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Jarawa Facts

The Andaman Trunk Road, which cuts through the Jarawa's forest, brings poachers, settlers and tourists into the heart of their land. The Supreme Court of India in 2002 ordered that the road must be closed, but it has never been complied with.

Your Nature Guide

What is a Coral?

Corals are tiny animals that have an outer stony skeleton and live in colonies in the sea. They belong to the same animal group as the sea anemones, and jelly fish. Each coral animal is called a polyp and lives inside a cup of carbonate (Limestone). It has a mouth at the top surrounded by tentacles. The tentacles help to capture food like plankton for the coral. While it is alive, a coral polyp's tentacles protrude from the cups for feeding. In times of danger, the polyp can withdraw into its cup. This is similar to a turtle withdrawing into its shell when disturbed. A coral polyp cannot move and remains fixed to its cup throughout its life. Coral polyps can be of several species - in A&N alone, 135 species are found.

Coral Colonies : Many thousands of coral polyps are connected together to form a coral colony. These colonies are of many shapes and colours. On a visit to a nearby coral reef, you can discover the kinds of coral in your area.

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

People's Voice

Ye Minister log Andaman ke har gali me jaana chahiye ...
Iske chalte Roads toh theek hoga uss jaga ka ...

- A Citizen



A young MP is trying to open the cockpit door... he wants to fly the plane!

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Events Week Celebration in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Jan. 20: India has a rich and glorious history, which is replete with stories of unprecedented bravery, valour, sacrifices and victories of our heroes. One of such great sons of Mother India was Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose whose contributions to the independence movement has inspired generations of Indians and inculcated a sense of pride amongst the countrymen. The Ministry of Home Affairs under the guidance of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit

Mahotsav Iconic Events Week from 17th to 23rd January, 2023, to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence & Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 126th Birth Anniversary. The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate a model of the proposed Memorial dedicated in honour of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be set up at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island, A&N Islands on January 23 at 11am. Thereafter, Hon'ble Prime Minister will also announce the naming of 21 Islands of Andaman and Nicobar in the



name of Param Veer Chakra Awardees. This event will be live screened in a function to be held in the Auditorium of

DBRAIT, Port Blair. The Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri

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Member of Parliament Raises the Issue of Shortage of Desks and Benches in Govt. Schools

Port Blair, Jan 20: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to direct the Education Department to procure a sufficient number of desks and benches for all the government run schools of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

During a recent meeting, the Member of Parliament mentioned that during his visit to many schools of Andaman & Nicobar Islands he has observed that there is severe shortage of desks and benches for students.

Because of this, he said that the students are facing a lot of difficulties in many schools.

Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) display on Jan. 22 & 23 at Marina Park

Port Blair, Jan. 20: During the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Events Week Celebration, an array of activities will be organized in A&N Islands. In the spirit of Jan Bhagidari, the programmes have been designed to promote large scale public involvement in all the events, so that the citizens can take inspiration from our national heroes and carry forward the great ideals that they stood for.

To add color to the mega event at Port Blair, the Surya



Kiran Aerobatics Team will exhibit the air show in the skies of Marina Park. The aim of the aerobatic display is to showcase the professionalism and skill of the Indian Air

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CPI(M) Diglipur Area Committee Organises Mass Dharna

Diglipur, Jan 20: CPI (M) Diglipur Area Committee has organized a Mass Dharna in front of the office of the Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur in North Andaman today with various local demands. A large number of party workers from different parts of Diglipur Tehsil participated in the Dharna.

Inaugurating the Mass Dharna, Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A&N State Organising Committee, who



was on a tour to North Andaman said that the BJP Government at the Centre has been continuously neglecting the burning issues of the islanders. He said that various local demands of the people of North Andaman

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Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Visit to Isles



Port Blair, Jan. 20: The Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment headed by its Chairperson, Smt. Rama Devi arrived here on a two day visit to these Islands today. The other members of the Committee are Smt. Sangeeta Azad, Smt. Pramila Bisoyi, Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, Ranjeeta Koli, Shri Akshaibar Lal, Shri Y. Devendrappa, Smt. Sumitra Balmik, Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas, Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha, Smt. Mamata Mohanta, Shri Narayan Koragappa and Shri Ramji.

