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Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa have been living in the tropical rainforests of the Andaman Islands for up to 60,000 years. The islands, in the Bay of Bengal, were colonised by the British in the mid-nineteenth century, and are now part of India.

Your Nature Guide

Coral Colours: Common coral colours are attractive shades of blue, pink, violet, red, or a rust brown. These colours are not the corals' own. They are provided by the different types of single-celled algae living in the corals. The relationship between these algae and the corals is very interesting. The presence of the algae help the corals to secrete limestone at a rate much faster than they could have done on their own. In return for this service the algae stay in the protective skeleton of the corals. Dead coral colonies have only masses of limestone skeleton without the living polyps. They are a light grayish colour, sometimes tinged with shades of their original colour.

Coral Reef Communities: Living corals reefs are alive and busy with all kinds of creatures. Anemones, soft corals, sponges, algae, and other plants and animals live attached to the limestone rock created by the stony corals. An amazing variety of fish live in the reefs. They are of all sizes and colours, and have intricate patterns. Over 600 species of fish exist in the coral reefs of our islands.

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

People's Voice

Great Nicobar mein ab tak kitne ped kate hai? Aur kacchwon ki tarah, Shompens ko kahan Shift hone bola hai?

- A Citizen



It will badly affect the people who have money!

Chief Secretary Interacts with PRIs & Officials of Various Departments at Shaheed Dweep

Shaheed Dweep, Jan 13: Fisheries sector has huge potential which will be developed in a broader scale for the economic prosperity of A&N Islands, said the Chief Secretary, A&N Islands, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS while interacting with the PRIs and the officials of various Departments at Shaheed Dweep today. Picturesque Shaheed Dweep Islands is endowed with abundant potential to attract tourists from across the country and globe, he said adding that Bharatpur Beach is one of the most beautiful beach of international standard. The Chief Secretary also emphasized the need to promote fisheries. He said,

rich fishery resources available in Andaman Nicobar waters offers immense scope for export.

During the interaction with elected representatives and different section of people, the Chief Secretary assured that the all genuine demands of the people of Shaheed Dweep will be looked into and will be addressed in a speedy manner. During his field visits to schools, health institutions, etc it was observed that infrastructures built by PRIs are either lacking maintenance or lacking required standards. He informed that the Administration is in the process of Integrating disjointed Engineering setup



of APWD and PRIs to enhance the technical capabilities and optimum delivery.

Responding to a farmer's request, the Chief Secretary

assured that the Administration will provide all support to maintain Shaheed Dweep the status of Organic Island. He also

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Lt Governor Visits Hut Bay



Port Blair, Jan 13: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency is on a four-day visit to Little Andaman, Kamorta and Look Out Post at

Tillangchong. Took passage in MV Nalanda from Port Blair. Interacted with Officers and crew of the ship, and inspected facilities en-route. On arrival at Hut Bay, Hon'ble Lt Governor was received by senior Officers of the A&N Administration and PRI members.

Special Drives to be Conducted for Issuance of Birth Certificate

Port Blair, Jan 13: The Directorate of Health Services in association with Department of Social Welfare will be conducting special camps to cover all the left out children (0-5) yrs for issuance of Birth Certificate to enable Aadhaar enrollment as per the schedule given below:

- 1) 17.01.2023 (9 am to 3 pm): Health & Wellness Centre Haddo
- 2) 18.01.2023 (9 am to 3 pm): Health & Wellness Centre Delanipur
- 3) 19.01.2023 (9 am to 3 pm): Health & Wellness Centre Junglighthat

- 4) 20.01.2023 (9 am to 3 pm): Health & Wellness Centre Dairy Farm
- 5) 21.01.2023 (9 am to 3 pm): Health & Wellness Centre Shadipur

- 6) All working days: Office Of The Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths (CRBD), Atlanta Point, Port Blair

All concerned parents have been requested to avail the above facility to obtain the Birth Certificate of their for Aadhaar enrollment. For further information, the general public may contact Shri ML Peter, Registrar of Births & Deaths, DHS on 03192-232732, 9474220055, 9933268811.

GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' and 'Pongal', I extend warm greetings to all the residents of A & N Islands.

The celebration of Makar Sankranti and Pongal marks the arrival of spring which brings prosperity, good fortune and happiness. With great devotion, fervor, vivacity, rays of hope and light, let us vow to further strengthen mutual harmony and brotherhood in our beautiful Islands.

