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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

**Life in the ocean:** From the shores or from a boat, the sea looks like a huge mass of uniform, inky blue water. It is not so actually. Life in the sea is amazingly different at different depths. From the surface to a few feet below, the ocean is a sunlit world, that changes from day to night. Below this, the ocean becomes cold, dim, and unchanging. And thousands of meters below the surface, the ocean is a region of near-freezing temperatures, crushing pressure, and complete darkness.

Most marine plants and animals are adapted to living in one of three regions- the sunlight, twilight, or midnight zone. These zones are defined by the presence (or absence) of light. They differ from one another in temperature amount of pressure, and nutrient supply. We will mainly focus here on the sunlight zone where most of the familiar animals and plants are present.

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

## People's Voice

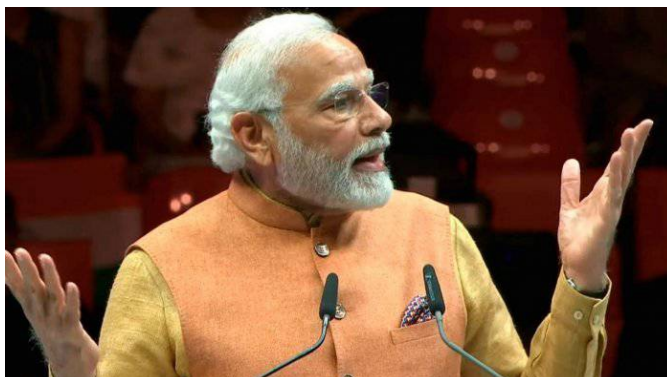
Ab ye naya Corona mein koi Symptoms nahi hota toh pata kaise chalega ki kaun Infected hai ...? Jo bhi ho, ye Lock Down se door he rakho hamein ...

- A Citizen



**A great start to New Year... I picked up empty bottles worth ₹1 crore this time!**

## PM Modi Underlines Need for Widening Scope of Research on Modern Indian history



**New Delhi, Jan 2:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday underlined the need for widening the scope of research on modern Indian history and called upon

academic and cultural institutions across the country to produce well-researched work on the contributions of social reformer Swami Dayanand

Saraswati as well the Arya Samaj that he founded in 1875.

Modi made the remarks during the Annual General Meeting of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) Society, in his capacity as its president, hosted at 7, Lok Ka Kalyan Marg here, officials said. The NMML was established in the memory of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture.

The prime minister "underlined the need for widening the scope of research on modern Indian

history both in terms of individuals, institutions and themes, so as to create better awareness among people about India's past," the ministry said in a statement. He also emphasised upon the "need for institutions in the country in general to create their well-audited and researched recorded memory for the benefit of the present as well as future generations," it said.

During the meeting, Modi expressed satisfaction over the design and content of Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya and underlined the important

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## Young Chess Players from ANI Make their Presence Felt at National Chess Championship

**Port Blair, Jan 2:** The MPL 35<sup>th</sup> National Under 09 Chess Championships-2022 which began on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh, concluded today successfully.

More than 300 players across India participated in the prestigious event in which 3 young budding chess players, (two Boys and one Girl) from Andaman & Nicobar Islands took part in the championship and done quite well. JS Virat, a student of class IV of VKV Lamblaine is the top scorer from A&N Islands who scored



five and a half points with five wins and a draw while Rohan Singh, a student of class III and Parnita, a student of class IV of Carmel Sr. Sec. School Port Blair scored 4 points each with four wins.

## General Body Meeting of Nagarpalika Shramik Sangh (CITU) Held



**Port Blair, Jan 2:** The General Body Meeting of the Nagarpalika Shramik Sangh (CITU) was held at Shaheed Bhavan, Anarkali, Port Blair on 31.12.2022 in which various issues and demands of the workers of PBMC were discussed.

Addressing the huge gathering of workers, B. Chandrachoodan, General Secretary, CITU State Committee and President, Nagarpalika Shramik Sangh criticized the A&N Administration and Port Blair Municipal Council for not considering the demands of the PBMC workers. He said that the workers of PBMC especially those engaged in the sanitary wing have

been working in most difficult conditions and their hard work during the Covid 19 pandemic needs appreciation. Referring to the recent judgement of the Division Bench of Calcutta High Court in the APWD workers' case, CITU General Secretary said that all the daily rated workers working in PBMC should be extended with the benefit of 1/30th of pay plus DA benefit immediately.

