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Jarawa Facts

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

Your Nature Guide

Some Fish Food our Seas

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

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

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

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

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

People's Voice

Bacchon ka oopar Water Canon aur Tear Gas Attack, School ke bacchen mar rahe hai Mass Drug Administration ke baad ... Ek judicial Enquiry toh zaroori banta hai

- A Citizen



Forget ration, stocks are available at 30% discount prices!

Political Parties Hold Joint Meeting on DBRAIT Issue, Demand Judicial Enquiry on Inhuman Attack on Students

Port Blair, Sept. 30: The leaders of the various political parties, after holding a meeting at Shaheed Bhavan, Anarkali, Port Blair yesterday (29.09.2022) evening, observed with grave concern that force was used by the police on unarmed and peacefully agitating students of DBRAIT at Dairy Farm junction on 28th September, 2022.

The brutal police action on the students which led to sustaining injury to several students and other health issues was violation of the

Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India to assemble peacefully and without arms and freedom of speech and expression. The political parties demanded a judicial inquiry to be ordered into the issue in order to fix responsibility on the erring officials who ordered and carried out the inhuman attack on the college students.

The parties also noted with concern that the students are on agitation aggrieved over



the non-renewal/ withdrawal of the affiliation by the Pondicherry University over the non-fulfillment of the

shortcomings pointed out by the University. Instead of fulfilling the conditions put forward by the University for

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One Among the Many Students of Model SSS admitted at GB Pant after Consuming Mass Drug Provided in School Dies

Social Worker Rasheed Requests Chief Secretary to Provide Health Care Assistance to Remaining Students at Home

Port Blair, Sept. 30: On 16th Sept. 2022 many students of Model Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair studying in Middle and Secondary level had complained of severe pain and acute headache with vomiting tendency after some mass drug (suspected) was administered to them in school. The students were rushed to the GB Pant Hospital for immediate medical check-up and treatment. After a day of observation, all the students were discharged from hospital declaring

them perfect and cured from the illness.

Later on 28th Sept. 2022, the condition of one among the many affected students deteriorated and the child was rushed to the GB Pant Hospital. Unfortunately, during the course of treatment, the student lost her life. The demise of the child in GB Pant Hospital has created havoc among the general public especially the parents of the affected children. The havoc was such that the parents of the such students are

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Startup Pitching Session and Open Forum Discussion by Industries Department Gets Overwhelming Response

Port Blair, Sept. 30: The Directorate of Industries, A&N Administration organized a 'Startup Pitching Session and Open Forum Discussion' today in the Conference Hall of Directorate of Industries. The event saw an overwhelming response from the students of various colleges of these Islands wherein, the students pitched their ideas and innovations. The young entrepreneurs came up with unique solutions and business models in the open pitching



sessions from all sectors that included agriculture, IT, handicrafts etc.

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Advance Booking of Ship Tickets to Facilitate Commuters of Southern Group

Port Blair, Sept. 30: Passengers/general public have been informed that to facilitate the commuters of Southern Group of Islands, the Directorate of Shipping Services will commence the advance booking of passenger tickets at STARS Ticketing

Counter. Henceforth, passengers can purchase their tickets in advance from STARS Ticketing Counter, Phoenix Bay for the forthcoming ship schedules to Southern Group of Islands. The date and time of issue of tickets for the particular

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Mass Awareness Programme on Women Rights and Women Empowerment Organised by N&M Andaman District Police



Diglipur, Sept. 30: A mass awareness programme on the Women Rights and Women Empowerment was organized by N&MA District police on 30/09/2022 at Panchayat Community Hall of Kishori Nagar village with the school students of Govt. Senior Secondary School Kishori Nagar & Secondary School Parangara, PRI members, Anganwadi workers and Helpers, Auxiliary Nurse and Mid-wives from PHC, Kishori Nagar, general public and mothers of adolescence girls.