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

On this festive occasion, I wish that this festival brings joy and success in the lives of all Islanders and our Islands continue to march ahead on the path of peace, prosperity and development.

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

GREETINGS

On the joyous occasion of Lohri, Makar Sankranti and Pongal, I convey my greetings and best wishes to all respected Islanders and wish them prosperity, good health and happiness.

The festivals associated with the harvest season, and celebrated with gaiety and enthusiasm all across the Islands and other parts of the country, symbolize our unity in diversity.

Agriculture and farming are closely linked to our ethos, culture and lifestyle. These festivals celebrate this intrinsic link which is necessary for us to maintain even as we move ahead in the modern era.

May the festivals be the beginning of further growth and progress and inspire us to work for the overall development of our Islands and mark the commencement of an era of abundance, prosperity and new opportunities.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma
Member of Parliament
A&N Islands

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Capital Stalemate

The victory of the Aam Aadmi Party in the recent Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections has added a fresh backdrop to the unceasing face-off between the Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory and the elected government. Several Governors, who are all too eager to further the Bharatiya Janata Party's politics, confront elected Chief Ministers from Opposition parties, but Delhi's case is unique, given the vast executive power at the command of the Lieutenant Governor. The most recent flashpoint between Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena came ahead of the January 6 election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the MCD, when Mr. Saxena appointed 10 aldermen and a BJP councillor to preside over the polls. The AAP alleged that Mr. Saxena had bypassed the tradition of appointing the senior-most councillor as the presiding officer. It has alleged that the aldermen appointed by Mr. Saxena were given voting rights in violation of the MCD Act, a question that remains unclarified. The party has pointed out that the Lieutenant Governor is ignoring the Council of Ministers and issuing orders to the bureaucracy directly on all matters, regardless of the division of power established by the Supreme Court between the two entities.

Technically, the Lieutenant Governor has executive control over only the three reserved subjects of police, public order and land; all other subjects (transferred subjects) lie with the elected government. But by virtue of being in control of the bureaucracy, and exercising the power to transfer, suspend or take any action against any employee of the Delhi government, the Lieutenant Governor's authority extends beyond those. As its earlier interventions have not settled the dispute between the Lieutenant Governor and the elected government, the Supreme Court is currently examining the question afresh. Meanwhile, the relations between the Chief Minister and the Lieutenant Governor are sliding further. The Lieutenant Governor sought a meeting with the Chief Minister, but then refused to give him time. Till October, the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister used to have weekly meetings. The Supreme Court's calls for statesmanship and wisdom by actors have not resolved the stalemate, which is seriously impacting governance in the national capital. The heightened political competition between the AAP and the BJP has worsened the situation, but the root of it all is the legal ambiguity that needs to be dispelled.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Stand Tall Like The Bamboo..!

One night a doctor friend dropped in, he appeared sad and beaten. A patient who had been operated upon in his hospital had gone into a coma for no fault of his or his staff and now he was hounded by the media, police and even members of the local community, to which the lady belonged. To top it all, his father who had been living with him, suddenly had a heart attack and passed away a week ago.

"Bob," he said, "how much can a man take? I feel like quitting, my life, my practice, everything!"

Both my wife and I felt sad that night for a man who seemed to be on the receiving end of such fate. And then this morning I came across a wonderful piece, which set my mind right and which I decided to send to my friend:

'One day I decided to quit...I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality... I wanted to quit my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God. "God, I said. "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?"

His answer surprised me. "Look around," He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?" "Yes," I replied.

"When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant

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green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo."

"In the second year the Fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo."

"In year three there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. In year four, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed. I will not quit." He said.

"Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant... But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall!"

"It had spent five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle." He said to me, "Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots?"

"I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you. Don't compare yourself to others." He said. "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet they both make the forest beautiful. Your time will come," God said to me.

"You will rise high!" "How high should I rise?" I asked.

"How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return.

"As high as it can," I said

"Yes," said God, "Give me glory by rising as high as you can..!"

And that my dear friend is what your struggle is all about; roots digging deeper and deeper into soil, past rock and hard ground, past other stubborn roots, till when deep, firm and strong you grow taller than the other trees around.'

Don't ever, ever give up, 'cause you'll soon stand tall like the bamboo..!

