' Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women, Proposals invited from Organisations

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village/locality, by providing knowledge tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks and other institutions at all levels.

The leadership development training scheme shall be implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs through selected organizations. The selected organizations should implement the project directly through their organizational set-up in the locality/village/area. The Central Government and UT Administration training institutes including universities and institutes of higher learning can also implement the scheme. Organizations which would be eligible for applying for financial assistance under this scheme are Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860; a public Trust registered under any law for the time being in force, a private limited non-profit

company registered under Section 25 of the Indian Companies Act, 1956; Universities/ Institutions of higher learning recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC), Training institutes of Central and State Government / UT Administration including Panchayati Raj Training institutes and Duly registered Cooperative Societies of Women/ Self Help Groups.

The selected organization would have the responsibility to motivate, identify and select women to be trained in accordance with the criteria of the scheme from villages/ urban localities having a substantial minority population. The organizations will involve Head of the Gram Panchayat/ Municipal Body/ Local Authority for identification/ selection of women trainees.

The details of the trainees will be submitted by the organization before the start of training through the Online Application

Management System (OAMS) for Nai Roshni, once the project is approved. Although there will be no annual income bar, a woman/parent or guardian of woman having annual income not exceeding Rs.2.50 lakh from all sources would be given preference in selection. They should be between the age group of 18 years to 65 years.

The proposal should be submitted in the prescribed format through Online Application Management System (OAMS). The link of OAMS is available on official website of Ministry of Minority Affairs i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. After filling up the complete proposal in the OAMS, a print of the same may be taken and submitted to the District Collector/District Magistrate for their recommendation in the prescribed format. The detailed guidelines of the scheme are available on the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

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The course is of 24 months duration and the entry qualification is Diploma in Mechanical/Electrical Engineering/EEE/Marine Engineering/Ship Building Engineering with 50% marks overall in Diploma

and 50% marks in English either in class X or XII. For further details about the course, fees structure candidates may contact the Maritime Section of DBRAIT during working hours over mobile nos. 9679553501/9933224884.

Last Date for Online Application for B.Ed. Degree Programme in TGCE

Port Blair, Nov. 4: The last date for online submission of application forms for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair is 10th November 2022. The provisional merit list of the candidates who have applied for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme will be published on 11th November 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the admission portal at <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in> under Announcements".

Candidates can submit their claims and objections in person or through email at tagoremail2481@gmail.com up to 15th November 2022. After attending claims and objections, final merit list will be published on 16th

November 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Counseling for admission to these courses is scheduled on 18th November 2022 at Tagore Auditorium from 9:30 a.m. onwards.

The candidates who are provisionally selected for admission to these courses will have to submit all the original certificates along with a set of photostat copies and requisite amount of fees on the day of admission failing which they will not be considered for admission.

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New Parliament Getting Ready at 'Very Fast Pace', Says Union Minister

New Delhi, Nov. 4: Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday remained non-committal about the precise date of the completion of the new Parliament complex in the Capital but sought to emphasise that work related to it was proceeding at a "very fast pace".

Over 4,000 individuals were working round the clock to complete the project, the targetted date of completion of which, the government had in August told the Lok Sabha, was November, he said. "I go there every week, work is going on at a very fast pace; we have over 4,000 people working round the clock on it. When it will be completed is for the government to announce but what I can tell you is that it is proceeding very well," he elaborated.

Mr. Puri offered this reassurance on the sidelines of the 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo, which he inaugurated with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Sources aware of developments related to the project said the new building was likely to be officially handed over to the Lok Sabha Secretariat by December 31.

While construction was on in full swing, issues related to the procurement of fixtures — mainly voting machines for Members of Parliament to cast votes on various Bills following deliberation — that were to be procured from Europe had been held up, sources said.

Essential fixtures such as these, sources added, could now be replaced by domestic alternatives and the new building, which was 70% complete in August, was "nearing completion every day".

