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Ex-MP Inaugurates MPLAD Work of 16th Lok Sabha at Utkal Samaj in the Presence of MP Kuldeep Rai Sharma

Andaman tribes Sentinelese, the Onge and the Great Andamanese, were the sole inhabitants of the Andaman Islands until the British and then the Indians arrived. Their ancestors are thought to have been part of the first successful migrations out of Africa. Your Nature Guide

Plankton: this is a term used to describe the smellers, free floating plants and animals, which just drift along with the winds and currents. Some plankton have a limited swimming ability and can migrate daily in a vertical direction. Plankton are an important source of food for many sea animals.

There are two types of plankton Phytoplankton, which are microscopic plant plankton, and Zooplankton, which are larger animals plankton. Phytoplankton are amongst the most productive food manufactures of the seas. Bigger Plants: Amongst the

other plants are the Algae that are of different colours-green, red and brown. Some algae are edible (for humans) and a good source of protein. Most make very good fertilizer if spread in the garden or farm. Bigger algae are called seaweeds.

The oceans also have grasses grow ing in them.

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

People's Voice

Baccon ko maama he hota hai toh fir paida he kyon karte

- A Citizen



In our village we only get spurious liquor, no drinking water, sir!

Port Blair, Dec. 18: The terrace on the top floor building of Utkal Samaj at Shadipur Ward No. 10, Port Blair constructed under MPLAD fund of 16th Lok Sabha was inaugurated by Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex-Member of Parliament in the presence of Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, today. The work was carried out by the Andaman Public Work department being the executing agency of MPLAD

work for which the long pending demand of the Utkal Samaj has been fulfilled.

During the inauguration function, Smti. Mangayarkarasi Councillor Ward No.10, Smti. Vasantha, Councillor Ward No.12, Smti. Sheela Singh, Chairperson, PBMC, Shri SP Burman, Ex-Director of Health Services, Smti. Ratna Kannan, Ex-Chairperson of Social Welfare Advisory Board, Smti. Puspanjali Raju, Chairperson, CCS Ltd., Shri



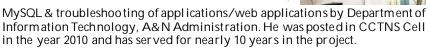
Kishore Naran, AE SAD, APWD, Members of the Utkal other Samai. prominent members of the

residents of the area and a large number of general public were also present.

Divya Murthy of A&N Police Recognised for his Significant Role in Implementing CCTNS & ICJS

Port Blair, Dec. 17: Contribution of PC/972 T. Divya Murthy of A&N Police was recognized for his significant role in implementation of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) & Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) and he has been awarded in the individual officers category in category 'C' of States/UTs having less than 50 Police Stations by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). PC/972

T. Divya Murthy was appointed on 03/02/2004 as Police Constable and he was trained in MS SQL,



CPI(M) Demands Additional Flights in Port Blair-Mainland Sector

Port Blair, Dec. 18: CPI (M) has demanded additional flights between Port Blair and mainland sectors considering the exorbitant flight fare and non-availability of tickets. In a letter sent to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri D. Ayyappan, CPI (M) State Secretary drew the attention of the Chief Secretary to the nonavailability of air tickets for the

people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and exorbitant air fare in the Port Blair - mainland sector flights being operated by Air India and other private airlines. He stated in the letter that with the beginning of Christmas vacation, a large number of students studying in various educational institutions on the mainland propose to visit their homes in A & N Islands. He further also

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Five-Day Training on Para Taxonomy Concludes at ZSI

Port Blair, Dec. 18: The Zoological Survey of India, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair has successfully organised a Fiveday training course on Para Taxonomy Including People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) sponsored by Department of Environment and Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Islands to train the frontline staffs during 13^{th} to 17^{th} December, 2022.

Shri Kamal Datta, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar



Islands was the Chief Guest, while Dr. S. Continued on P5

1st VPM Open Chess Tournament 2022 Organised



Port Blair, Dec. 18: 1st VPM Open Chess Tournament 2022 was organised by Revolutionary Youth Club (RYA) in collaboration with Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) at VPM Hall, Bambooflat, today, the 18th December 2022.

