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Jarawa Facts

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

Your Nature Guide

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

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

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

People's Voice

Ab Road Transport Minister ko khud aana padega dekhne ke liye ki Andaman ka National Highway ka sti thi kya hai ... Woh LG Sahab ka Road Trip ka kya hua..?

- A Citizen



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Member of Parliament Demands Induction of at least 20 More New Buses in State Transport Service

Port Blair, Dec. 7: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands last Monday and raised several issues. Among other issues, the Member of Parliament requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to induct at least 20 more new buses in State Transport Service so that problems being faced by Islanders of far flung Islands can be minimized.

He informed the Hon'ble Lt. Governor that during his recent visit to North, Middle and South Andaman villages as well as Nicobar District, he has personally witnessed that the buses of State Transport

Service are in deplorable state and many of the STS buses are irreparable.

He pointed out that everyday thousands of people in various far flung Islands depend on these buses to reach their offices, schools, colleges, hospital, market etc. and due to the present condition of the STS buses they are going through severe mental and physical pain. Many buses, with leakages on the roof, missing windows, broken seats are being pressed into service, which can lead to a fatal accident anytime, he added.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that in far flung Islands where everyone can't



afford a car or hire an auto, the STS buses are the lifeline but the STS buses are now becoming a threat to passengers' life. School Children are suffering the

worst because of this situation.

He added that while Islanders living in South

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BJP Leaders Take up the Issue of Pathetic Condition of NH-4 With Nitin Gadkari

Port Blair, Dec. 7: A Delegation of BJP, A&N Islands led by Shri Y. Satya Kumar, National Secretary, BJP and Prabhari, A&N along with Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP, A&N Islands and Shri Vishal jolly, National Executive Member met Mananiya Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways at New Delhi and discussed the following issues concerning our Islands.

1-Extremely Pathetic Condition of NH-4 in North & Middle Andaman District



2-Construction of Chatham-Bambooflat Bridge.

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Members of Rajya Sainik Board Call on Lt. Governor for Flag Pinning Ceremony



Port Blair, Dec. 7: On the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day 2022, members of Rajya Sainik Board with Secretary Col. DS Godara (Retd) called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency for Flag Pinning Ceremony today at Raj Niwas. A Cheque of Rs. 15,000/- as A&N Administration's contribution was handed over.

Extreme Weather Conditions May Lead to Cancellation of Shipping Services, Islanders and Tourists Alerted

Port Blair, Dec. 7: The Island is presently experiencing extreme weather conditions and as such, operation of shipping service under such unstable state of weather becomes very difficult. The Directorate of Shipping Services considering the safety of passengers may cancel or suspend its services across forshore and Inter-Island sectors at short notice.

Similarly, in the Harbour sector also maneuvering of vessels is considered unsafe during such adverse weather conditions, therefore the operation of Harbour ferries in Port Blair Harbour and at Outstation may also get disrupted.

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IMD Develops 'Mausam' and 'Damini' Lightning Apps to Alert on Weather Conditions

Islanders Requested to Download to Keep Themselves Updated

Port Blair, Dec. 7: Andaman & Nicobar Islands are prone to Geological and Hydro-meteorological disasters. These Islands also falls in cyclogenesis zone and significant number of cyclones gets generated every year in the Andaman Sea. Heavy rainfalls due to monsoon leads to localized flooding also occurs frequently in low lying areas. To provide localised information about such Natural Phenomena various mobile applications have been developed.