Kerala's progress In his address at the expo, Mr. Puri said that the objective was to fully utilise the potential of urban transport systems, including buses and metros across the country, by the year 2047. A psychological transition was essential to encourage citizens to shift from private vehicles to the public transport system, he added.

Hailing Kochi for distinguishing itself as "an exemplar city" for promoting seamless public transportation in urban areas,

Mr. Puri acknowledged its focus on creating a system that encouraged people to switch from personal vehicles to public modes of transport as a "laudable objective" aligned with the Centre's objective of "moving people rather than vehicles".

Acknowledging the incorporation of best practices/learnings from other countries into Indian Urban Mobility Systems, the Minister said the Metro lines being introduced today were the kind of systems that were incorporating best practices from others the world over.

As of September 2022, he said, 810 km of Metro lines were operational in 20 cities and a network of more than 980 km of Metro network and RRTS was currently under construction in 27 cities.

India currently had the fifth-largest Metro network in the world and would soon overtake advanced economies such as Japan and South Korea to become the third-largest network, he added.

Mr. Puri also congratulated the Kochi Metro for the Kochi Water Metro project, which will connect 10 islands through 15 routes and cater to a daily ridership of more than 1,00,000 people across 78 kilometres of network.

"Not only will the Water Metro revive the traditional water train and travel routes once ubiquitous in the city, it will also provide a cheaper and more sustainable alternative to daily commuters," he said.

Delhi discourse

At the event, Mr. Puri took a jibe at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on the issue of freebies and referred to him as Olympic Gold Medallist when it came to offering 'revdis' such as free travel on public buses. The Minister also questioned his demand to allow free travel on the Delhi Metro even as the existing fleet of public buses in the city was at its lowest ebb.

He said that the Delhi CM was lucky that the AAP government was only responsible for funding 50% of the Delhi Metro with the Centre chipping in the other half. "We took a loan of ` 27,000 crore from the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the loan has to be paid back," he said, adding that Mr. Kejriwal promised new buses before every election, while the existing fleet had gone down to just 3,000 vehicles with most of them nearing the end of their life cycle.

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SPORTS

'Achha Bachcha Hai, Good kid!' How Shaheen Afridi Listened to Shahid Afridi's Advice and Changed his Length

November 4: Shaheen Alfred's fitness and form had been a concern for Pakistan in this T20 world cup until he dispelled the blues in the game against South Africa, picking two wickets in the first two overs.

It was noticeable that Shaheen, who usually likes to hit really full-lengths in his first two overs had dragged it back a bit against South Africa. Reason?

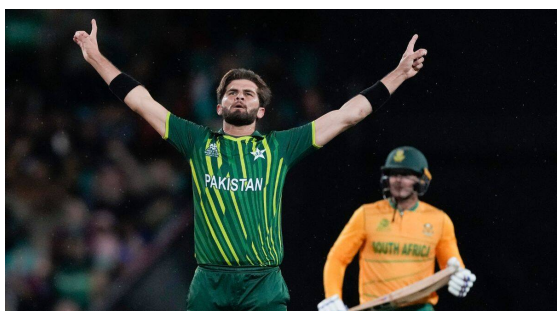
On Samaa TV, the host asked Shahid Afridi about the advice he had given to Shaheen. A advice that Shahid Afridi had said on air as well four days back.

The batsmen are now ready for his really full balls. If you are not getting swing with that length, drag back the length a bit. That's my advice to him. He should change the batsmen's mind and start from a good length," Afridi had said then.

Now after the game against South Africa, when the host said that Shaheen is listening to your advice, a smiling Shahid Afridi said. "Shaheen Afridi listens to me. He is a good kid! Achha bachcha hai! I never used to listen (to advise when I was young)," Afridi laughed.

Afridi would add, "I was travelling [during South Africa game] and my internet wasn't stable. I called home and asked them to send a video of the first over. And when I saw that Shaheen was hitting the good lengths rather than too full, I was happy."