Shri. Yoosuf, Proprietor, Jazeera Resort, hope town, Bambooflat was the chief guest for the inaugural session who made the ceremonial first move on the top boards against M Tainsh, to kick start the event.

Around 90 players have participated passionately in the tournament in which R Kashthuri Bhai, a class VIII student of GDMS Port Blair won the tournament & remained undefeated who scored 6.5 points with 6 wins and a draw in 7 rounds. P. S Satish, AAO, PFMS, PAO Port Blair secured second position, P Tata Rao, a senior chess player from Bambooflat secured third position while A Anil secured fourth position, they were awarded with

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Unidentified Dead Body of a New Born Recovered

Port Blair, Dec. 17: It is informed to the general public that an unidentified dead body of new born female infant was found sunken in sea water of Joda Kilan Creek area. In this regard, a FIR vide No. 207/22 dated 16/12/ 2022 U/s 318 IPC has been registered at PS Pahargaon and is being investigated. The dead body of the infant is preserved for identification in the cold Mortuary room of GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair.

The general public is requested to share information pertaining to the unidentified dead body of new born female infant, any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100, 03192-250525 & 03192-233077. The identity of the informant will be

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Countering Terror

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's listing of four hurdles to better counterterrorism cooperation, i.e., state support for financing terror; multilateral mechanisms that are opaque and agenda driven; double standards and politicisation of countering terrorism according to where terror groups belong, and the "next frontier" (the use of emerging technologies such as drones and virtual currency by terrorists), needs attention. The focus of the UNSC special briefing on Thursday, 'Global Counterterrorism Approach', that was convened by India, is well-timed given that the "Global War on Terrorism" and the sanctions regimes launched after 9/11 are in disarray. In their haste to exit Afghanistan in 2021, for example, the UNSC's permanent members, the U.S. and the U.K. struck the biggest blow to the sanctions regime by holding talks with the Taliban, easing their path to power in Kabul and letting their handlers in Pakistan off the hook. Second, as Mr. Jaishankar has pointed out, a P-5 country (China) continues to block the designations of Pakistan-based terrorists, including five named this year, from the LeT and the JeM. Finally, instead of uniting to accept India's proposal, of 1996, of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terror to institute global practices on countering terror, the P-5 countries are hopelessly polarised, and irrevocably so, over Russia's war in Ukraine. Given the scenario, New Delhi's attempt at highlighting the issues during the last few weeks of its two-year UNSC tenure was apt, as it built up to the briefing with conferences in India including a UN Counter-Terrorism Committee meeting, the No Money For Terror conference, and an Interpol conference.

It is unfortunate, however, that the briefing appears to have been overshadowed by heated words outside the Council between Mr. Jaishankar and his Pakistani counterpart Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. In response to Mr. Jaishankar's comments on Pakistan being the "epicentre of terrorism", Mr. Bhutto chose to launch a personal tirade against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the 2002 Gujarat riots. That Pakistan's "dossier" on what it claims is an Indian hand behind a blast in Lahore essentially pertains to an attack on the 26/11 terrorist strikes mastermind and LeT chief Hafiz Saeed is equally telling about the Pakistan government's regard for him, as well as its desire to muddy the global narrative on terrorism. The Government would be better served by not taking the bait, and focusing instead on the task at hand: "re-invigorating" the global agenda and counterterrorism architecture by emphasising the need for unity on the issue, and for all countries to provide resources to the battle against those driven by a radical ideology who continue to threaten civilian populations worldwide.

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BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



A God for All..!

Mary was astounded!

Yes, she had understood the shy shepherds who came to greet her son in the manger. She must have shook her head in gratitude at the beasts in the stable who kept ever so quiet as her new born baby slept, but a few months later, she was shocked, for just outside her door were three strange looking men, who though they had the mark of wisdom on their faces still looked totally dissimilar to each other.