Shri. Uttam Kirtania, Learned Additional Public Prosecutor, Mayabunder, Shri. Keshab Ch. Mondal, Learned Special Public Prosecutor (POCSO), Mayabunder, Dr. Priyanka Iqbal,

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COVID-19 Sampling Centres to Remain Close from Today

Port Blair, Sept. 30: The COVID-19 Sampling Centre at Nagarpallika Vidyalaya and COVID-19 Vaccination Centre at JNRM will be closed with effect from Oct.1, 2022. Those who are intending to undertake COVID-19 test have been requested to visit ITF ground to give their samples.

Further, due to closure of COVID-19 Vaccination Centre at JNRM, the beneficiaries may visit their nearest health institution for getting the vaccine administered. The vaccination in the health institution will be administered only when sufficient number of beneficiaries are accumulated.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Talent and Recognition

The Centre has decided that awards, prizes and fellowships by various ministries and departments need a wholesale relook. The Ministry of Home Affairs, which is executing this directive, has moved much beyond its usual remit of awards for police officers and gallantry medals and irrupted into the world of scientific and medical research. India's scientific ministries recently made presentations to the Union Home Secretary, Ajay Bhalla, on awards given to scientists at different stages of their career. They also had to list out which were 'National Awards' and which were funded out of private endowments. Though a final call is yet to be taken, the quorum — and this consisted of the Secretaries, or the heads of each of these ministries — was of the opinion that most awards ought to be done away with and ministries could either retain only some of the National Awards or institute one or two 'high status' awards. The rationale for pruning, Mr. Bhalla has said, follows from a "vision" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding "Transformation of the Awards Ecosystem". In 2018, Mr. Modi had said that his government had modified the system of the Padma awards and ensured it recognised ordinary people doing selfless work rather than well-known personalities who repeatedly bag them. The awards, Mr. Bhalla has said, ought to be restricted, and have a transparent selection process.

Awards and prizes recognise achievement, but in science and medical research, they are also meant to spur younger scientists towards loftier, imaginative goals. Unlike in sport — or even gallantry awards — where it is relatively easier to define a set of benchmarks and confer medals on achievers, scientific research is open ended, circuitous and — as the history of science reveals — punctuated by lucky breaks. It is possible to train talented youth to be Olympians or international cricketers but impossible to create an Einstein or a Chandrasekhar. Almost every Nobel Laureate in the modern era has won various secondary prizes and recognition in their early career and every year; there is as much debate on who was omitted as on the person who won. Recognising early career potential will remain fraught with subjectivity and, with fewer awards on offer, could provoke increased discontent. Contrary to the Prime Minister's vision, fewer awards may actually miss many more promising talents and amplify epaulettes to the already decorated. Awards cost ministries money but the meeting did not discuss whether cutting costs was a factor in the rationalisation. As it is unclear what existing problem the new scheme solves, the Centre should reconsider the merits of its proposal.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Uncomfortable Throne Sitters..!

And as I see the battle royal raging in the Congress as to who will sit on the throne, I must say that most of our leaders in other political parties look pretty uncomfortable on the thrones they are sitting one and occupy just a portion of the royal chair.

Which got me wondering; what right had they to sit on a throne? Were they born into royal families that give them immediate access to such princely seat?

"Sir what gives you the right to sit on a throne?"

"Right?"

"Yes sir, right!"

"Guards beat this man up!"

"You should beat me up yourself sir!"

"Why should I dirty my hands?"

"Aha therein lies the problem Mr Thronesitter!"

"What problem?"

"That you won't dirty your hands! May I tell a story sir?"

"Entertain me!" said the uncomfortable leader on his throne.

"A poor villager was coming home from the town market with his cart laden with purchases for his family. Suddenly his old horse slipped and the whole cart slid into a swamp. The villager cried out for help and a rich man who was also returning

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from town, ordered his horsemen to help. So, his men pulled and pushed and tried their best, they even tried to unload the battered cart but it just sank farther.