Shaheen is engaged to Shahid Afridi's daughter. "I found my heart and that's enough for me." On A sports, Waqar Younis



would also point out the change in lengths as the key to Shaheen's success. "He was hitting the lengths right. He wasn't bowling too full. He realised I am not that pace to get the ball to swing and get lbw when full. He was smart," Younis said.

On October 27th on Samaa TV, Shahid had talked about Shaheen's lengths. "The body has to be warm, ready, and he has to bowl really pacy if he wants to bowl full. IT's cold there, you have to warm up before and come. But if it's not swinging, Shaheen should drag back the length."

Novak Djokovic Extends Winning Streak to 11 Matches, Iga Swiatek Rolls Into WTA Semifinals

November 4: Defending champion Novak Djokovic extended his winning streak to eleven matches after he defeated Russia's Karen Khachanov 6-4, 6-1 in a repeat of the 2018 final at the Paris Masters on Thursday.

It was a commanding performance from the Serb, who raced into a 3-0 lead in the first set, and even after being pegged back, he hit 17 winners and fashioned eight break point opportunities, converting four, to wrap up a routine win that lasted just under an hour and a half.

Djokovic remains unvaccinated against Covid-19, which has prevented him from playing a full schedule of tournaments this year, and plummeted his stock in the world rankings. He is now ranked seventh in the world. His form, however, has shown no signs of letting up. The last time Djokovic lost a tour-level match was the French Open quarterfinal at the hands of Rafael Nadal, and after his break from tennis following his

Wimbledon triumph, he has won titles in Tel Aviv and Astana.

With both Casper Ruud and Rafael Nadal falling early in the event, the Serb is the odds-on favourite to defend his title in Paris and head to the ATP Finals in full flow. He takes on Italy's Lorenzo Musetti in the quarterfinal.

On the other side of the draw, Carlos Alcaraz, defeated Grigor Dimitrov 6-1, 6-3 to set up a quarterfinal match against fellow promising teenager Holger Rune. Alcaraz looked in control throughout the game, even after he saw an early lead slip in the second set. The Spaniard is looking for one final flourish in Paris and later at the Finals, to cap off a landmark year that has seen him win his first Grand Slam and become the first teenager to become the men's World No. 1.

A meeting with the in-form Felix Auger-Aliassime could be up next, if he gets past Rune. Auger-Aliassime has won 15 consecutive matches – and three

titles – and takes on Frances Tiafoe in the quarterfinals.

At the WTA Finals in Fort Worth, United States, Iga Swiatek has reached the semifinals of the event relatively undisturbed. The most dominant women's player, the World No. 1 defeated Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-2 to reach the semifinals without losing a match, dropping just 10 games along the way. Garcia is the only player at the Finals to have defeated Swiatek this year, at the Poland Open no less, but the Pole's form on Thursday proved too much.

In the first group, Swiatek will be joined in the semifinals by the winner of the shootout between Daria Kasatkina and Garcia on Saturday. Both local favourites – Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula – are out of the running in the singles as well as the doubles, where they partner each other.

In the second group, Maria Sakkari's back-to-back wins sees her clinch the top spot, while both Aryna Sabalenka and Ons Jabeur remain in the running for the second spot, and right to play Swiatek, in the semifinals.

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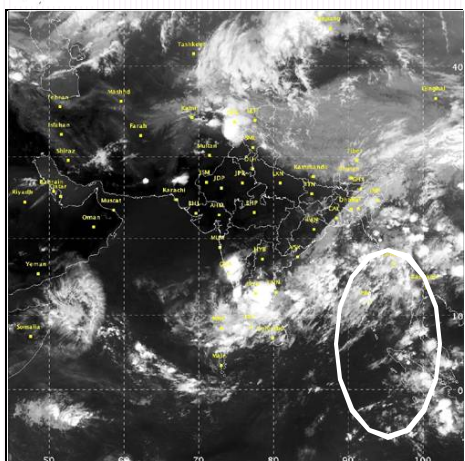
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 24.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77%	1730 Hrs: 82%
Sunrise: 0511 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 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):	2366.7 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain or thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 04/11/2022.

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