She sighed. She was used to such strange things happening especially before and after the birth of her little child, of her cousin Elisabeth's baby leaping for joy in her womb, of a strange angel named Gabriel, saying she would be the mother of God, coming as a baby to earth, but this...

"Yes?" she said pleasantly, even though she wondered a little fearfully whether wicked Herod had sent men in disguise to kill her little son, "Yes?"

- "I'm Melchior from Europe!" and Mary smiled at the white man with a strange
- "I'm Balthasar from Africa!" Mary looked at the black man and bowed.
- "And I'm Caspar from Asia!"
- "Ah Asia," said Mary, thinking of people there who believed in astrology and numero logy.



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"Yes," said Caspar, strangely reading her thoughts, "We are astrologers!"

"Astrologers!" gasped Mary catching her breath, "and what is it that has led you three from different parts of the world?" Mary did know her Geography well, and had insisted she finish school, even though Joseph's parents had wanted her to become betrothed even while in her teens, "You have travelled far?"

"We followed a star!" said the astrologer from Africa, and Mary knew that any Jewish choir would accept a baritone like his, "A star?" she asked amused, "In the sky?"

"Well you wouldn't understand, if it was an actual star in the sky, or one that was in our astrological charts," said the European astrologer as little too impatiently, getting a sharp glance from the two others, "Sorry," he said, "I am a bit tired!"

From inside the room, the little Baby gave a happy gurgle. "It's him!" the three cried together, "It's the God for all!"

"God for all?" asked Mary, looking at Melchior from Europe, Caspar from Asia, and Balthasar from Africa, "He is a God for the Jews!"

The three smiled at her, and without hesitating walked into the room, where the young child was. She watched amazed as they took out from their folds of clothing, gifts which they gave to her little one. And then she watched with even more wonderment as the baby Jesus clambered up in his crib and stretched his baby hands out to all three.

Mary watched and whispered that evening when Joseph came home, "He is indeed a God for all..!"

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Divya Murthy of A&N Police Recognised for his Significant Role in Implementing CCTNS & ICJS

Cell, he has taken lot of instrumental in sorting out glitches in Core Application Šoftware of CCTNS. With the Report. All the senior

among the UTs as per the conferred with the award. latest release of Pragati

Continued from Page 1 continuous dedicated efforts Officers of Andaman and During his tenure at CCTNS of CCTNS team, the UT of Nicobar Police have Andaman & Nicobar has congratulated & praised PC/ initiatives and was secured overall 96.03% 972 T. Divya Murthy for being

1st VPM Open Chess Tournament 2022 Organised

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Trophies, Cash Prizes. Similarly, the players who secure d fifth position to tenth position were awarded with cash prize,

Apart from Open category, two best players each in boys

and girls from Under 09, Under 14, Under 19, were also awarded with trophies and cash prize.

Two best players from Bambooflat and Best women as well Best Veteran Players

were also awarded with cash

P Tata Rao, proprietor VPM Hall was the chief guest for the closing ceremony who gave away the trophies and cash prize to the winners.

ENTERTAINMENT

My Words are Being Misconstrued: Dil Raju

December 18: Dil Raju, clip has gone viral, whose recent comment about stars Vijay and Ajith has snowballed into controversy, has clarified that he had no intention of degrading any actor.

A few days ago, Dil Raju spoke to a TV channel regarding several issues related to films, including theatre-allotment to dubbed films. During the conversation, he had said that he would soon request the concerned authorities in Tamil Nadu to provide more theatres for his film Varisu because Vijay is a bigger hero than Ajith (whose film Thanivu is also releasing in Tamil Nadu for Pongal). This

and livid fans of Ajith have started trolling producer.