Finally, the rich man got down from his own grand carriage and pushed himself and got the cart back onto firm ground!"

"Silly fellow!" muttered the leader.

"Oh no sir! Many years later this rich man died and at the entrance of the pearly gates he was stopped. "What good have you done on earth?" asked the keeper of the heavenly gates. "Ah well," said the man and tried to recount the few times he had helped people but the scales weighed heavily in favour of his bad deeds. Finally, an angel of mercy walked in and put something on the scales, immediately the scales tipped in favour of the rich man entering heaven.

"What did he put?" asked the curious leader looking closely at me.

"A bit of dirt from the rich man which had got stuck on to him while pushing the poor man's cart!"

"So what are you trying to say?" asked the leader looking more uncomfortable on his throne.

"That you get down from your throne sir, and work for the people who have elected you, that you feel the sweat and grime and filth of your constituents! Shed tears as you see their hardship and let them feel your strength toiling for them!"

"Are you mad?"

"Then, and then only sir will you find the throne a perfect fit for you, for you have earned the right to sit on it!"

"Guards throw this man out!"

"No sir, why don't you do so yourself?"

"And dirty my hands?"

I watched the picture of this man sitting uncomfortably on his throne and others sitting in the same way in Mercs and BMWs and I laughed mirthlessly to myself..!

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restoration of affiliation, the central government and A & N Administration moved Hon'ble High Court against the Pondicherry University. They believe that the issue can be resolved if the central government intervene in the matter and take appropriate steps.

The parties fully support the DBRAIT students who are on agitation during the last few weeks. They have called upon the central government to intervene in the issue and take all necessary steps to resolve the issues.

The political leaders who attended the meeting

included Shri Rangalal Halder from A&N PCC, D. Ayyappan from CPI(M), Shri Kulandai from DMK, Shri N. Manikya Rao from TDP, Shri M. Dhanasekaran from RJD and Shri PK Halder from A&N Democratic Party.

Field Day Organised on “Fodder Cultivation at Regional Station Minicoy, Lakshadweep

Port Blair, Sept. 30: Regional Station, Minicoy of ICAR-CIARI Port Blair, conducted “Field Day on Fodder cultivation (CO 5) under coconut plantation” for the tribal farmers of Minicoy on 29th September 2022. Speaking on the inaugural occasion, the Chief Guest Dr. Shrikant R. Tapdiya, the Deputy Collector of Minicoy expressed his happiness on the technology namely CO 5 fodder cultivation to enhance income of livestock farmer. A total of 12 participants from 5 villages i.e Rammedu, Funhilol, Boduathiri, Aloodi, and South Bandaram attended the field day in which they were exposed to fodder (CO5 variety) cultivation under coconut plantation at the institute farm. The scientific team Dr. Gladston Y. and Dr. Ajina S. M. interacted with the farmers and impressed upon the POP for fodder cultivation under coconut plantation, different methods of



fodder production and importance of balanced nutrition for livestock. Shri. Shareefuddeen Hassan, Senior Technical Assistant and Shri. Arif M.I., Senior Technician, Coordinators of the programme informed about the technical know-how and do how to the participants in ‘Mahi’ (the local language).

On the occasion, total of 1200 cuttings @ 100 each of Hybrid Napier (CO 5) were provided to the farmers for

growing in their field by the Deputy Collector, Minicoy. Dr. Gladston Y, Convener and Co-Conveners Mrs. Ajina S.M., Coordinator, Shri Shareefuddeen Hassan & Shri Arif M.I., Dr.S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Nodal Officer, Lakshadweep coordinated the overall conduct of programme under the Chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

Cooperative Department Organises Training-cum-Seminar for Construction Cooperative Societies

Port Blair, Sept. 30: A one-day Training-cum-Seminar for Construction Cooperative Societies of Port Blair and Ferrargunj Tehsils was organized by the Cooperative Department in collaboration with the Andaman & Nicobar State Coop Union, Teylerabad today in the auditorium of Tagore Govt. College of Education. Nearly 50 members/ board of directors from various construction cooperative societies/ officers/officials of the Cooperative Department attended the training.