MAUSAM APP



DAMINI APP

MAUSAM, a Mobile App of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is providing seamless and user-friendly access to weather products available on <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/>. Users can access observed weather forecasts, radar images and be proactively warned of impending weather events.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Intense Engagement

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock's visit to India and talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar have set the stage for a more updated bilateral relationship. The two sides signed an agreement on mobility and migration that boosts travel for students, researchers and investors and businesses, and the meeting was preceded by Germany's agreement to fund renewable energy projects worth a billion Euros. The year 2022 has seen intense high-level engagement, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi made two visits to Germany — for the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations with Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin and the G-7 outreach summit in Bavaria. The leaders also met at the G-20 summit in Bali. In 2023, Mr. Scholz is expected to be in Delhi, in spring, and again in September for the G-20 summit in India. On the multilateral stage, Ms. Baerbock, a leader of the German Alliance 90/Green party, made countering climate change an important issue where New Delhi and Berlin can cooperate at the G-20 under India's presidency. Mr. Jaishankar spoke of the need to keep pushing for UN Security Council reform, where India and Germany have been part of the 'G-4' grouping since 2005. Ms. Baerbock also walked back previous controversial comments calling for the "United Nations track" to resolve the Kashmir dispute; she told The Hindu ahead of her visit that she believes Kashmir is a "bilateral dispute" to be resolved between India and Pakistan only.

The substance of the relationship will be tested in continuing differences over the war in Ukraine. Mr. Jaishankar's line to journalists was that India's imports of Russian oil, a national interest necessity, remain a fraction of the fossil fuels Europe continues to buy. While this may be correct, it is also true that the European Union countries have cut all other links with Moscow, and falling fuel imports are likely to drop further once the December 5 launch of the "oil price cap" for seaborne imports kicks in. On the other hand, India's imports of Russian oil have soared to a whopping 21-fold increase, making Russia India's biggest supplier. Writing in the Foreign Affairs Journal, Chancellor Scholz said that the world was facing an "epochal, tectonic shift", using the term Zeitenwende or "turning point" to describe the geopolitical transition post Russia's war in Ukraine, and accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of "shattering" an international peace architecture. For India, which inherits the G-20 presidency in the year of this Zeitenwende, it will be necessary to work more closely with Germany to bring all western partners on board with Mr. Modi's plans to forge "global unity", without letting the deep divisions with Russia derail consensus on important tasks such as fighting climate change, inequality, poverty and the digital divide.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



The Liquor Cabinet..!

A friend of mine sent me a forward today, purely in jest I think, which got me thinking. It went like this, 'When someone asks, 'Where is your festive spirit?' ... Is it wrong to point to the liquor cabinet?'

I felt sad, that the true meaning of the festival he was talking about had been lost but decided today, to talk to all of us, about the contents of that liquor cabinet:

Social drinking is increasing by the day, and there is not a party I attend that does not serve liquor, and with this comes the making of alcoholics. The man who drinks once a week, starts enjoying the daily tippie, first with friends and then by himself and finally fights a losing battle with the bottle.

This was what an addict said after a session at an A.A. meeting.

"Alcohol first gave me wings to fly,
Then took away the sky."

Another quoted the Japanese proverb:

First the man takes the drink,
Next the drink takes the drink
Then the drink takes the man.



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Once a man returned home stone drunk. His wife was furious because just a week earlier he had promised to break the habit bit by bit. "What about your promise," she asked angrily. "Aren't you trying to discard it?"

The man answered that he was trying his best, but he was proceeding in stages. It was just like chopping off the very word 'habit,' he explained: when you cut off the initial 'h' from the word, 'a bit' persists. Knock off the 'a' and the 'bit' remains!

Replied the wise wife, "when you finally decide to run away from the 'bit' you will find that 'it' is still remaining!

Sir William Osler, eminent Canadian Physician, was lecturing on alcohol. "Is it true," asked a student, "that alcohol enables people to do things better?"

"No," replied Sir William. "It just makes them less ashamed of doing them badly!"

Mukund: "Why do you drink so much?"

Raj: "I'm trying to drown my sorrows."

Mukund: "Are you succeeding?"

Raj: "No, I guess I've learned how to swim by now!"

And here's a warning in old English, read it carefully:

Drink not the third glass, which thou canst not tame,

When once it is within thee; but before

Mayst rule it, as thou list: and pour the shame,

Which it would pour on thee, upon the floor.

It is most just to throw that on the ground,

Which would throw me there, if I keep the round!

So, dear friend, 'If someone asks, 'Where is your festive spirit?' ... don't point to the liquor cabinet, point instead, to the Babe in the Manger..!'