"My words are b e i n g misconstrued," said Dil Raju, and appealed to everyone to

watch the entire video and not in bits and pieces. "I am a lover of cinema and I have made 50 films. I made a reference to Vijay garu and Ajith garu only in the context of the theaters

issue but the essence was not taken and instead something else was blown out of all proportions," he said On the other hand



recently, Dil Raju was severely criticised for allocating more theatres to his dubbed Tamil film (Varisu) in Telugu-speaking states, and not providing enough theatres for straight Telugu films (like Chiranjeevi-starrer Waltair Veerayya and Balakrishnastarrer Veera Simha Reddy) which are also releasing for Sankranti 2023 in Telugu.

Movie Review | 'Govinda Mera Naam' Reduces us to a Laughing Stock

December **HYDERABAD**: Actor Govinda frequently teamed up with Kader Khan, Shakti Kapoor in the 90s and early 2000s to dish out a plethora of comedy movies mostly helmed by David Dhawan. The number of such movies was enough for the audience to club them as David Dhawan-kind of cinema or Govinda-kind of movies wherein you left your brain behind and embarked upon a roller coaster ride of laughs.

Director Shashank Khaitan most probably had the same kindof fun in his mind when he decided to write and direct 'Govinda Naam Mera'. The only problem is he has failed spectacularly in his attempt to imitate.

Expectations are always high from an actor whose last outing was something like 'Sardar Udham'. Vicky Kaushal for sure has emerged as one of the better performers among his contemporaries. Right from 'Masan', he has always played slightly serious roles. 'Govinda...' is his first attempt at comedy and it's not funny at all.

Govinda Waghmare played by Vicky is a henpecked husband. He is a 'loser' who is pushed around even by his domestic help. Even though he is married he has a girlfriend Suku (Kiara Advani). His wife is Gauri played by either in her nightwear or dressed in a saree, ready to go nowhere. Gauri has Govinda if he wants a divorce from her.

choreographer who currently is a background dancer. He is also locked in a legal battle with his half-brother over a property worth crores. That dilapidated bungalow is at the center stage of this insipid saga wherein the audience wait for moments to laugh. But there are none. The humour is forced.In the over twohour-long movie, the first half is devoted to introducing the bunch of characters and set the stage for the story. Ideally, it should not have taken Advani with a murder and its

unraveling. actors at the director's disposal. They try their level best to perform and emote but their characters are so one-tone that they fall flat on the face. Renuka Shahane, Sayaji Shinde, Girish Oak, Vicky Kaushal,

Bhumi Pednekar. She is Pednekar, Amey Wagh try to shoulder this dull drama but fall spectacularly. The writing is second-rate and demanded Rs 2 crore from dialogues are of gardenvariety.

The director has combined Govind is a wannabe two genres, comedy and a murder mystery and neither is handled aptly. The audience neither end up in stitches nor are shocked at the mystery.

Performance-wise Bhoomi oozes oomph and that's about it. Bollywood is known to rope in good actresses and make them run around the tree for songs, and give them two or three scenes. Of late, especially on OTT, women had started getting better, meatier characters. With Gauri, 'Govinda...' sets that clock back again. Kiara who plays more than 15 minutes for Govinda's girlfriend had a this. Those who are brave better character to play and enough to survive this first delivers a passable $half, unfortunately, get \quad performance. \ The$ nothing in the second half background score is quirky too. The second half deals and the less said the better about the music and the lyrics. Sample this: 'Mein ta In 'Govinda...' therewere teri leni hai....' and after a a slew of outstanding pause.. 'pappi' is added. I my case.The rest protagonist, Govinda Waghmare, is shown to be Marathi. The opening scene starts with paying tribute to Mumbai. However, there is no Marathi flavour. This movie could have been Kiara Advani, Bhumi based in any part of the country.



NAVJEEVAN ENTERPRISES ABERDEEN BAZAR, PORT BLAIR, PH-233243



NASA's Juno to Explore **Most Volcanic Place** in the Solar System



December 18: While in the second year of its exploration of Jupiter's inner moons, NASA's Juno spacecraft has sent back a treasure of details about the Jovian moons Ganymede and Europa. Now, the mission is poised to take pictures of the Jovian moon Io, according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Jupiter's moon lo is the most volcanic place in the solar system according to NASA and will have Juno's full attention for the next one and a half years. On December 15, the mission will conduct the first of nine flybys planned during the period. Two of these nine will have the spacecraft cruising at a distance of just 1,500 kilometres above the moon's surface.