Shri Raajesh Goyal, Secretary (Coop)-cum-RCS, A & N Administration inaugurated the training-cum-seminar. Shri Anant Rao, Vice-Chairman of A & N State Coop Union, Shri P. G. Paul General Secretary of A & N State Coop Union, Shri Mohan, Assistant General Manager, NABARD and representatives of Construction Cooperative Societies were also present.

In his inaugural address, the Secretary (Coop)-cum-RCS informed that the Cooperative

Department had earlier organized similar training-cum-seminars for other sectors of Cooperative Societies viz. housing and Primary Agriculture

Cooperative Societies (PACS). The aim for organizing such seminar is to understand the root cause of the problems/ issues being faced by the Cooperative Societies so that the same can be resolved. The Secretary (Coop)-cum-RCS giving reference to best functioning Cooperative Societies of mainland advised to work unitedly for the upliftment of the Cooperative Societies. The Secretary (Coop)-cum-RCS assured the members of the construction cooperative societies that the problems/ issued being faced by them will be looked into for early settlement.



NABARD imparted information on employment generations through Cooperatives and also gave information of the schemes available with NABARD. The representative from the A & N State Coop Union, Teylerabad provided information on adoption of viable projects for sustainability. A session on book keeping and maintenance of accounts of the Cooperatives was conducted by the faculty of JNRM College to equip the Board of Directors and members of the said Construction Cooperative Societies with the knowledge on maintenance of records / books of the cooperative society.

TGCE Observed Hindi Pakhwada

Port Blair, Sept. 30: Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair observed Hindi Pakhwada from 14th September to 28th September, 2022. It began with a brief inaugural function on 14th September by lighting the lamp in the Seminar Gallery by the Principal, staff and trainees. On this occasion, the Principal in his inaugural address emphasized the significance of the official language Hindi and its acceptance by the Indian Constitution as an official language of India written in Devanagri script. He also mentioned the role of Kahanayalal Maniklal Munshi

and Aiyangaar while accepting Hindi by the Indian Constitution as an official language. He stressed the use of Hindi in all official correspondence and requested the Hindi Department to conduct more programmes to promote the use of Hindi and declared various competitions during the pakhwada.

On this occasion, Dr. R.K. Tiwari, Associate Professor & Nodal Officer (Hindi), TGCE, stated that while Hindi is being used widely as mother tongue, official language, national language, contact language,

and public language etc., it still faces challenges as an official language and we need to awaken our willpower to remove these challenges. He also presented some books in Hindi and photographs of some litterateurs to the Principal, TGCE for the use of the college library. Several competitions like essay writing, self-composed poem, quiz, debate, self-composed comedy poem, news reading, etc., were held during the pakhwada. The winners were declared during the concluding function held on 28/09/2022.

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President to Inaugurate Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility of HAL



September 30: Bengaluru: President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate state-of-the-art Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility (ICMF) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The facility, catering to the entire Rocket Engine Manufacturing under one roof for the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), will boost self-reliance in manufacturing of high-thrust rocket engines.

It is set up over an area of 4500 sqmts housing over 70 hi-tech equipment and testing facilities for manufacturing Cryogenic (CE20) and Semi-cryogenic (SE2000) Engines of Indian Space Launch Vehicles.

In 2013 an MoU was signed with ISRO for establishing the facility for manufacturing of Cryogenic Engine modules at Aerospace Division of HAL. The MoU for the Cryogenic Engine facility was subsequently amended in 2016 for building of ICMF at Rs. 208 crores.

While the commissioning of all the critical equipment for the manufacturing and assembly requirement is completed, the pre-production activities which involve preparation of the process plans, drawings, quality plan etc. have also commenced. HAL will start realising the modules by March 2023.