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Member of Parliament Demands Induction of at least 20 More New Buses in State Transport Service

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Andaman have options of travelling in private buses, AC buses and Green (Electric) Buses, people of far flung Islands do not have many

choices. Considering the hardship being faced by people of all three Districts, he requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to induct at least 20 more new buses in State

Transport Service so that problems being faced by Islanders of remote Islands can be minimized.

BJP Leaders Take up the Issue of Pathetic Condition of NH-4 With Nitin Gadkari

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The Leaders explained the Honble Minister about the problems being faced daily by the residents of North & Middle Andaman due to the worst conditions of the Roads.

They also briefed the Minister about the importance of Chatham-Bambooflat Bridge for the residents of South Andaman. The Minister after listening to the delegation

has assured to look into the both the issues on priority and has also assured the delegation that the Minister will be visiting the Islands very soon to personally review the above works.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cricketer Turned Lead Actor: Yash Puri

December 7: Yash Puri was once a regular at cricket league matches, net practice sessions and stadiums. Having represented Hyderabad at various professional levels including U-19, U-23 and U-25, he was one of the Ranji Trophy 'probables' in 2016. But a couple of episodes of the Master Class series were enough to make him change focus from cricket to acting. "I have been a film buff since childhood, and that interest channelled into an acting career with the Master Class series" says Yash.

In 2018, he enrolled in the Anupam Kher School of acting in Mumbai, and simultaneously auditioned for films. "I was also doing ad commercials for corporates and was part of a Hindi web series," he recalls. Giving up a cosy life in Hyderabad, sharing a room with seven other aspiring actors in Mumbai and giving many auditions on a daily basis only to face rejections was mentally draining. Mentally, he says, adding that initially he did not understand how to go about things and make the right choices and pitches. He gave close to 2000 auditions over two years. But Yash's sportsman's spirit and attitude helped him take rejections in his stride. He became "process-oriented and not result-oriented."

After coming back to Hyderabad, Yash enrolled in the Sutradhar Theatre Group and fine-tuned his acting



skills. "While I was part of several plays, I was auditioning for films too. I bagged Alanati Sitrulu for an OTT platform. One day, I came across an open casting call and was eventually on board. That was my debut film, Cheppalani Undi," he says. "I am blessed that producer RB Choudhary, who has made films with legendary actors, is launching me," the youngster asserts.

But with no filmy background, how did he think he could make the cut, we ask. "If you believe in yourself and work hard, you can make it," he replies, describing himself as a classic example.

In Cheppalani Vundi, directed by Arun Barathi, Yash plays a journalist. The film, which also stars Stefy Patel, is about how a small incident before an important interview changes things forever. "I suddenly stop speaking Telugu; instead I communicate in a foreign language. So no one understands what I am trying to say and in the

process I lose all my loved ones," he shares. The film grippingly narrates what happens after that. Yash attended extensive workshops as part of his preparation for the film. He rehearsed for his scenes and dialogues and even transformed physically.

One of the schedules of the film was shot in Sonmarg in Kashmir early in January. Yash says shooting in extreme temperatures, high altitudes and heavy snowfall was very taxing. "I have been a sportsman from the age of 6, so sports inculcated discipline and a passion to follow my pursuits relentlessly. I think that endurance aspect came in very handy for me in films," he shares, while acknowledging his parents' support in his endeavours.

"Like cricket, filmmaking is also a team sport, so I never felt like a newcomer on the sets. It is a collaborative effort. I felt so proud seeing myself on the poster. I feel all the hardships I have gone through over the years are worth the wait. I am proud of my journey," he concludes.

Shweta Bachchan Posts Beautiful Birthday Wish for Daughter Navya Naveli Nanda: 'You are My Jedi'

December 7: Actor Amitabh Bachchan's granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda was showered with birthday wishes on Tuesday but the most special one came from her mother Shweta Bachchan. Shweta posted a beautiful picture of her daughter and showered her with love.