Mission scientists will take advantage of these flybys to perform what will be the first high-resolution monitoring campaign of lo, studying its volcanoes and how its volcanic eruptions interact with Jupiter's magnetos phere and aurora.

lo is slightly larger than the Earth's Moon and has a diameter that is about one-quarter that of our planet. lo is tidally locked to Jupiter, meaning that one side of the Moon always faces the planet. It takes around 1.8 Earth days to both rotate on its axis and revolve once around Jupiter.

It has a very thin atmosphere that is primarily made of sulphur dioxide but one of the most interesting features of the Jovian moons is its volcanoes. The most volcanically active world in the solar system has hundreds of volcanoes with some erupting fountains of lava that are dozens of kilometres high. teven has lakes of molten silicon lava on its surface

The volcanic moon also had an important in the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey, where astronauts conduct a dangerous spacewalk above its volcanoes to board an abandoned spacecraft.

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A&N Traffic Police Conducts Road Safety Awareness Programme & Free Eye Test Camp

Port Blair, Dec. 18: In order to spread road safety awareness among the commercial vehicle owners & drivers, a road safety awareness programme was conducted on 17.12.2022 at PS Aberdeen Conference Hall by A&N Traffic Police. The Dy.SP (Traffic), Police Personnel and about 100 drivers & members of various Bus/Truck/Van/Auto union have partici pated in this programme.

Addressing the participants, Shri. Sanjay Kumar Jain, IPS (Inspector General of Police, L&O) especially expressed serious concern over the rising case of fatal accidents and drunken driving in the city and emphasized the ill effects of drunken driving and its financial and psychological effects on the entire family in the event of a major accident and has appealed to obey traffic rules. Importance of various road safety measures such as wearing helmet, fastening seat belts, avoid over speeding, avoid using mobile phone while driving/ riding the vehicles, avoid careless overtaking, giving way to emergency vehicles etc. were also emphasized.



Grievances of participants were also put forth before Shri. Sanjay Kumar Jain, IPS (Inspector General of Police, L&O) and assurance for redressal of grievances was also given

Shri. Ajay Kr. Rai, DANIPS (Dy. Superintendent of Police Traffic) also highlighted the importance of road safety and educated the participants about the ill effects & after math of road accidents.

A free eye test camp was conducted for all the participants by the medical team headed by Dr. Priyanka

Sankaran (SR) of GB Pant Hospital at PS Aberdeen.

The participants were encouraged to report traffic violations by sending clear photograph/short videos of violation containing clear registration no. of vehicle with date, time and place of offence on the official Whatsapp No. 9531892228 or share through the twitter handle @ANTrafficPolice or on the 24x7 Traffic Control Room Number 03192-243812 for prompt action against the violators.

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Diglipur Police Arrests an Auto Driver With Illicit Ganja

Diglipur, Dec. 18: Police Station Diglipur once again showed their mettle and are going tough against drug peddlers. Keeping sharp vigil over antisocial activities under the jurisdiction on 17/12/22 an information was received regarding an auto driver carrying huge quantity of illicit ganja in his Auto rickshaw. A raiding team comprising Inspr. Vikash Singh, SHO PS Diglipur, SI Abdul Shakil, HC (IRBn) Santosh Nair, PC's Devsai Toppo, Santosh Lal, Abubacker Siddique, Samaresh Mistry, & HG(D) Mari Kani was constituted and the team intercepted the autorickshawbearing AN 01 K 8522 near Subashgram bridge and recovered 1.068 Kgs of ganja from driver Biswajit Mondal S/o Late Ghanashyam Mondal, (37)

yrs. Auto Driver R/o Madhupur, Diglipur. A case under appropriate section of NDPS Act was registered against the auto driver and accused was arrested. The dedication and hard work of the raiding team of PS Diglipur resulted in seizure of such huge quantity of ganja.