HAL (Aerospace Division) manufactures liquid propellant tanks and launch vehicle structures of PSLV, GSLV MK-II, GSLV Mk-III and also stage integration for GSLV Mk-II. The Aerospace Division entering into manufacture of Cryogenic Engines is a major step in technology up-gradation cum modernization.

Cryogenic Engines are the most widely used engines world over in the launch vehicles. Due to the complex nature of the cryogenic engine till date only few countries USA, France, Japan, China & Russia have mastered the cryogenic technology.

On January 5, 2014 India successfully flew GSLV-D5 with a cryogenic engine (made by ISRO through private industries) and became the sixth country in developing cryogenic engines. Space exploration in the future is mostly dependent upon cryogenic technology.

Mass Awareness Programme on Women Rights and Women Empowerment Organised by N&M Andaman District Police

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Medical Officer (Ayush), Dr. RP Hospital, Mayabunder was present to cover legal and medical point of view.

Shri Manasvi Vashistha, DANIPS, SDPO, Diglipur, Shri. Chandra Prakash Meena, DANIPS, Dy.SP (DHQ), Shri. R.P. Pandey, Deputy Education Officer, Diglipur and Smti. Rita Dhali, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Kishori Nagar also joined to make the programme successful.

On the occasion, Ld. Special Public Prosecutor (POCSO) highlighted on the topic of POCSO Act especially the safeguards of victims, Ld. Additional Public Prosecutor gave special tips on “how to reduce domestic violence upon women and it’s remedial as well as consequences in the society” at large and Dr. Priyanka Iqbal gave a special counselling to mothers and their daughters on the issues of adolescence.

The School students in association with teachers presented a “Nukkad Natak” on the theme of Domestic Violence and POCSO. The

Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Kishori Nagar expressed her gratitude to District Police for organizing such awareness programme in a remote locality and highlighted the benefits of this awareness program organized by the senior officer of the district.

On behalf of the Director General of Police, A&N Islands, the Superintendent of Police N&MA District presented the Commendation Certificate to the fishermen namely Shri. Badal Roy and Shri. Thakur Roy R/o Kishori Nagar who voluntarily came forward and joined the anti-poaching operation of district police which led to successful apprehension of 6 Myanmarese poachers from Budha Gope area. For their courage, hard work and challenging efforts, the DGP A&N Island rewarded them with cash reward of Rs.5000/- each.

In the concluding session of the programme, Ms. Geetanjali Khandelwal, IPS, Superintendent of Police (D), Mayabunder interacted with

students and women and also addressed the gathering and reminded about of women rights and how to redress their grievances. She also expressed her deep concern regarding the problems being faced by the women especially residing the remote areas of this District. She especially focused on women/girl child education & good & thoughtful upbringings of young girls & boys who will build tomorrows society. SP District N&MA also informed the gathering about a new initiative of district police to resolve family dispute/issues i.e “SULAH SAMEETI” being made operational in each Police Station from 09.00 a.m to 05.00 p.m. Sulah Sameeti will work directly under the close monitoring of SP madam. The sole purpose of this initiative is to keep resolve small families issues which result into broken homes in long term. It is an sincere effort to save as many marriages/homes as far as possible.

One Among the Many Students of Model SSS admitted at GB Pant after Consuming Mass Drug Provided in School Dies

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hesitant to take their children to the GB Pant Hospital in spite of the children complaining of symptoms.

On this, Shri M.P. Abdul Rasheed, Director Ration Rasheed Foundation has invited the attention of the

Chief Secretary, A&N Administration requesting to make arrangements to provide proper health care assistance to the remaining children at their home, since the parents are in a state of shock and are not willing to take their children to the hospital, fearing some untoward to happen.