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Road from Dollygunj Jn to DBRAIT to Remain Closed

Port Blair, Jan 13: The road for 04 days w.e.f 14.01.2023 road i.e. ICMR to from Dollygunj Jn. to to 17.01.2023. Hence, all Bhathubasti Water DBRAIT will be closed for the vehicles will be Treatment Unit Road. all the vehicle movements diverted through adjacent

Greetings

On the auspicious occasion of Lohri, Makar Sankranti and Pongal,. Mr Angshuman Roy, State President (Youth) and all Hindu Rashtra Shakti members of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have greeted all the people of these islands and wished them prosperity, joy, good health and peace. "This being a harvest festival, we all must recognize the contributions of our farmers to the well being of the country," said Mr Roy.

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ENTERTAINMENT

RRR's 'Naatu Naatu' Wins Best Original Song at Golden Globes 2023

January 12: Los Angeles: "Naatu Naatu", the foot-tapping hit from SS Rajamouli's "RRR", danced its way to the best original song-motion picture win at the Golden Globes, but the Telugu blockbuster lost out to "Argentina, 1985" in the best picture-non English category.

The song, which celebrates the spirit of dance and friendship, beat out competition from the likes of Tylor Swift, Rihanna and Lady Gaga to register a win the Globes.

The win for best song bolsters the film's chances of striking gold again in the Hollywood award season, which culminates with the Oscars, the nominations for which will be announced on January 24.

"Naatu Naatu" has already made it to the 95th Academy Awards shortlist for best original song, along with 14 others.

Actor Jenny Ortega announced the song, composed by veteran music director MM Keeravaani and sung by Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj, as the winner.

Keeravani thanked Rajamouli for his "vision" as he accepted the award.

"It has been an ages old practice to say that this award actually belongs to someone else. So I was planning to not say those words when I get an award like this, but I'm sorry to say that I'm going to repeat the tradition because I mean my words.

"This award belongs to, in order of priority, my brother and the director of the movie, SS Rajamouli for his vision. I thank him for this constant trust in my work and support," Keeravani said.

The veteran music composer also thanked the team behind the track — choreographer Prem Rakshith, lyricist Chandrabose and singers Sipligunj and Bhairava.

"And NT Rama Rao Jr and Ram Charan for dancing with full stamina for the song."

Other nominees in the segment were Swift's "Carolina" ("Where The Crawdads Sing"), "Ciao Papa" ("Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio"), "Hold My



Hand" from "Top Gun: Maverick", a collaboration between Gaga, BloodPop and Benjamin Rice, and "Lift Me Up" from "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" by Tems, Rihanna, Ryan Coogler, and Ludwig Goransson.

The film follows a pre-Independence fictional story woven around two real-life Indian revolutionaries - Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem - in the 1920s. The film stars Ram Charan, Jr NTR, Alia Bhatt and Ajay Devgn.

"RRR" was hoping to convert its dual nominations into a win but Argentina's historical drama "Argentina, 1985" emerged as the surprise winner in the category.

Also nominated in the category were Korean romantic mystery film "Decision To Leave", German anti-war drama "All Quiet on the Western Front" and French-Dutch coming-of-age drama "Close".

The film's team — led by Rajamouli and its two stars Ram Charan and Jr NTR — came to the red carpet of the Golden Globes in style.

While Ram Charan and Rajamouli opted for black Indian outfits, Jr NTR wore a black tuxedo to the award ceremony. Prior to making his entrance to the red carpet of the Golden Globes, Ram Charan shared a group picture with the team on his Instagram page.

"THE #RRR FAMILY! On the way to the GOLDEN GLOBES @goldenglobes (sic)" the actor wrote in the caption. The team of "RRR" also included producer Shobu Yarlagadda. Ram Charan was accompanied

by wife Upasana Kamineni and Jr NTR came with Lakshmi Pranathi. Rajamouli was joined by wife Rama Rajamouli.

At the red carpet, Ram Charan said it was a surreal moment for the film's team to receive two Golden Globes nominations.

"I have no words to explain all the hard work the whole team has put in. Coming from the south of India to the Mecca of films and being appreciated, it just gives us more energy to come back and do better films," he told The Hollywood Reporter.

The 37-year-old Charan said he would love to work with top directors of Hollywood in future.

"I want them to experience us and the world coming together. The cinema is coming together. There's a lot of downside to the pandemic, but the upside is that we all have been exposed to a lot of films across the globe," Ram Charan added.

Jr NTR said the massive success of "RRR" was something that the team never expected.