Addressing the meeting, D. Ayyappan, Vice President, CITU State Committee called upon all the employees and workers in the PBMC to join the Nagarpalika Shramik Sangh and strengthen it so that their issues

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## Dr Amitabh Saraf Delivers Special Lecture-cum-Demonstration Session at DBRAIT



**Port Blair, Jan. 2:** As a part of Industry Institute Interaction (III) of DBRAIT, a special lecture-cum-demonstration session was held on 31st Dec., 2022. Dr. Amitabh Saraf, Director Aeronautical Development Agency, Ministry of Defence was the recourse person. Dr. Amitabh Saraf is leading the Integrated Flight Control System Directorate as Technology Director. He is a lead designer for flight control laws for all variants of Indian Light Combat Aircraft. He designed the special control law modes for ski jump, landing and bolter of LCA Navy to operate from carrier ships. He also led the air data systems algorithm design and parameter identification activities for LCA.

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## Applications Invited to Hold the Post of Member, SARA

**Port Blair, Jan. 2:** The State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) under Directorate of Social Welfare is functioning in these Islands as a unit to coordinate, monitor and develop the work of Adoption Program, disseminating information and awareness on Adoption Process.

As per Regulation 35 (b) of Adoption Regulations, 2022, the State Government shall set up a Governing Body of the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) which shall be chaired by Principal Secretary or Secretary of the Department of the State Government dealing with adoption matters.

In order to constitute a Governing Body of State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) as

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*Success is not an activity but a process ...*

## Remote EVMs for Domestic Migrants

Given the regional variations in demographic trends and economic opportunities, India has a high rate of migration, which doubled in the census decade of 2001-2011. Migrants often see their political and economic rights compromised at their place of origin and residence. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has now proposed a mechanism to facilitate remote voting for domestic migrants. The Remote Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) prototype can be used for up to 72 constituencies simultaneously from a single, remote polling booth. The ECI has invited political parties for a demonstration of the prototype on January 16. A concept note by the Commission takes into account the legal, operational, administrative and technological challenges at hand. Voter participation is comparatively high in India; yet, in 2019, one in three voters did not turn up. Going by the 2017 Economic Survey, there are around 14 crore internal migrants in the country, and they have to cross many hurdles to be able to vote. Anything that advances their rights must be welcomed. But a hurried move will only do more damage to the integrity of the electoral process, which many fear is eroding, and for valid reasons. The ECI's recent conduct, including in the 2022 Gujarat Assembly elections, has been less than reassuring.

The ECI proposes to have remote voting for migrants as early as this year. While there is no technical basis for allegations of fraud in the current, single-constituency, non-networked EVMs, public trust in them has never been lower than it is today. Public trust is the only strength of any electoral process. With EVMs, the voter has no way to see whether the vote is recorded as it is cast. The ECI's ambitious plan comes against this backdrop of public scepticism about its own impartiality and, less justifiably, about the reliability of the EVMs. The proposed plan will add more questions to the mix, including some fundamental ones such as about the correlation between citizenship and territoriality. In an era of unprecedented human mobility, the idea of portable voting rights is worth considering, but it will have far-reaching ramifications that should be accounted for. Defining a migrant who is eligible to vote remotely is going to be controversial — for instance, when does a migrant at a place become a resident? Even the ECI had expressed doubts about the practicality of remote voting rights for migrants in the past. Meanwhile, there is also an active demand for voting rights for Non-Resident Indians. Higher turnout is worth striving for, but not without sufficient safeguards.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### How to Choose A Contractor..!

The doorbell rang and the watchman at the door gave me a smart salute and handed me a piece of paper to sign, 'There is a managing committee meeting in the society office sir,' he said. 'Secretary sahib wants you to come down immediately.' I swore to myself as I signed the sheet and handed it back to him. The secretary sahib always had emergency meetings. I wore my chappals and went down to the office and found the other members already there.

'What's the emergency?' I asked.

'Very urgent,' said the secretary, 'since you all were at home doing nothing I thought we could have an emergency meeting!'

'So the emergency meeting is just because we all are at home?' I asked.

'We have to choose a contractor, said the chairman pleasantly, 'to paint all our buildings. We have already received three quotations.'

'Personally I feel we should give it to Chunnawalla & Co.,' said the Treasurer.

'Why?' I asked, 'did he quote the lowest?'

'I have not seen the quotation,' said the treasurer, 'but I liked Chunnawallah's face.'

'I feel we should give it to Exterior Coats,' said another committee member, 'the name sounds very good and I am sure he will do an impressive job with such an impressive name.'

'Sounds more like a tailor to me' said a senior member, 'are you sure it is not exterior coats and pants?'

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'The secretary held out a sealed quotation. 'This is a good man,' he said, 'I know his son-in-law and he is a very polite and courteous man.'

'What has politeness and courtesy got to do with his painting?' I asked rather rudely, 'will the paint say excuse me, whenever it peels off?'

'Chunnawallah & Co. is a good man,' said the treasurer again. 'He is good company and he said he would throw a party for us, if he gets the contract.'

'Tell him we want it in a five star hotel,' said a new committee member, 'and only foreign whisky to be served.'