Startup Pitching Session and Open Forum Discussion by Industries Department Gets Overwhelming Response

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The afternoon session further advanced into the convening of an Open Forum Discussion in which all major stakeholder Departments of the Administration viz. Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, APWD, PBMC, ANIIDCO Ltd., Banks, IP&T, ACCI and ICAR-CIARI were invited and the DPIIT recognized startups pitched their products and ideas before the Administration. The Open Forum discussion witnessed a space where startups shared constructive criticism and praise alike.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, Smti Veditha Reddy, Secretary (Industries), A&N Administration stated that it was heartwarming to witness so many startups in various sectors emerging in the Islands and urged the representatives of various Departments to address the issues faced by startups and provide a handholding support. She further, stressed

upon the need for conducting a series of events for the Startups viz. sector based, problem solving, marketing and Investment events, etc. The Secretary (Industries) appreciated the efforts of the startups despite the hardships faced in the recent times.

In his address, Shri Hari Kallikkat, Special Secretary (Industries), A&N Administration expressed his pleasure at the ideas and innovations that were showcased by the Startups and informed that this is a first step towards a series of programmes and workshops that is being conceived for the promotion and strengthening of Startup Eco System in these Islands. He also assured support for the growth and nurture of startups.

Shri Abhishek Bhukal, Director of Industries thanked all the dignitaries, representatives of various Departments and Startups for making the event a success and stated that effective steps will be taken by the Industries Department along with Line Departments for conducting similar programs for promotion of startups in these Islands.

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sailing will be intimated to the passengers through ‘Seva Suchnayein’.

Further, passengers should be vaccinated and get their tickets verified/endorsed from COVID Testing/Verification Centers before

boarding the vessel. Similarly, passengers who are not fully vaccinated has to undergo RT-PCR Test. Passengers will not be allowed to board the vessel in absence of verified certificate or Negative RT-PCR Test Report provided by the RT-PCR Testing Centre, Port Blair.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations: Institutions and Organisations asked to Conduct Special Cleanliness Drives

Port Blair, Sept. 30: Together with the rest of the country, the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation will be celebrated on 2nd October, 2022 in A&N Islands too. The main function will be held at Gandhi Park at 8.15 am during which the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (RD) will pay floral tributes at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. This will be followed by prayers

‘Vaishnav Jan to Tene Kahiye Je’ and Ramdhuns by teachers/students of Education Department. A two minutes; silence will also be observed on the occasion.

All the Govt. Departments, Institutions, Autonomous Bodies, Corporation, Panchayat Pradhans, Voluntary organizations and villagers have been requested to create community assets by

Shramdaan and conduct special drives for cleanliness in the month under the ‘Swacchta Hi Seva Campaign’.

Further, the general public have been requested to refrain from slaughtering animals, killing of birds, fish catching and consuming liquor on this auspicious day. 2nd October, 2022 will be observed as a ‘Dry Day’ in homage to the Father of the Nation.

Revamped Children’s Traffic Park Re-Opened

Port Blair, Sept. 30: As part of Road Safety measures, the revamped Children’s Traffic Park situated near Marina Park was re-opened on 30/09/2022 by 04 family members, who lost their son/husbands/brother in road accident and suffering the pain of losing their loved ones. Sr. Police officers of A&N Police including Shri. Sanjay Kumar Jain, IPS, IGP (L&O) were present during the re-opening.

At the outset, Shri Kalaivanan R, IPS, Superintendent of Police (Traffic) welcomed the special guests and addressed the gathering about the history and functioning of Children’s Traffic Park. After the outbreak of COVID-19, the park was closed since March, 2020 and due to lack of maintenance during this period, it suffered damages.

Now the park has been given a facelift and is renovated to make it more children friendly. New traffic signal lights, road signs, information hoardings and speakers playing Road Safety

Messages etc. have been installed across the park. In the facelift, the other departments namely DBRAIT, APWD & PBMC have also contributed on their part. This park is being operated and maintained by the Traffic Unit of A&N Police.

The families of road accident victim appreciated the step of reopening the Children’s Traffic Park to create awareness among the children right from an early age that will help in



preventing road accidents in their later stage of life. They further added that awareness on road safety among the general public will help in preventing the tragedy that had taken place with them.