"With Rajamouli, taking his track record into consideration, we definitely thought we had a winner. But this will be something more than a winner just a winner. Japan and today America, you don't expect this to happen," the 39-year-old actor told Variety. "RRR", a lavishly mounted period epic, was the first Indian film in over two decades to be nominated for the awards. The other two films nominated in the category earlier called foreign language film were "Salaam Bombay!" (1988) and "Monsoon Wedding" (2001), both directed by Mira Nair.

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Historic UK Rocket Mission Ends in Failure

January 13: LONDON: An attempt to launch the first rocket into orbit from UK soil ended in failure on Tuesday, with scientists reporting an "anomaly" as it neared its goal.

A Virgin Orbit Boeing 747 carrying the 70-foot (21-metre) rocket took off from a spaceport in Cornwall, southwest England, at 2202 GMT.

The rocket then detached from the aircraft and ignited as planned at a height of 35,000 feet over the Atlantic Ocean to the south of Ireland at around 2315 GMT.

But in a series of tweets as the rocket was due to enter orbit and discharge its nine satellites, Virgin Orbit said: "We appear to have an anomaly that has prevented us from reaching orbit. We are evaluating the information."

"As we find out more, we're removing our previous tweet about reaching orbit. We'll share more info when we can."

The aircraft returned as planned to a subdued Spaceport Cornwall, a consortium that includes Virgin Orbit and the UK Space Agency, at Cornwall Airport Newquay.

The launch was the first from UK soil. UK-produced satellites have previously had to be sent into orbit via foreign spaceports.

Had the mission been successful, the UK would have been one of only nine countries that could launch craft into Earth's orbit.

"Joining that really exclusive club of launch nations is so important because it gives us our own access to space... that we've never had before here in the UK," Spaceport Cornwall chief Melissa Thorpe told BBC television before the launch.

Hundreds of people watched the launch, named "Start Me Up" after the Rolling Stones song.

The satellites were to have a variety of civil and defence functions, from sea monitoring to help countries detect people smugglers to space weather observation.

The number of space bases in Europe has grown in recent years due to the commercialisation of space.

For a long time, satellites were primarily used for institutional missions by national space agencies but most of Europe's spaceport projects are now private-sector initiatives.

The market has exploded with the emergence of small start-ups, modern technology making both rockets and satellites smaller, and the rapidly growing number of applications for satellites.

Some 18,500 small satellites — those weighing less than 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) — are expected to be launched between 2022 and 2031, compared with 4,600 in the previous decade. Campaigners, however, criticised the launch. "Space is the new frontier for military escalation and spending with no real public scrutiny or accountability," said Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) general secretary Kate Hudson.

Drone Wars director Chris Cole denounced a "space arms race which will inevitably lead to greater risk of instability and conflict".

VANASPATI VARNAN

Sahadevi...

By Nitu Sindhu

In recent years, the quality of life has declined a lot. People these days are under huge pressure of performing better in everyday life, this pressure when not handled well leads to stress, sadness and depression. There are many therapeutic herbs around us who have this magical power of comforting us by purifying a person's mind and soul. One such nature's blessing is "Sahadevi" also known as Vernonia Cinerea, Purple fleabane or Little ironweed. Traditional Sanskrit names of Sahadevi are Uttamakanyapatra, Dandotpala, Kesarika, Devasaha, Mrugadani and Devarha.

It is a herb commonly found all over Andamans and unknowingly we consider it a weed. It is a short height plant with a hairy surfaced leaves and purple or pink flowers. This plant has been used since ancient times to treat and develop the spiritual values inside a person. It is set to attract the most divine God's energy and thus it is been burned at several auspicious ceremonies. By placing his plant in a room, one can heal the negative energy, especially if one is going through mental or physical turmoil. It helps us control our emotions and improve the quality of sleep at night.

Apart from spirituality Sahadevi has many medicinal properties and all the parts of this shrub can be used. Researches also prove that consuming or applying Sahadevi plant can reduce stress, anxiety and insomnia. It also cures issues related to urinary track, skin, diarrhea, menstruation and most importantly fertility. It is a non-toxic plant and the leaves can be eaten raw like a vegetable.

This wonder herb has its valuable place in Ayurveda due to its anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, digestive and soothing qualities. In today's hectic life if we can find peace & calmness just by welcoming Sahadevi in our homes... why shouldn't we.