Sharing her daughter's picture, Shweta wrote, "Happy birthday my darling girl. Quite simply- nothing makes sense without you. You are my compass, jedi & alarm clock!!! I love you." Abhishek Bachchan,

who is Shweta Bachchan's younger brother, share a throwback photo of his niece Navya Naveli Nanda and himself, and wrote, "Happy birthday to my music partner! Love you." Shweta commented on the photo, "This is so cute. Best Mamu ever." Sikandar Kher too took to Instagram to wish Navya on her birthday. Sharing a photo, he wrote, "To my beautiful Nouvelle! What a lady you've become... making everyone proud every day and not to mention the smashing sense of humour you come with... I love



you. Here's to you being in the pink of health always, Happy Birthday." To this, Navya replied, "Love you, Siku Mamu."

Navya Naveli Nanda gained immense popularity with her podcast What's Wrong With You Navya. The podcast featured her mother Shweta Bachchan and grandmother Jaya Bachchan.

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Apple Increases App Store Pricing Tiers as it Seeks to Give More Power to Developers

December 7: Apple on Tuesday said it is expanding App Store pricing tiers, giving developers the flexibility to set prices of apps depending on the country or region. Apple says the move will benefit developers immensely as they will get the control to price their app in 45 currencies throughout 175 storefronts.



When developers submit their apps to the App Store, they do not choose a price for their app – they choose a price tier. Under the new App Store pricing system, all developers can select 900 price points, which is nearly 10 times the number of price points previously available to most apps. Each price tier corresponds to a different price that the app will sell for on the App Store, which is in the range of Rs 9 to Rs 1 million. In the India App Store, for example, prices will increase every Rs 5 up to Rs 500, and every Rs 10 between Rs 500 and Rs 1500.

The new price enhancements will be available for apps offering auto-renewable subscriptions starting today and for all other apps and in-app purchases in Spring 2023.

With the new App Store pricing system in place, a game developer, for example, can choose one price in India and have a different price for the US market. Apple says the new App Store pricing tiers will simplify the global pricing process for developers – after all, the App Store operates in 174 countries, with each country having its own currency. Even if the value of the price tiers in each of the different currencies may be equivalent in value, currencies fluctuate in value all the time.

Apple first launched the App Store in 2008, allowing iPhone users to download the apps. The store offered only about 800 apps for download initially, but today the App Store boasts millions of apps. While the App Store has been credited for establishing the app economy, Apple has come under fire lately for its business practices. Regulators are looking into whether Apple's control of its App Store platform could be anti-competitive. The App Store is the only way for most users to install software on an iPhone.

Apple takes a cut of every purchase made through the iOS or Mac App Store, whether it be a paid app, in-app purchase, or in-app subscription. Apple takes 30 per cent of paid apps and in-app purchases. The cut for paid subscriptions dropped to 15 per cent after a year. Big developers, including Epic and the makers of Tinder, say Apple makes their own businesses significantly less profitable.

Opposition will Raise Jobs, Price Rise, LAC Standoff in House Session

December 7: NEW DELHI: At an all-party meeting a day before the start of Parliament's Winter Session on Tuesday, the Opposition raised the demand for discussion on price rise, unemployment and the situation along the Sino-India border.

The Centre, for its part, plans to introduce 16 bills during the 17 sittings of the session and assures that it will take up the issues according to the rules and norms of Parliament. The Winter Session will start on Wednesday and last till December 29, with 17 sittings over 23 days.

Leaders from more than 30 parties took part in the meeting chaired by Union minister and deputy leader of Lok Sabha Rajnath Singh. Leader of Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal and Parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi also attended the meeting.

Singh sought cooperation from all parties for smooth functioning of the session. While the BJD demanded passage of the Women Reservation Bill, the Shiv Sena's Shinde faction wanted the population control bill to be cleared during the Winter Session starting from December 7.

Joshi listed out the government's legislative agenda for the session and sought the Opposition's cooperation for passage of bills.

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury demanded



discussions on price rise, unemployment and also on alleged misuse of investigative agencies.