‘Road safety is life safety’, highlighted the importance of traffic rules, Sh. Jain, IGP/L&O emphasised that road accidents are manmade disaster, which is totally preventable provided we obey and follow traffic rules. ‘Driving under drunken

condition’, ‘overspeeding’, ‘driving without helmet/or seat belt’, ‘lack of attention/distracted while driving’ such as using mobile etc. are prominent causes behind road accidents.

A&N Police invites the general public to avail this facility so that the children can enjoy and learn various Road Safety measures. The park will remain open everyday between 4.00 PM to 8.00 PM and facility is free of cost.

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Port Blair, dated the 29th September, 2022.

PRESS RELEASE

The last date of submission of online application invited from the eligible candidates vide Notice of Vacancy for Recruitment in APWD uploaded on 16/08/2022 in the Administration portal www.andaman.gov.in and Department's portal www.apwd.and.nic.in to fill up the various vacant post of Group 'B' (Non Gazetted) and Group 'C' Non-Ministerial posts is **further extended till 15/10/2022, 05.00 PM due to administrative reasons.**

Keep checking the State & official website for more details and updates.

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Three Days Training on Dakshata Organised for Nursing Officers

Port Blair, Sept. 30: Sept.26 to 28, 2022 at Dakshata, an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India was launched on 26th September, 2022 in A&N Islands to improve the quality of Maternal and Newborn Care during the Intra and immediate Postpartum period.

In line with this, a three days training on Dakshata-training programme to improve maternal, newborn care for Nursing Officers (1st batch) was organised from Training Hall, NTEP, GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair. The training was inaugurated by Dr. Munni Singhania, Director, Directorate of Health Services, as the chief guest. In her inaugural address, the Director exhorted the participants to take the training seriously in order to improve the quality of health care in labour rooms to reduce the maternal and infant mortality. Dr. Sudha Patil, Professor &

HOD (Obs&Gyneac), Dr. Pragthesh HOD (Paediatrics), Ms. Ruby Varghese and Ms. Privina, Nursing Officers GB Pant Hospital were the resource persons. Altogether 15 Nursing Officers from various health institutions were trained.

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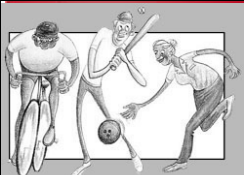
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SPORTS

Will India Give Rishabh Pant and Dinesh Karthik More Game Time in the Remaining Two T20s Against South Africa?

September 30: Moments after KL Rahul sealed the game against South Africa in Thiruvananthapuram with a six, Rishabh Pant dragged a support staff onto the corner of the ground and made him spit throw-downs. Some of the crowd who were leaving the stadium stopped and began to watch Pant, cheering him and exhorting him to unfurl the big strokes. Pant resisted the urges and seemed inclined to dead-bat the ball, but for an instance when he slashed a really wide ball, he hit the ball so hard that some of the television crew packing up their equipment after the presentation ceremony had to seek split-second evasive action. Pant waved a sorry and continued his dead-batting exercise. Of late, he is spotted batting mostly at the nets or before or after the games. His keenness is unmissable—he is often the first to pad up and the last to unpad, even in the searing heat of Dubai. The real outings in the middle have been sparse. He was not required to bat in the last two games—against South Africa on Wednesday and Australia in Nagpur—and was benched for the first two matches against Australia. You could contend that he did not make the best of his breaks in the Asia Cup, where thrice in four games he strode out to bat before the 15th over, and apart from the inconsequential game against Afghanistan, he didn't strike hot or rich. But it's all the more a compelling reason to give him adequate game-time in the middle, so that he finds some morale-lifting runs under his belt, but also a better clarity on his role and get more accustomed to it. The team seems yet to figure out his best function, where he would fit in the best: whether he is a finisher, floater, or a middle-order destroyer. Even Pant himself seems confused and cluttered. A Pant with an uncluttered mindset is a game-changer as opposed to a Pant in dilemma. His Test career is a classic example. There was a time when he was caught in two, whether to attack or defend, and ended up doing neither. A chat with then coach Ravi Shastri and some introspection helped him discover the clarity, and thereafter his career blossomed. Pant, in red-