'Most of your foreign whisky is adulterated' said the chairman wisely. 'It is better to stick to Indian whisky.'

'Indian whisky or foreign whisky' said the secretary stubbornly. 'I don't want to attend any party with strangers, I would prefer this man whose son-in-law I know. He took me to a hotel where they served excellent butter chicken.'

'So you've already met him?' I asked suspiciously.

'Only the son-in-law' said the secretary, 'I am sure the father-in-law's butter chicken will be better.'

'What about the colour schemes for our buildings?' I shouted.

'Black label' shouted the secretary.

'White rum!' shouted the chairman.

'Green peas biryani!' shouted the new member.

I left before I saw Red..!

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## General Body Meeting of Nagarpalika Shramik Sangh (CITU) Held

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and demands will be highlighted properly and agitations conducted to achieve it. He briefly explained the various anti-working class policies of the BJP-led central government and said that the outsourcing and privatisation of government work are the hallmark of this government because of which the demands of PBMC workers for regularization of their

services and grant of 1/30th of pay plus DA are not considered by the PBMC and A & N Administration. NKP Nair, Vice President, CITU explained briefly various demands of PBMC workers and blamed the PBMC for neglecting the genuine demands of the workers.

SP Kalairajan, Vice President, Nagarpalika Shramik Sangh also addressed the meeting. Hundreds of PBMC workers

working in various sections of PBMC attended the meeting. The meeting decided to conduct agitations if the authorities fail to grant 1/30th of pay plus DA to all DRMs within two months as per the High Court order in the ASNVMS case. R. Surendran Pillai, President and P. Sathyapal, Secretary, CITU State Committee were also present in the General Body meeting.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Madhuri Says Thank You to Fans

**January 2:** Madhuri Dixit recently released Tu Hai Mera, the second song in her album titled Film-Star. It is an expression of the diva's love for her fans. Her first single Candle was dedicated to all the frontline workers during the pandemic. The iconic actress talked to Deccan Chronicle in an interview. Here are excerpts from the conversation.

Whatever you do — dancing, acting, singing — is right there on the top of the charts, isn't it?

It's because of the love and appreciation I've got from everyone. I would like to thank all my fans and the people who have been with me during my over-35-year journey so far. They have always cheered me and encouraged me whether I was going through good or bad times. They always believed in me. Tu Hai Mera is like a Thank You, it is dedicated to all my well-wishers and fans.

The songs are part of my album Film Star. It is basically the back story of what it is like to be a film star. The first song was about being able to get to be yourself when you are a star. When you are in front of the camera and in front of the people, you have to be an icon. People want to look up to you, so you have to be a larger-than-life kind of person. You may be facing turmoil in your own life. There could be a hurricane, but the candle stands apart, burning brightly. So that was the feeling and idea behind that song.

Another aspect of being a film star is your fan following — you are who you are because of your fans.

I wanted to say thank you to my fans. I feel they are my strength and they made me rise higher. That's the basis of the second song. I thought it was the best song to release on my birthday. There are four more songs.

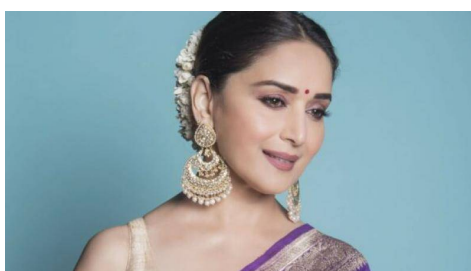
Tu Hai Mera seems to have a Westernized tune with an Indian dancing style?

It is a Western number. We wanted a beat like a pop song and added electronic music. It's a Hindi and English mix, it's 'Hinglish.' The first line is in Hindi as my audience is Indian. Tu hai mera is a beautiful line to begin with, I thought. There is a little dancing. I thought this song has more of an emotional connect. When we started, we would get letters and cards. We began in the style of the 90's. We ended by showing how we are in the different universe of the social media now. Also, there is a little bit of fan involvement. I am singing for them.

Do you miss the 90s, and replying to the fans' letters?

Every generation has a different connect. One has to move with the times. Today the connect is wonderful too. It's a direct connection without having to wait for a letter, read it and reply. It's instant now. On, Insta, I love to make reels, it's enjoyable and fun. I do it because it gives me pleasure. I feel that's how it should be looked at.

Women actors have evolved. How do you see



this change?