He also demanded a discussion on the Sino-India border issue and said, "The government did not properly inform the Opposition about the standoff at the border. In the House, we demand a discussion on it and also on the killings of Kashmiri Pandits."

Congress leader Naseer Hussain demanded discussions on the appointment of the Election Commissioner in just one day and on the economically weaker section quota.

Of the Bills that the government has listed for consideration in the session, the Congress said it is opposed to three — the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill 2021, Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill 2022 and the Forest Conservation Amendment Bill 2022.

Trinamul Congress leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay with party colleague and

Rajya Sabha member Derek O'Brien sought discussions on price rise, unemployment, alleged misuse of agencies and economic blockade of states.

O'Brien also told the government that the Opposition should be allowed to raise issues of importance.

Both Congress and TMC raised the issue of alleged misuse of investigative agencies, which was backed by the AAP, the NCP and several other parties.

AAP leader Sanjay Singh demanded a discussion on the old pension scheme and a law ensuring minimum support price on crops produced by farmers.

At the end of the meeting, Joshi said he has taken note of all the issues raised by the political parties and discussions will be held according to the norms and procedures of Parliament.

"Issues for discussion will be finalised in the business advisory committee meetings of both houses of Parliament," Joshi said.

Narendra Modi Rings YSRTP Chief Y.S. Sharmila

December 7: HYDERABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called YSR Telangana Party (YSRTP) chief Y.S. Sharmila and expressed sympathy over a recent incident in which the police towed away her car while she was still sitting in it. The call, which lasted for a couple of minutes, came a day after Prime Minister reportedly caught her brother and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy off-guard, questioning his silence on the incident.

Modi had a brief interaction with Jagan Mohan Reddy on the sidelines of the G20 Summit preparatory meet



with all political parties at New Delhi on Monday. YSRTP leaders claimed that Modi described the police action as unconstitutional. He said he was pained over the incident and invited Sharmila to

Delhi for a meeting. Speaking to media persons after garlanding the statue of Dr B.R. Ambedkar at Tank Bund here, Sharmila confirmed her telephonic talk with the Prime Minister and thanked him for expressing concern over the incident.

Interactive Programme 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2023' by PM Modi in January

Port Blair, Dec. 7: To celebrate the Utsav of Examination, the sixth edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2023', the unique interactive programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi with students, teachers and parents will be held at Talkatora Stadium in January 2023. This event is being organized successfully for the sixth consecutive year by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.

Children studying in classes from IX to XII, teachers and parents can participate in the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme. An online creative writing competition is being conducted at <https://innovateindia.mygov.in/ppc-2023/> on various topics from Nov. 25 and will continue upto Dec. 30, 2022 for selection of 18

participants from A & N Islands. Suggested topics can be obtained from the Office of Zonal Officers, Secondary & Senior Secondary Schools across Islands. Selected participants will receive certificate signed by Director (NCERT) and a copy of the 'Exam Warrior' book, written by Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The competition is the mode through which students, parents and teachers are invited to frame their questions to be addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Selected questions, shortlisted by NCERT, may feature in the programme. The participant who asked questions in the previous editions of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' are invited by media channels to appear in their programmes. In the same lines, this year's chosen few may get an opportunity to interact with media.

In this regard, all the students from classes IX to XII, teachers and parents of A & N Islands have been informed to go through the above link and participate accordingly.

IMD Develops 'Mausam' and 'Damini' Lightning Apps to Alert on Weather Conditions

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Damini Lightning Apps has also been developed by IITM-Pune and ESSO where monitoring of all lightning activity happening specifically in India and alert is generated, if lightning happens nearby through

GPS notification under 20KM and 40KM.

All residents of A&N Islands have been requested to download the MAUSAM App and Damini Lightning App from the Google Play Store or IOS and install the same in mobiles to get timely information.

Extreme Weather Conditions May Lead to Cancellation of Shipping Services, Islanders and Tourists Alerted

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All the daily commuters, passengers and tourists have been requested to cooperate with the Directorate of Shipping Services in case of any such cancellations and

advised to plan their journey suitably to avoid any inconvenience later. The services will be resumed immediately on improvement of weather condition.