ball cricket, is one of the most feared cricketers. But somehow, he has been unable to harness the big-hitting abilities in the shortest format. Incidentally, it took a while for Virender Sehwag too to get going in limited-overs cricket. He was well established as a Test cricketer before finding his feet in the ODIs. Not that Pant lacks the game, but perhaps he needs a shot of confidence, or a spark of ignition from somewhere, or a knock that could turn his T20 career around. One of the solutions was to give him considerable time in the middle. It was understandable why he was not furnished with ample time in the long build-up to the T20 World Cup. There were pressing concerns at the top of the order, but now that those fears are allayed, with the top-four contributing regularly, it's high time the focus shifted to giving the middle order more batting time.

Rather, there is no time at all. Inconsequential encounters, as the series against Australia was and the one against South Africa, present an ideal platform. Winning could even be secondary, as teams look to ensure that no stone is left unturned, or any aspect left unattended. For India, furnishing the middle order with more batting is part of that fine-tuning business. Not just Pant, Dinesh Karthik too has spent just a few minutes in the middle. He was not required to bat in Thiruvananthapuram, faced just eight balls in three games against Australia. Twice, he remained unbeaten. In the Asia Cup, he only faced one ball (one not out) in three games. So, India's designated finisher has only countered nine balls in his last seven games and

has been dismissed just once, in case you are left wondering if it has been a case of him enduring a torrid time. To stretch it further, in his last 17 games, he has dealt only 95 balls, that is five balls a game on an average. Though it's a healthy sign that India's top four are batting so well that the middle-order is seldom summoned for salvage acts, there should always be emergency plans in place. There could be days when the quartet of Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, Suryakumar Yadav and Virat Kohli could collectively fail, as it transpired against Pakistan (Kohli apart) in the previous edition of the T20 World Cup, or before that in the 2019 50-over World Cup semi final against New Zealand, or drag the memory further back to the 2017 Champions Trophy final. Though it is the top four that end up hoarding the most number of deliveries in a T20 game, the value of the middle and lower orders can't be understated. In a perfect world, they should be as well-tuned as the first four. Both the individuals and the team would stand to benefit, even if they bat out of their usual positions. A counter-argument hangs. Are not the middle and lower orders equipped to deal with similar vagaries? Is it not their primary business, the dual roles of orchestrating rescue operations and finishing games? True as those arguments are, some game time and runs would do them little harm, rather make the team stronger, all their bases covered. Before the series, captain Sharma had addressed the issue of Pant and Karthik being under-utilised as batsmen. "I obviously wanted these guys to have a number of games under their belt before the World Cup.

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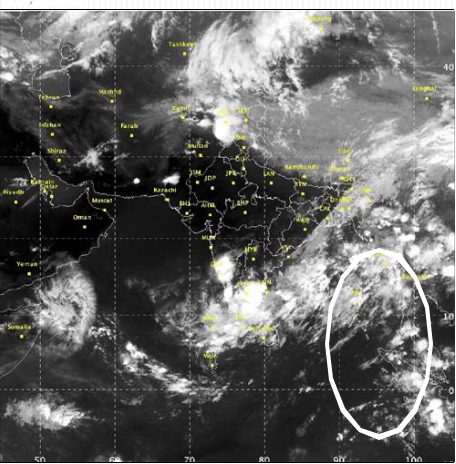
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 26.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 72%	1730 Hrs: 84%
Sunrise: 0509 Hrs.	Sunset: 1730 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	002.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	1850.7 mm

Forecast

Partly cloudy sky and Light Rain or thundershowers is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Saturday 1/10/2022.

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