On arrival, the Committee members along with Chairperson today visited National Memorial Cellular Jail and paid homage to Martyrs. They also visited Anthropological

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Sound & Light Show at National Memorial Cellular Jail to resume from January 22

Port Blair, Jan. 20: The Sound & Light Show in Hindi at National Memorial Cellular Jail after up-gradation will resume from January 22, 2023 onwards for general public/tourists. The scheduled timing of the show is as mentioned below:

Hindi Version - All 7 days - 5.30 pm to 6.15 pm - 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm - 7.30 pm to 8.15 pm

Meanwhile, the English show will resume after up-gradation. The timing of the show is subject to change according to sunset, a press release from Directorate of Tourism said.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Clarity and Purpose

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has unveiled its road map for the next general election at its national executive which also extended the term of party president J.P. Nadda to June 2024. Under his presidency, the party's electoral performance has been impressive, notwithstanding the recent loss in Himachal Pradesh, his home State. Mr. Nadda has termed the extension of his tenure a 'privilege and honour' and an 'immense responsibility'. The power commanded by the president is dependent on the occupant in the BJP. Mr. Nadda draws his authority from the confidence he enjoys of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah who are the ultimate decision makers. This is not unprecedented for the party — A.B. Vajpayee and L.K. Advani were more powerful than party presidents. The party has called upon its cadres to work towards winning all nine Assembly elections due in 2023. The BJP is in power, singlehandedly in Tripura and as part of coalitions in Nagaland and Meghalaya, three States for which elections were announced on Wednesday. The party is also trying to emerge as a serious contender for power in Telangana for the first time, retain power in the key States of Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, and recapture Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is also likely to have its first election in 2023, where the BJP is experimenting with a new brand of politics.

The BJP has said it practises "a politics of saturation and governance of saturation" — possibly alluding to the relentless campaigns around government schemes that target various constituencies. At the national executive, the party noted with glee that a series of controversies and missteps, from demonetisation to Goods and Services Tax, and the Rafale defence deal to Pegasus snooping, did not damage the party. It said all these were failed attempts by the Opposition to discredit the Modi government. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is trying to build a new politics against the BJP through his Bharat Jodo Yatra, but Opposition politics is caught in confusion and rivalries. The BJP is clearly counting on the continuing popularity of Mr. Modi into yet another season of victories to be capped with a third consecutive Lok Sabha win in 2024. The party also has a clear strategy for mobilisation. Mr. Nadda emphasised the persistent outreach of the party towards the Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Tribes and Dalit communities. Traditionally an upper caste dominated party, the BJP has made deep inroads among other segments. The party is also focusing on new regions such as West Bengal and Telangana for expansion. Success has not made the BJP complacent.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Read and Lead..!

A writer rarely has free time, not because he's always writing, but that he's thinking his next article or story or play or plot. But, on those delightfully glorious occasions I find I have that odd hour or two, I pull out a huge volume of short stories by Roald Dahl, and lose myself in his world of fantasy, and unexpected story endings.

I was pleasantly surprised that Dahl is also a favourite author of British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak!

What a special day it was for all of us here in India when a country that prided itself in being white outside and white inside too, decided to have a man of Indian origin as their Prime Minister. Something that would have made the likes of Winston Churchill and Queen Victoria turn in their respective graves. But as they voted him in, it was not the colour of his skin the Tories saw but his rhetoric, his skill in oratory and his brilliant language!

That skill won him the impossible!

That skill can do the same for anyone of us! And to a very great extent the command over language does not come from learning the dictionary by heart but comes from a passion for reading!

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Many of us think by learning a new word a day or by keeping a lexicon as our study book, we can master the English language. The simple fact is, that if the word needs a dictionary to be understood then that word is not one that is commonly used, and instead of helping us to master the language may come in the way of communicating with others. You don't want your friends or audience glancing at a dictionary to find out the meaning of what you speak, do you?

They won't and you will remain the most misunderstood person that lived.

But the dictionary you need to use are books!

Read and lead!