Seats Vacant in PG Courses in JNRM

Port Blair, Dec. 7: Few seats are lying vacant in various PG courses in JNRM for the session 2022-23. Hence candidates, who have applied for taking admission may attend the counselling on 12th December, 2022 at 9 am in JNRM. The counselling for M.A Bengali shall also be held on 12th December at 9 am.

Candidates may attend the counselling at respective inter-disciplinary departments by 9 am. They should bring the documents viz. Student Grade Cards/ Consolidated Student Grade Cards in respect of Graduation (Original will be detained in JNRM); Migration Certificate (only for the candidates other than

Pondicherry University) (Original will be detained in JNRM); School Leaving Certificate (Transfer Certificate) (Original will be detained in JNRM); X Pass certificate for verification of date of birth; Category Certificate (ST, OBC, PH, ward of Central Govt. Servants/Ex-Servicemen & EWS); Aadhaar/Aadhaar Enrolment Slip; One passport size photograph in original for verification and one set of photostat copies (to be submitted during admission).

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Millets, a Food Choice for the Future, Says PM

December 7: PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Tuesday said a once-in-a-century pandemic followed by a conflict situation has shown that food security is still a concern for the planet.

In his message to the opening ceremony of the 'International Year of Millets2023', organised at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) headquarters in Rome, Italy, Modi said, "Millets have a glorious history of being among the earliest crops grown by humans. They have been an important food source in the past. But the need of the hour is to make them a food choice for the future."

His message was read out by Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje, who represented India at the opening ceremony.

Modi said, "A global movement related to millets is an important step, since they are easy to grow, climate resilient and drought resistant." He said millets



are good for consumers, cultivators and the climate. They are a rich source of balanced nutrition; they benefit the cultivators and the environment since they need lesser water and are compatible with natural ways of farming, said the Prime Minister.

"There is a need for diversity on the land and on our tables. If agriculture becomes monoculture, it impacts our health and the health of our lands. Millets are a good way to increase agricultural and dietary diversity," he said.

Raising awareness to create "Millet Mindfulness" is an important part of this movement. Both institutions and individuals can make a tremendous impact, Modi

said. "While institutional mechanisms can encourage production of millets and make it profitable via policy initiatives, individuals can make health-conscious and planet-friendly choices by making it a part of their diet," he added.

Congratulating the United Nations and the FAO for the launch of the 'International Year of Millets', Modi said, "I am positive that it will start a mass movement towards a secure, sustainable and healthy future."

He also expressed appreciation to the different member nations who have supported India's proposal to mark the 'International Year of Millets'.

Nadda to Party: Launch House-to-House Drive

December 7: Stepping up the party's preparations for the 2024 general elections, BJP national president J P Nadda on Tuesday asked party leaders to launch a "house-to-house" campaign to reach out to people and build an "emotional connect" with them.

At the two-day meeting of BJP office-bearers from across the country, Nadda urged partymen to launch the exercise and ensure

that it is not limited to only handing over party literature to the people. "Engage in conversations with them, understand their issues and help them resolve the issues they are facing," said the BJP president.

The meeting started with an address by PM Narendra Modi, who asked party leaders to strengthen BJP at the booth level. The leaders discussed the BJP's preparations for the Assembly elections scheduled ahead of the Lok

Sabha polls, including Tripura, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, said a statement.

The highlight of Nadda's address on the last day of the meeting was his emphasis on connecting with the people. "BJP workers should build a direct contact with every home through the 'house-to-house' campaign so that they are seen as members of the households, standing with them in the most difficult times," he said.



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It is brought to the notice of electricity consumers, general public and government departments that power supply will remain suspended at following area on 08.12.2022 (Thursday) from 0700 hrs. to 0900 hrs. to carry out urgent breakdown maintenance work of Busbars and Isolators at 33/11 KV Garacharma Sub-Station.