The entire trap was conducted under the supervision of Shri Lakshya Pandey, DANIPS, SDPO Diglipur, and overall direction and supervision of undersigned. The district police follow a policy of zero tolerance towards any organized crime. The general public is requested to pass and share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest police station or over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

Practical Exam for BLIS Course of IGNOU

Port Blair, Dec. 18: As per the schedule of TEE December 2022, the Term End Practical Examination December 2022 of the learners enrolled in BLIS (Bachelor in Library Science) of Indira Gandhi National Open University, Study Centre (0201), Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya will be conducted on Dec. 21 & 22,

2022. The list of eligible candidates, batch wise for the practical examination for BLIE-227 has been displayed in IGNOU Study Centre notice board. All concerned learners have been advised to note the same from study centre notice board. For further details, learners have been advised to contact the IGNOU study Centre, JNRM, Port Blair during its working hours.



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NOTICE INVITING e- TENDER

No. DB/Tender Notice/ PBND/2022-23/6443 Dated: 16/12/2022

The Executive Engineer, Port Blair North Division, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of the President of India, online ItemRate tender from experienced and eligible contractors having valid GST Registration and requisite experience of having successfully completed similar works(s) of relevant magnitude in civil works without any adverse remarks in any of the Govt. Organizations in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the following work(s):

1. NIT No. 90/EE/PBND/ 2022-23, Name of work: Repair and renovation of Forest Corporation Building, Haddo for Covid Facility Centre under PBND, APWD, Port Blair. SW: Partition work of Covid Facility Centre at Haddo for proposed ANM Training School, Estimated Cost put to bid: \('9,09,072/-, Earnest money: '18,181/- Period of Completion: 02 (Two) months (Tender ID: 2022 APWD 8541 1)

The last date of bid submission will be **02.01.2023 upto 1500 hours**The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in

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Five-Day Training on Para Taxonomy Concludes at ZSI

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Senthil Kumar, IFS, Chief
Conservator of Forests
(Wildlife), and Shri
Kuldeep Sharma, IFS,
Deputy Conservator of
Forest (Mill Division),
Department of
Environment & Forests
were the Guests of Honour.
The programme was also
attended by Officers from

Department of Environment & Forests, Anthropological Survey of India, Pondicherry University, IGNOU and District Mobile Forensic Unit, A & N Police. The ceremony started with a prayer song and lighting of traditional lamp. Total of 34 trainees from different division of Department of Environment and Forests have participated.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest, Shri Kamal Datta, IFS appreciated the initiative taken in providing skill training under this course. He indicated how this course will be advantageous in capacity building and imparting knowledge on Biodiversity of island ecosystem. He showed his appreciation to ZSI/ANRC, Port Blair for organizing this knowledge-based capacity building program and informed that the next course will implement all the stratified comments in feedback. encouraged the field training and offline classes

Continued from Page 1 for the trainees to have a better interaction with the experts. In his felicitation address,

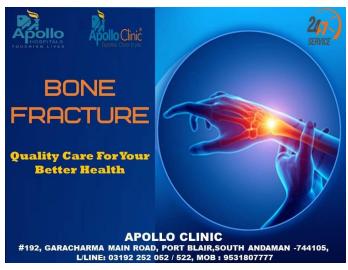
guest of honour Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS admired the present course and its proposal for serving trainees in procedure of developing and solidification the skills, predispositions, aptitudes, procedures and resources that governments and publics need to be cultivated. He mentioned about the formulation of training programmes and seminars for all level of staff to strengthen their knowledge on modern techniques and so they can use this conservation of nature for the future generation. He congratulated the trainees and showed his appreciation for the trainees who came with flying colours and emphasized the role of forest rangers as a regulator of assortment of proposed biological resources which should not affect the sustainability of the resources; entail any environmental impact: shall not pose any risk to ecosystems; adversely affect the local communities.