In the Writer's and Speaker's course I conduct, I tell my class month after month, to pick bestsellers and instead of reading just content, to carefully read a page and then the next page, studying the way the author has communicated. Very soon the student will be able to do the same.

Not grammar books, nor dictionaries, but novels, short stories or articles.

You want to become a thinker, whose thoughts will be much sought after, read in silence, absorbing each word. You want to become a world leader whose language will convince and whose voice will command, then read aloud. The printed word should become alive in your mind, and then, and then only will you find the truth in the fact that you can read and lead..!

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Events Week Celebration in A&N Islands

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Amit Shah will grace the function to be held at DBRAIT, Port Blair.

As a part of the celebrations, the mega event at Port Blair also includes a cultural programme at the historic Netaji Stadium on January 23 at 5 pm. Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister,

Shri Amit Shah will be the chief guest on the occasion. Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency will also grace the occasion. The evening will be followed by performance by renowned

singer, Sukhwinder Singh with his troupe. The other highlights of the evening include presentation of a dance ballet on the life of Netaji choreographed by eminent Choreographer Ms. Tanusree Shankar and various other dance performances.

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Museum. The itinerary of the Committee for January 21 includes informal interactions with officials of NMDCF along with officials of Social Welfare Department

of A&N Administration and with the officials of Health & Family Welfare Department & ANIIMS along with the Tribal Welfare Department & NSTFDC at Swaraj Dweep.

On completion of visit, the Committee is scheduled to return to mainland on January 22, 2023, a communication from Protocol Deptt. received here said.

ENTERTAINMENT

SS Rajamouli Gets Candid Ahead of Oscar Nominations: 'I Make Films for Money, not for Awards'

January 20: Filmmaker SS Rajamouli is creating quite a buzz in Hollywood. His latest film RRR is expected to end the Oscar drought faced by India and bag a few Academy Awards nominations. The last Indian film to make it to the Oscar nominations was Aamir Khan-starrer Lagaan in 2001. While Rajamouli seems to be running a high-voltage campaign for RRR in Hollywood, he seemingly won't be bent out of shape, should the film fail to get the nominations.

In a recent interview with The Hollywood Reporter, Rajamouli revealed his main motivation behind making larger-than-life movies. It's not for the awards but for the box office success.

"I make films for money, I make films for the audiences. I don't make films for critical acclaim. RRR is a commercial film, and once my film commercially does well, I'm very happy. Awards are an



extension to it. It is for the hard work that my unit put in and I'm happy for that," he said.

In that case, Rajamouli has exceeded expectations when it comes to RRR's box office performance worldwide.

While everyone knew that RRR would be a big hit in India, none saw the kind of splash it created in the West. The film's organic reach in the US is nothing sort of phenomenal. RRR became a major contender in major award shows in the US, and it created

history by winning a Golden Globe in the Best Original Song category for Naatu Naatu. Rajamouli has also been feted by major US publications and shows. The director was a guest on the popular late-night television, Late Night with Seth Meyers. And the film presented him with the opportunity to rub shoulders with several Hollywood giants, including James Cameron and Steven Spielberg. Now all eyes are on the Oscar nominations, which will be announced on January 24.

The Night Manager Trailer: Aditya Roy Kapur and Anil Kapoor are Caught in a Cat-and-Mouse Game in Hotstar's Version of AK vs AK

January 20: Hotstar has debuted the trailer for the Indian remake of The Night Manager, starring Aditya Roy Kapur, Anil Kapoor and Sobhita Dhulipala. Based on the acclaimed British spy series of the same name, starring Tom Hiddleston, Hugh Laurie, Olivia Colman and Elizabeth Debicki, the Indian Night Manager will be released on February 17, just one week after Shahid Kapoor's Prime Video series Farzi.

Anil Kapoor is playing Laurie's character, arms dealer Richard 'Dicky' Roper (who is called Shelly Rungta in the Indian version), while Aditya will play the titular Night Manager Jonathan Pine, a role originally played by Hiddleston. The character is named Shaan in the Indian version. The trailer opens with Aditya's character, who finds himself stranded in the middle of a snowy

mountainous region, talking about entering the 'depths of darkness'. We cut to the cigar-smoking Shelly, who boasts that the Indian authorities can never catch him.