08.12.2022 (Thursday) (0700 Hrs.-0900 Hrs.): Bhatu Basti complete, Laxmi Motor Area, Pathergudda, Satellite Colony, New Pahargaon, Dollygunj, Pahargaon, ICMR Colony area, part of School Line, Lamba Line Water Treatment Plant area, part of Garacharama, Dollygunj, Attompahar, Old Pahargaon, ICMR Colony area, part of Minnie Bay, Garacharama complete, 5 MW Solar Power Plant area, CARL, Ayyanar Temple, Calicut, New Bilmbilitan, part of Teylaraboad, Macca Pahad, AKT Miniplex, Bird Line, Mahaveer Nagar, Kamaraj Nagar, Beodnabad, Rangachang, Burmanallah, Chidiyatapu, Garacharama Sub Station, Japan Nallah, Austinabad, Prothrapur, Carbyn's Cove, Brichgunj, Brookshabad, part of Chakkargoan, Sippighat, Teylarabad, Bimblitan, Manjeri, Guptapara, Manglutan, Wandoor, Chouldari Tushnabad, Port Mount, Tirur, Templemyo, Ograbranj, part of Sippighat, Chouldari Lal Pahar, Tsunami Shelter, Mithakhari, Namunaghar, Dunduspoint & Hathi Tappu.

The mentioned time is tentative which may change subject to completion of work.

The inconvenience caused is regretted.

Distant Cautionary Signal No. 1 Hoisted in Port Blair

Port Blair, Dec. 7: Distant Cautionary Signal No. 1 has been hoisted at Port Blair Port. For further enquiries/ information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency

Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No.1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

Condolence

Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP – A & N Islands has deeply mourned the demise of Mrs. Aruna Kumari, W/o Late Jagdish Prasad, R/o Junglighat (aged 71 Yrs), who expired on 06.12.2022

at G. B. Pant Hospital. In his message Shri Jolly prayed to the Almighty to give peace to her eternal soul departed for heavenly abode and give strength to her bereaved family member to bear this irreparable loss.



SPORTS

Al-Dawsari's Stunner vs Argentina to Sung's Leaping Header: The Best Goals of the World Cup so far

December 7: The World Cup quarterfinals are upon us and even though 24 out of the 32 teams are now back home, it wasn't before they left a mark. They thrilled the spectators with some brave football and scored some fascinating goals. From Saudi Arabia's Salem Al-Dawsari's goal that stunned Argentina to Cho Gue-Sung's leaping header against Ghana, here are some of the top goals scored in the World Cup so far...

Five minutes after Saleh Al-Shehri scored the equaliser for Saudi Arabia against Argentina, Salem Al-Dawsari found himself surrounded by four Argentinian defenders, including Rodrigo De Paul and Parades, in the penalty area.

The Saudi Arabian No. 10 received the lofted delivery and then turned to dodge the defenders before he tapped the ball just in front of him to curl the ball to the far right top corner of Argentina's goal.

The goal meant Al-Dawsari became only the second Saudi Arabian player to score at two World Cups, and his goal against Mexico days later would make him tied with Al-Jaber for scoring three World Cup goals.

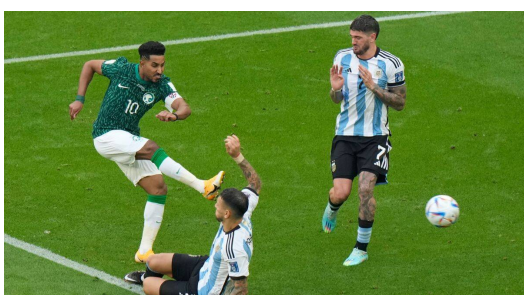
Needing a win to qualify for the Round of 16, Mexico faced Saudi Arabia in their final group encounter. With Henry Martin scoring the opener for the team against Saudi Arabia, Mexico got a free kick at the 35-yard mark.

The left-footed Chavez would strike the ball at a speed of 121.69 km per hour as per data released by FIFA, to curl the ball past goal-keeper Mohammed Al-Owais to put Mexico ahead by 2-0.