Shri Kuldeep Sharma, IFS, DCF, Mill Division, in his address began with a gratitude towards Officer-in-Charge, ZSI, Port Blair and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for employing these kinds of courses. He stated that this form of course implants the knowledge in capsule mode on relevant issues and inspire trainees for a better experience which will be put out through

interactions with the notables. The speaker mentioned about the need for detailed taxonomic and surveying techniques in preparation of DRDC.

Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-

in-Charge, ZSI, Port Blair in his welcome address mentioned how the institute has developed this course for the front-line staffs. The main objective of this course was to inform the duty personnel on how to prepare the People Biodiversity register through standard procedure. He emphasized the role of Zoological survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar Regional centre, Port Blair. He said how these unplanned visits to the nature has developed a keen in the forest officials for bird watching and observation of nature. He accentuated about the fourteen lectures which has been offered during the course work. Many topics such as, flora and fauna of ANI, mangroves aquatic insects spiders, techniques on preservation documentation and curation of insects have been dealt by lecturers from online and offline. He mentioned how the trainees have been benefitted by a half-day lecture on preparation of PBR by the expert. Besides, one day field trip was organized for the trainees where they were given a glimpse of Intertidal marine fauna at Burmanallah viz. Ascidians, Coral, Coral Crabs, Sea associated





Anemones, Sponges, Sea cucumbers and other molluscs. In addition to this terrestrial field training was conducted at Chidiyatapu Reserve Forest, Sippighat and Ograbraj where they were taught to identify both forest and wetland birds as well as insects and spiders. In his course report he mentioned that 90% of trainees scored more than

60% in their evaluation. He extended his gratitude to the Department of Environment and Forests for the support and insights they have given in performing a well organised course. The participation certificates were distributed to the trainees by Chief Guest and Guests of Honour of the programme. The valedictory function conducted with vote of thanks.

CPI(M) Demands Additional Flights in Port Blair-Mainland Sector

Continued from Page 1 informed the Chief Secretary that a number of people who want to avail specialized medical treatment at mainland hospitals are also unable to proceed to mainland due to surging airfare on daily basis.

CPI (M) informed the Administration that at present, as per the website of Airlines, a single ticket from Port Blair to Chennai costs more than Rs. 20,000/-while no tickets in any flight are available from Chennai to Port Blair. Shri Ayyappan told the Chief Secretary that

Islanders, particularly those belonging to lower strata of the society are unable to travel by air. He said that CPI (M) has been getting frantic calls from people stranded at Chennai about the non-availability of tickets in any flights.

Hence, the CPI (M) urged the Chief Secretary to intervene in the matter and direct all the Airlines operating between Port Blair-mainland sectors to schedule additional flights to cater to the needs of the passengers especially for the islanders during the months of December, 2022 and January, 2023

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SPORTS

Bangladesh Resist on Placid Pitch But Patient India Four Wickets Away

December 18: Two days before the start of the match, KL Rahul spoke about how as a team India have to keep remembering the basics and reminding themselves what has worked for them in Tests. This is India's first Test since July and their first in sub-continental conditions since the home series against Sri Lanka in March.

Through the course of the first threedays, India have largely been in their element against Bangladesh, even recovering from a slight wobble on Day 1 and posting 404 in their first innings.

Day 4 at Chattogram was different. Resuming at 42/0 after India set them a humongous 513 to win, Bangladesh didn't collapse likethey did in their first innings when they folded for 150.

The pitch, which was taking sharp turn with invariable bounce on Day 1, hasn't undergone any drastic wear and tear that one usually sees on the last two days. If anything, it has gotten slower and batting isn'tas hard as itwas on the first two days.

Usually a batting paradise, the venue is playing to its characteristics as Bangladesh, riding on a century from debutant Zakir Hasan and 67 from fellow opener Najmul Hossain Shanto, frustrated India to end Day 4 at 272/6 with Shakib Al Hasan (40) and Mehidy Hasan (9) in the middle.