But they have a plan. Tillotama Shome's character summons Shaan, whom she describes as the 'Vibhishan' who will destroy Shelly's Lanka. He's told to win Shelly's trust by posing as the night manager at a hotel. And thus begins a tale of cat and mouse, as both characters find themselves in a web of lies and deceit. In an earlier statement, Aditya had said, "I have always wanted to perform a multi-layered character in a series with a complex narrative arc, and when the platform approached me to play the title role in The Night Manager, I knew this was just the one I'd been looking for."

Hotstar has commissioned several remakes via its deal with BBC. These include Indian versions of The Office, Luther, and Criminal Justice. Aditya was last seen in the critical and commercial flop action film Rashtra Kavach Om, Anil Kapoor starred in JugJugg Jeeyo and Thar last year and will soon be seen in the action film Fighter, and Sobhita appeared in a supporting role in Ponniyin Selvan: I and will soon be seen in the second season of Prime Video's Made in Heaven. The original Night Manager was directed by Sussanna Bier and was based on the novel by John le Carré. It ran for six episodes and won three Golden Globe awards. Also starring Tillotama Shome, Saswata Chatterjee and Ravi Behl, the Indian version is created and directed by Sandeep Modi, with Priyanka Ghosh serving as co-director.

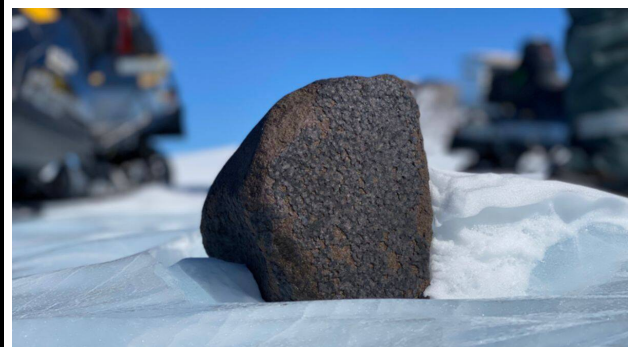
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'Rare' 7-kilogram Meteorite Among Five Discovered in Antarctica



January 20: Antarctica is bitterly cold and remote, making it a not-so-great place for humans to thrive. But at the same time, it can also be one of the best places to hunt for meteorites. This is because, technically, Antarctica is a desert, and its dry climate reduces the amount of weathering that meteorites face while entering Earth's atmosphere. An international team of scientists confirmed this as they got back from Antarctica with five new meteorites, including one that weighs more than seven kilograms.

The especially large seven-kilogram meteorite has scientists excited as according to the Chicago Field Museum, around 45,000 meteorites were retrieved from Antarctica over the past century and only about hundred of them are that size or larger. "Size doesn't necessarily matter when it comes to meteorites, and even tiny micrometeorites can be incredibly scientifically valuable. but of course, finding a big meteorite like this one is rare, and really exciting," said Maria Valdes, a research scientist at the Field Museum and the University of Chicago, in a press statement.

To discover the meteorites, the research team devised a new method where they mapped the terrain using satellite imagery. The team's expedition happened during summertime in the continent, but they still had to brave extremely cold temperatures as they went on long treks and snowmobile rides.

"Going on an adventure exploring unknown areas is exciting but we also had to deal with the fact that the reality on the ground is much more difficult than the beauty of satellite images," said Vinciane Debaille, a member of the research team, in a press statement.

The five meteorites discovered by the research team will be heading to the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences where they will be analysed. Meanwhile, some sediments that may potentially contain micrometeorites have been divided amongst themselves by the research team so that they can be studied at the researchers' institutions.

'VANASPATI VARAN' by Nitu Sindhu Brahma kamal

It is believed in Hindu mythology that Brahma Kamal was created by Lord Brahma, to help Lord Shiva place the head of an elephant on the body of Lord Ganesha. The flower dropped its nectar from its petals on the body and Ganesha came to life again. Some folklore also say that on the revival of Lakshmana using Sanjeevani, the Gods showered Brahma Kamal from heaven in celebration and hence, Brahma Kamal fell to earth and rooted in the Valley of Flowers.