At that time, Mexico were looking intact to keep their record of reaching every Round of 16 in a World Cup since 1994 intact but a late strike by Saudi Arabia meant that the side lost the spot to Poland on the basis of goal difference. Chavez's goal was only the second goal from a free-kick in this World Cup and his precision has left many fans counting it as one of the goals of the tournament.

In a match where Japan scored a 2-1 upset win over four-time champions Germany in the group E encounter, it was the excellence of Japanese striker Takuma Asano which had the football world talking. With both the teams tied at 1-1, the Asian giants got a free-kick in their half with nine minutes remaining on the clock. Itakura took the free kick with Asano receiving the ball just outside the penalty area. He then outmuscled German defender Schlotterbeck before he scored Japan's second goal from a tight angle against German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer.

It was a goal which sparked a special celebration from



Australian Mitch Duke. Playing against Tunisia in a group D encounter, Australia were looking to register their first win in the World Cup in 12 years. The 23rd minute of the match saw Craig Goodwin sending a cross from the left flank before the ball took a deflection off a Tunisian defender.

An alert Duke, who had a defender in front of him inside the penalty area, headed the ball clear past the Tunisian goalkeeper to spark wild celebrations in the stands. The striker would make a celebration in the shape of J with his hands for his son Jaxson, who also made the same gesture watching the match from the stands. While South Korea lost 2-3 against Ghana in a Group H encounter, Cho Gue-Sung's twin headers were the highlight, especially the second. In a tense match, where Ghana took a 2-0 lead in the first half, Sung first scored through a header from the centre of the box to pull one back for the Koreans. Three minutes later, Sung would again score from a header, this time leapfrogging two Ghanaian defenders to beat the goalkeeper.

Watch: Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu Wins Silver Medal at World Championships

December 7: Olympic medallist, Mirabai Chanu lifts a total of 200kg (87kg snatch + 113kg clean & jerk), 2kg more than Olympic champ from China Hou Zhihua (198kg) and 6kg behind another Chinese, Jiang Huihua (206kg; 93+113) who won the gold medal.

Mirabai started slowly with an 85kg lift in snatch, and even failed in her second attempt at 87kg before clearing her third with the same weight. She was fifth after the third attempt.

She failed on her first attempt at the clean and jerk but powered through to lift 111kg in her second attempt. This immediately lifted her into the medal positions.

It was Chanu's second medal at a Worlds after having earlier won gold in the 2017 World Championships. Earlier this year she had clinched Commonwealth Games gold.

Chanu has a personal best of 207kg (88kg+119kg). She has been trying to breach the 90kg

mark in the snatch category since 2020.

However, with the Olympics still a long way to go and the Asian Games scheduled in September, the Manipuri, who struggles with a back issue that affects her snatch, didn't risk lifting 90kg at the marquee event.

The 2022 World Championships are the first qualifying event for the 2024 Paris Olympics, where weightlifting events will be cut from 14 at Tokyo Games to 10.

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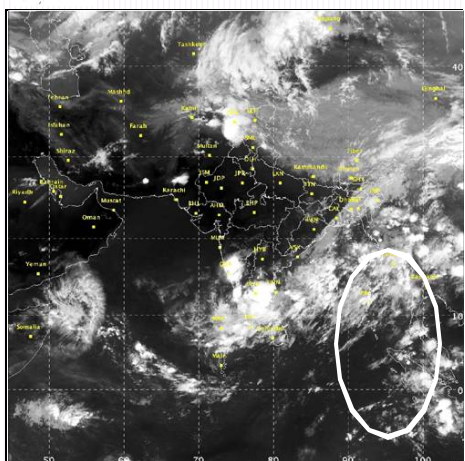
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Weather



Max. Temp: 27.8 °C	Min.: 23.7 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 86%	1730 Hrs: 93%
Sunrise: 0527 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	039.5 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	002.6 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2570.9 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Thunder/Light Rain is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 29°C and 24°C respectively on Thursday 08/12/2022.

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