So, plant Sahadevi and clean your aura, start your spiritual journey, burn the dried plant to remove negativity, let it clean your skin, blood, mind and soul.



Chief Secretary Interacts with PRIs & Officials of Various Departments at Shaheed Dweep

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informed the gathering that an additional 1 MW power generator set will be installed soon to address the power issue.

At the outset, the Gram Panchayat Pradhan, Shaheed Dweep, Smt. Pinkey Das highlighted the issues pertaining to Shaheed Dweep followed by Smti. Champa Das, Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti Port Blair, Shri Dashrat Verma, Zilla Parishad Member, Shaheed Dweep and different section of people of Shaheed Dweep. The Director, Health Services, Dr. (Smt.) Munni Singhania, SDM, Shri Dikhush Meena, Shri Aditya Kumar Jha, Director of Education, Shri Linga Raju, SE, APWD and local Heads of different Departments were also present in the meeting.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary visited GSSS Shaheed Dweep and interacted with students. He also planted saplings in the school premises. He appreciated the good ambience and upkeep of the school. Earlier, the Principal of the school, Ms Deepa Nair briefed the Chief Secretary about the students and staff strength of the school.

Thereafter, the Chief Secretary visited GMS Sitapur and Primary School Shaheed Dweep. He urged

the SDM to take up the demarcation of all schools and Govt. properties.

The Chief Secretary also visited the E-Patwarkhana at Shaheed Dweep where he directed the SDM to arrange training for all the Patwaris of the Revenue Department, so that they are able to take up the survey and demarcation work independently at their place of posting. He also visited the Health & Wellness Centre at Shantipur and interacted with ANM and enquired about the services being provided through this Centre. He also directed the APWD to repair the defunct RO Plant and take up the repairing of the Health & Wellness Centre wherever it is required.

Thereafter, the Chief Secretary visited the Primary Health Centre and interacted with the patients. While appreciating the functioning of the PHC, he directed APWD to take up the face-lift of the PHC.

The Chief Secretary also visited the eco-friendly PPP Project site at Bharatpur Beach. He also gave instructions to erect eco-friendly passenger waiting sheds at Shaheed Dweep Jetty to facilitate visiting tourists and the Islanders. On completion of his two day visit to Shaheed Dweep, the Chief Secretary returned to Port Blair in the afternoon today.

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Armed Forces Veterans Day to be Observed in the Islands

Port Blair, Jan 13: Along with the rest in the country, the Armed Forces Veterans Day will also be observed in A&N Islands tomorrow (Jan.14). Jan.14 every year is commemorated as Armed

Forces Veterans Day as a mark of respect and recognition to the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa, the first Indian Chief of Indian Army who retired from service on Jan 14, 1953.

To mark the day, a felicitation function will be organized by Deptt. of Art & Culture to honour Veterans tomorrow at 11 am in the premises of the National Memorial Cellular Jail.

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Sky Show at Science Centre

Port Blair, Jan 13: The Science Centre, Port Blair will be organizing a sky show tomorrow (Jan.14) from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm. The programme to be presented include a description of the Planet-Jupiter & its satellites. Visitors will be provided with a Sky map of the sky over Port Blair for locating planets and other celestial bodies. They can have the

opportunity of viewing the Planet- Jupiter & its moons popularly known as Galilean Moons called Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. The entry fee for the sky observation is Rs.10/- for each person.

Further, there will be a Special 3D Show at 5 pm & 6.10 pm and also a Bubble Show at 5.30 pm with entry fee of Rs. 20/- & Rs. 10/- per head respectively.

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SPORTS

Rahul Anchors India's Series Win with Fighting Fifty

January 13: KOLKATA: Under-fire KL Rahul made amends for his poor run of form as he anchored India's series clinching four-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the second ODI with a dogged 64 on a tricky Eden Gardens track.

Snubbed time and again by Indian think-tank, Kuldeep Yadav proved his mettle yet another time as he formed a lovely bowling alliance with pacer Mohammed Siraj to demolish Sri Lanka for 215 inside 40 overs after they opted to bat. The paltry chase on the quick Eden outfield however was not a cakewalk for Indian team, which lost its top-four batters for 86 runs in 14.2 overs. Needing 130 from 214 balls, Rahul was the only designated batter left as he once again proved his utility in the middle overs with an unbeaten 64 off 103 balls that took India home with 40 balls to spare.