This large white color inflorescence is also known as Night blooming Cereus, Queen of the night, Lady of the night as its beautiful Lotus like flower blooms only late night. In some parts of the world it's also popularly known as Orchid Cactus. It is because the flower has orchid like beauty and plant resembles cactus in habit. But it blooms only for one night in the entire year, somewhere between July and September.

In Hinduism it is considered a sacred flower,

widely used for worshipping Lord Shiva, especially in the holy temples of Kedarnath, Badrinath and Tunganath. It is believed that offering this flower to Lord Shiva fulfills all wishes.

According to vastu it is believed to bring in loads of good luck and prosperity in a home where the flowers bloom and it's considered extremely auspicious and lucky. The plant is believed to purify the environment, maintain psychological balance, attracts happiness & good luck.

The Brahma kamal plant is a sacred plant, which should be kept in the centre of a house. As per beliefs, Lord Brahma and Vishnu reside inside the flower, thus it eliminate negative energies from the house and invite positive energies.

Apart from these many significances of Brahma kamal, it is also a medicinal herb. The Brahma Kamal



flower has properties which can improve memory, treats insomnia, increases concentration levels, strengthens immune system, enhances digestion, boosts metabolism, treat constipation, cleanses blood, heals skin disorder, stimulates hair growth, used to treat cough and cold and clears sinuses. It helps reduce stress, calms down nerves, and reduces anxiety. It is one of the rarest and most endangered species of flora that we must conserve. So, why shouldn't we have one at our own little BAGEECHA when God himself resides in it?

'Kavi Sammelan', Naval Band & Cultural Programmes to Mark Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Port Blair, Jan. 20: The Ministry of Home Affairs under the guidance of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Events Week from 17th to 23rd January, 2023, to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence & Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 126th Birth Anniversary.

Prior to the main event on January 23, the A&N Administration has also planned various events to pay tribute to Netaji Subhas

Chandra Bose. As part of it, Kavi Sammelan by renowned poets will be organized at National Memorial Cellular Jail tomorrow (January 21) from 5 pm to 7 pm. Noted poets from mainland who will present poems on patriotic theme are Gajendra Solanki, Dr. Suresh Awasthi, Dr. Arjun Shisodia, Shri Manvir Madhur, Shri Sumit Mishra and Shri Vikhyat Mishra.

On the same day, Naval Band will perform at Marina Park from 7 pm to 7.30 pm followed by a cultural

programme comprising of dances of different States showcasing the rich cultural heritage of India from 7.30 pm to 9 pm at Marina Park.

The Ministry of Home Affairs' Iconic Events Week is an ode to the life and contributions of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the India's struggle for freedom. It is a remembrance of his high ideals and a moment for entire nation to draw inspiration from the lives of our freedom fighters.

Counselling for Allotment of Vacant Seats of B.Sc (Agriculture) & B.Sc (Horticulture) Courses

Port Blair, Jan. 20: Candidates who have applied for allotment of various Professional/Technical/Non-Technical courses reserved at mainland institutions for the academic session 2022-23 have been informed that the counselling for the vacant seats in B.Sc (Agriculture) - 2 seats and B.Sc (Horticulture) - 5 seats will be held on Jan.24, 2023 at 3.30 pm in the Conference Hall of Secretariat, Port Blair.

All the interested candidates whose names have appeared in the merit list of above courses have been directed to appear in person with all educational qualification

certificates/testimonials in original along with 5 passport size photographs and 2 permanency certificates for sureties and other documents in support of their category for counseling on the date, time and venue as specified above. If the seats still remain un-utilized from the respective category, the same may be allotted from Category-V as per merit.

It is further brought to the notice that if the seats still remain vacant, the same will be allotted to the fresh eligible candidates who will be present in the counselling as per their merit. Therefore, fresh eligible candidates

those who are interested for allotment of the above seats are also requested to be present on the above date of counselling along with all testimonials in original.

No subsequent claim will be entertained or considered from any candidate, irrespective of his merit, if he/she fails to appear in person or does not produce necessary certificates in original at the time of counselling/selection, a press release from Deputy Secretary (Hr. Edn), A&M Administration said.