That Bangladesh have taken the game into Day 5 in itself might seem like a commendable job. After an insipid display on Day2, the Bangladesh batsmen, especially their openers, showed admirable application on a pitch where there are still plenty of runs for the taking. Perhaps India knew what was to come, which is why they rushed with their declaration on Day 3, fully aware that it wouldn't be a walk in the park on Day 4.

The expression from the bowlers as each of the first four Bangladesh wickets fell told a story in itself. Umesh Yadav could only give a huge grin after an alert Rishabh Pant caught the rebound off Virat Kohli at first slip off Hossain's outside edge in the 47th over. When Axar Patel bowled Yasir Ali with one that pitched on middle and spun sharply to hit the off



stump, there was more relief at the sight of the turn than anything else.

After an entire wicketless session, India were beginning to get somereward. Kuldeep Yadav, fresh from a five-fer in the first innings, showed more anger than anything after outfoxing Litton Das with flight. Like each of his first-innings wickets, this had nothing to do with the pitch, instead he relied entirely on his skill.R Ashwin has taken 442 Test wickets, but when he finally found the edge of Hasan after beating it several times through the day, he jogged with his right hand aloft before jumping and pumping his fists to let off the frustration.

This was no means a pitch where one wicket would bring the fall of another. If anything, it is the sort of pitch that required India's bowling unit to show a lot of patience and discipline. It isn't new to them. They have come across such days frequently on home conditions where there is nothinghappeningfor the bowlers on flat decks. While most of them have usually been in the first innings of the opposition, this was slightly different. Plus, they didn't have Ishant Sharma here, a fast bowler who used to compliment their spinners on such days by bowling long spells and creating pressure with dot balls.

The plan for the bowling unit on such days is to stick to basics and not give the opposition any easy runs. So even in the first session which saw Bangladesh not lose a single wicket, India let them score only 77 runs at 2.57 runs per over.

"The discussion after the first session was to stay patient," India's bowling coach Paras Mhambrey said at the end of Day

4. "We knew the wicket would be easy and as the game progressed we realised the pitch was getting easier to bat on. So we knew it was hard work and the focus was to hit the right areas and create those opportunities— and take those even if we create a half-chance.

"I thought we pulled it back by getting those six wickets in the next two sessions so that was good. It gives us a bit of inroad into the game and the first session tomorrow (Sunday), nothing changes. We have to be patient and bowl the right areas and wait for the opportunity. Overall happy with the way we bowled," Mhambrey said.

Here India didn't have Ishant to deliver the dirty job. And they had just two pacers - Mohammed Siraj and Umesh. One who is playing only his 14th Test and another who doesn't get a game unless someone is unavailable. But both are skillful and know how to operate in such conditions. The two seamlessly adjusted to the conditions and so did the spin trio of Ashwin, Axar and Kuldeep. They cut down the bad balls, minimised those deliveries that offered width to the batsmen and made them play more. And it was Axar, who proved the most difficult to handle.

The message to Bangladesh was simple: 'if you want to score runs, earn it.' And to the credit of the hosts, especially the openers, they earned every run they made. The debutant Hasan especially showed a lot of grit. Having scored 173 in the second innings for Bangladesh A to deny India A an outright win in the first unofficial Test a fortnight ago, he came up with another rearguard innings that instilled some belief in the Bangladesh camp before India pulled it back.

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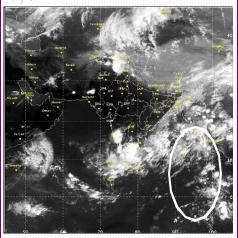
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Weather



Max. Temp: 30.4 °C Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 71% 1730 Hrs: 77% Sunrise: 0533 Hrs. Sunset: 1659 Hrs. Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): 000.0 mm Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): 000.0 mm Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date): 2584.8 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Monday 19/12/2022.