While there was a bit of seam movement on offer and ball from spinners gripping a bit, to be fair, there was no scoreboard pressure on the home team. The win also gave India an unassailable 2-0 series lead going into the Trivandrum ODI on Sunday.

"I won't say it was a flat wicket, or it was doing a lot that it was impossible to bat. When Sri Lanka started, I thought it was a 280-300 wicket," Rahul said after the match. Having started off with a boundary, Rahul was quick to slow down as he ran hard for his singles en route to a 93-ball fifty. The need of the hour was to play sensibly as Rahul and Hardik Pandya curbed their natural strokeplay in a decisive 75-run partnership that came off 119 balls. It was also a different Pandya (36; 53b) on display as he took time and gave Rahul a perfect support. Pandya however departed against the run of play, leaving 55 runs required from 95 balls. India earlier endured some tense moments inside the powerplay when Rohit Sharma (17) and Shubman Gill (21) departed in four deliveries after an attacking start, while Virat Kohli (4) became the third casualty to be



63/2 in 9.3 overs. Rohit took a faint edge behind the stumps to be dismissed by Karunaratne. In the next over Shubman Gill, who wowed the packed Eden crowd with his delectable cover drives, had a soft dismissal giving a straight catch to Avishka Fernando at short midwicket off Lahiru Kumara. The pacer, who replaced an injured Dilshan Madushanka (dislocated shoulder), was all charged up when he cleaned up the last match centurion Kohli with a delivery that jagged back in. More anxiety was in store as India were reduced to 86/4 in 14.2 overs when Shreyas Iyer was dismissed leg before by a ball going down the leg.

However, Rahul, relishing his role as a No. 5 was never in tearing hurry as he anchored the chase to perfection. He needed one good stand and in vice-captain Hardik Pandya (36) he got an able ally as they put up 75 runs.

"The good thing about batting at No. 5 is you don't have to rush. You can take a shower, put your feet up and watch the game. But I always think what team needs of me. If you can read the situation when you go in, it helps you and team. Batting at No. 5 has helped me understand my game better," Rahul said. Kuldeep shines through

Treated as disposable time and again by the current Indian team management, Kuldeep Yadav once again displayed his skills with the ball and required calmness with the bat in his two boundaries towards end of the chase. The left-arm wristspinner, who was mysteriously left out

after a five-wicket haul in his comeback Test against Bangladesh in Chattogram last month, got a surprise call-up after leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal pulled out with a "sore right shoulder". Kuldeep (3/51) answered the call grabbing three wickets in his first five overs, in a spell that triggered Sri Lankan collapse from being 102/1 just when it seemed that debutant Nuwanidu Fernando (50 from 63 balls) and Kusal Mendis (34 from 34 balls) had started to frustrate Indian bowlers post Powerplay with a swift counter-attack. But as Kuldeep ran through the Sri Lankan middle-order that included the prized-scalp of rival skipper Dasun Shanaka (2), the visitors went on to lose five wickets in the space of 43 balls to virtually lose the plot after they opted to bat on a flat deck. But some late fireworks by Dunith Wellalage (32) and Wanindu Hasaranga (21) took the team past 200-run mark before Siraj (5.4-0-30-3) polished off the tail.

Young Umran Malik also returned with figures of 2/48 from his seven overs. Replacing in-form opener Pathum Nissanka (stiff back), youngster Nuwanidu Fernando looked solid and hit a splendid half-century on debut in a 73-run partnership with Kusal Mendis (34). The Indian new ball bowlers Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj swung both ways and got some early movement.

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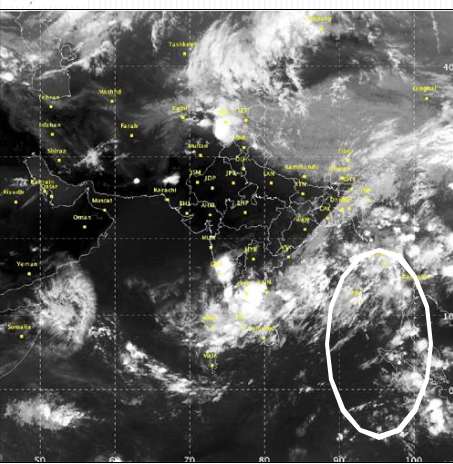
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.2 °C	Min.: 23.2 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 65%	1730 Hrs: 75%
Sunrise: 0543 Hrs.	Sunset: 1714 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2023 till date):	003.5 mm

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