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Force pilots as well as to instill a sense of patriotism in the youth of the country. The SKAT display will be held on January 22 from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm at Marina Park and on January 23 from 4 pm to 4:30 pm at the Netaji Stadium.

Surya Kiran is an aerobatics demonstration team of the Indian Air Force formed in 1996. The team enthralled spectators in India and abroad till winding down in 2011. In 2015 the team was resurrected on Hawk MK 132 and has steadily built up to four to six to nine aircraft formation and has reclaimed its position as one of the best

nine aircraft display teams in the world, and the only 9 aircraft team in Asia. The display season from September to March will see the team perform as many as 35-40 displays, which will comprise an impressive repertoire of graceful 9ac composite formations followed by the heart stopping synchro maneuvering. The team takes immense pride in showcasing the highest standards and traditions of the IAF and the nation.

Teamwork, professionalism and confidence in each other's abilities are the hallmark of the team members. Suryakiran, strives to be the best aerobatic team in world, living upto the squadron motto - "Always The Best".

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are being highlighted and taken up with the authorities in the Administration by the CPI (M) during the last one year but no action seems to have been taken to resolve the issues.

The re-laying work of National Highway 4 (formerly Andaman Trunk Road) was entrusted to the NHIDCL about 7 years back but despite spending thousands of crores of rupees the work is yet to be completed because of which the people are facing difficulties to use the road especially during rainy days.

Shri Ayyappan said that there was massive corruption in the said work and blamed the Congress (I) and BJP for not highlighting this issue

sincerely and thereby supporting the corruption in this issue.

Shri Ramjiban Sarkar, State Secretariat Member, Shri AVA Samad, Secretary, CPI (M) Diglipur Area Committee and Shri Sunil Bepari and Dilip Karmakar, State Organising Committee Members also addressed the meeting. Besides the NH4 work, the issues highlighted during the Mass Dharna were (1) repair and completion of rural roads in North Andaman, providing piped water to all villages, supply of fertilizers and seeds to farmers, against price rise, upgradation of Diglipur CHC into Sub-District Hospital, increase in ferry services between Port Blair and Diglipur, construction of bridge connecting Kalighat and Nischinthpur, etc.

Entries Invited for Participation in National Chess Championships

Port Blair, Jan 20: The MPL 42nd National Team Chess Championship 2023 for Men & MPL 20th National Team Chess Championship 2023 for Women will be held from 10th - 16th February 2023 in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

Each State Association can nominate one team as regular entry, each in men and women comprising of five players including one reserve player.

Interested Players who wish to participate in the National

Team Chess Championship-2023, may register their names at the Office of the Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA), Dairy Farm, Port Blair between 9.30 am & 5.30 pm on or before 25th January 2023.

For more details, one may contact B Neeliah, General Secretary, ANCA @ 9434293379 or 9679593366 or email: anchessassociation@gmail.com or visit: www.anchessassociation.com

Restriction on Carrying Items in Public Functions

Port Blair, Jan. 20: The Hon'ble Union Home and Minister of Cooperation is scheduled to visit Andaman & Nicobar Islands and will be attending public functions. From security point of view, the invitees/general public have been advised not to carry items such as Garland, Bouquet, Power Bank,

Battery operated Toys, Coins, Pagers, Cameras, Binocular, Cigarette, Lighters, Match Box, Hand bags, Umbrella, Water Bottle, Packets, Briefcase, Transmitter, Tiffin Box, Glass items, Sharp objects like Screw Driver etc. at the places of function which is to be attended by the VVIP, a press release from SP (Security) said.



SPORTS

Bracewell Shows no Target is Safe: With Two New Balls not Aiding Turn or Reverse Swing, ODIs Have Become Extension of T20s

January 20: Soon after Mitch Santner arrived with New Zealand wobbling at 131 for 6, some of the fans already began evacuating the stadium. The vendors who were selling popcorn and fries for Rs 100 were now beginning to offer it half the price as the match seemed to head for an early ending. Little did they know, Michael Bracewell will once again make the fans grab popcorn and be glued to the seats as he threatened to take down India's 350-run target.

Bracewell had walked in with New Zealand five down for 110 in the 25th over and when he was joined by Santner, the required run-rate had escalated to 10.42. But Bracewell not only found a way to take the game deep, but nearly came within a couple of sixes to breach India's total.

In the next couple of hours, Bracewell showed the world how much of an impact the T20s have had on ODIs. From teams treating T20s as a shortened version of ODIs, we are in an era where 50-overs are being played as an extension of 20-over cricket. As more teams adopt a ultra aggressive gameplay in ODIs by including players who were previously only part of their T20 set up — Finn Allen, Glenn Phillips, Suryakumar Yadav, Liam Livingstone, Harry Brook are case in points, the 50-overs format is witnessing a paradigm shift.

Unlike T20s, the ODIs give another luxury to the batsmen — more overs, which means even in the case of early wickets, there is plenty of time for the middle-order to get their eye in and put up a 350-plus total. And even if you lose a cluster of wickets in the middle-overs, teams don't panic with mounting asking rates. Instead, they chose to steady the ship, fully aware they can always catch up, because there are only four fielders outside the circle in the second powerplay. And two new balls at both ends mean, spinners — who long used to be the fall back option for captains in the middle-overs — are not as effective as they used to be. Neither is reverse swing.

"It (T20s) has had a huge influence on one-day cricket and that's what makes one-day cricket so exciting," Bracewell said. "You can be in a position like that and work yourself back into a position of power. I don't think we quite got ourselves into a position of power, but we got ourselves into a position [from] where we could have ultimately won the game,



which is what you want to do when you're behind the game a little bit. But one-day cricket certainly gives you the time to have that rebuild and then try to go again. I think the skills that players are learning in T20 cricket is obviously hugely beneficial for the one-day game," he added.

At Hyderabad, Bracewell showed a live demonstration of all these.

Perhaps, India also played into his hands by not going for the kill as Mohammed Siraj — easily the best on the night for Rohit — only bowled two overs in his second spell as Washington Sundar, Hardik Pandya and Shardul Thakur faced most of Bracewell's wrath between 32-40 overs. In that period, only in the 36th over sent

down by Kuldeep Yadav, did New Zealand score less than 6 an over. From 31 over to the end of 40th (76 runs came in the last six overs of that phase), thanks to Bracewell, the Black Caps scored 116 runs without taking a wicket.

And suddenly with a bit of dew around and having made full use of the five-fielder rule in the second powerplay, Bracewell had not only kept New Zealand in the game, but was leaving India bereft of ideas.

Bracewell is not new to this situation. Last July against Ireland, chasing 301 for win, the Kiwis were 120/5 in 21 overs when he walked in and won the game for his side by scoring 127 off 82 deliveries. In the last 10 overs, fully

aware that India won't bowl spinners to him, he made a calculative assault, keeping the game alive until he was the last man to be dismissed when NZ needed 13 off the final five deliveries.

"When I walked out to bat, I was optimistic that we could win the game from that position. You sort of try and work your way towards a position where you can actually have a go at the target. I don't know when you need 20 off the last over, a lot of things have to go your way to get yourself over the line. It was probably that moment I was like this is as close we're going to get. We've got to give it a real good go from here, so you don't want to look so far ahead when you're chasing 350 in 50 overs," Bracewell said. "You're just trying to do it a ball at a time."

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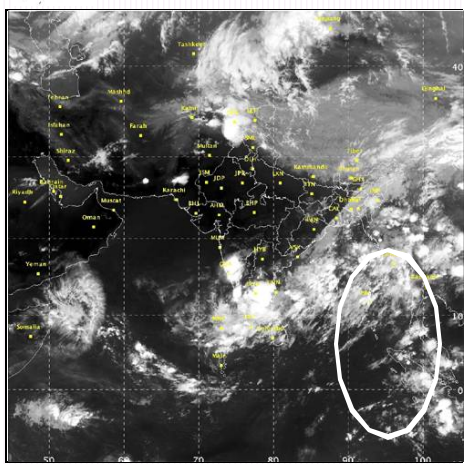
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Weather



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, 2023 till date):	003.5 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 Saturday 21/1/2023.

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