We are going through a magnificent phase. It has been possible because of OTT. There is no constraint or worry about theatre release and no pressures about budget. We can make programmes at our own pace. So creativity has blossomed. Women actors are not worried whether they'll be portrayed in a cliched or stereotypical way. They have carried entire series on their shoulders, and are playing central characters. We are very strong, independent women, and we are flawed too. We are mothers, daughters and wives, we are professionals, and ambitious without being apologetic about it. Also, women are human beings, not caricatures. Such good roles are being written for women now. When I walked onto the sets in the 90's, there would be a female co-actor and my woman hair dressers on the sets. There were no other women in any other department. But today I feel proud that when I walk onto the sets, there are women everywhere. I have even worked with a woman DOP. There are women writers, assistant directors. We find women working in every sphere of filmmaking. It has a bearing on how a woman is received on OTT and in films.

## Veteran Star Asha Parekh to be Conferred with Dada Saheb Phalke Award

**January 2: NEW DELHI:** Information and broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur on Tuesday said veteran actor Asha Parekh would be conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke award for 2020. Parekh, 79, will be presented the award, the highest recognition in the field of Indian cinema, during the 68th National Film Awards ceremony to be held on September 30 in the national capital. Thakur said the five-member Dadasaheb Phalke award committee comprising

singers Asha Bhosle and Udit Narayan, actors Hema Malini, (BJP MP), Poonam Dhillon and Kannada films director T.S. Nagabharana decided on Parekh's name for the honour.

Parekh is a renowned film actress, director and producer and an accomplished Indian classical dancer. Starting her career as a child actor in 'Aasmaan' (1952) and starred in Bimal Roy's 'Baap Beti' two years later. She made her debut as lead actress in Dil Deke Dekho (1959) opposite

Shammi Kapoor, and went on to act in over 95 movies. She has acted in celebrated films like Kati Patang, Teesri Manzil, Love in Tokyo, Aya Saawan, Jhoom Ke, Aan Milo Sajna, Mera Gaon Mera Desh and others. She is considered one of the most influential actresses of all time in Hindi cinema. Parekh came out with her autobiography, The Hit Girl, co-written by film critic Khalid Mohamed, in 2017.

Parekh was honoured with the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian award, in 1992.

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## Health, Science /Tech

### CORBEVAX Offers Better Immunity as a Heterologous Booster Shot

**October 23: HYDERABAD:**

Heterologous booster shots have gained significance in light of the waning effect of vaccine doses,



especially against different variants of the Covid-19 virus. Earlier, countries were administering homologous booster shots. However, a heterologous booster was cleared by several countries, including the US, UK, Israel, etc., for emergency use as it showed increased immunity levels and was more effective compared to homologous shots.

A study by Lancet on the effectiveness of heterologous and homologous boosters showed that the heterologous booster offers higher protection than the homologous booster. There is an increase in the immune response to the administration of heterologous booster shots on two counts – first cellular immunity and second, neutralizing antibodies.

Recently, the Indian government approved the emergency use of the COVID-19 vaccine CORBEVAX as a heterologous booster shot for all adults, making it the first such vaccine in India. Biological E's CORBEVAX is safer and induces better neutralization antibodies against different variants of COVID-19 as a heterologous booster shot.

It can be administered as a booster shot six months after two doses of Covaxin or Covishield for all adults. Administering the CORBEVAX vaccine as a heterologous booster dose provides significant enhancement in immune response and excellent safety profile in people who have already taken two doses of either Covishield or Covaxin.

BE had undertaken a multi-centre Phase III placebo-controlled heterologous booster clinical trial among fully vaccinated 416 subjects aged 18 to 80 years. The CORBEVAX heterologous booster achieved a 5.5 to 6.7 fold (geometric mean fold rise) rise in neutralizing antibody titres. Subjects tested for neutralizing antibodies against Omicron also showcased a significant increase in antibody titres after receiving CORBEVAX as a heterologous booster shot. About 75 to 91% of these subjects showed neutralizing antibodies against Omicron Variant. The trial concluded that the CORBEVAX booster dose is safe and well tolerated, with no serious or grade 3 adverse events or adverse events of special interest during the three months of the follow-up period. Dr. M. Raja Rao, Medical Superintendent of Gandhi Hospital, said that introducing heterologous booster shots was a step toward a much more scientific and time-sensitive vaccine policy. "Heterologous booster is a preferred choice for booster dose because it offers effectiveness against variants (Delta and Omicron), and improves cellular immune response (significant Th1 skew response)," he added.



## Supreme Court Upholds Centre's 2016 Decision on Demonetization

**January 2: New Delhi:** By a majority verdict, the Supreme Court on Monday upheld the government's 2016 decision to demonetise the currency notes of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 denominations.

A five-judge Constitution bench of the apex court, headed by Justice S A Nazeer, said the Centre's decision-making process could not have been flawed as there was consultation between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Union government.

The court said the notification dated November 8, 2016, which announced the decision to scrap the high-value currency notes, cannot be said to be unreasonable and struck down on the ground of decision-making process.

The apex court said it is not relevant whether the objective behind the decision was achieved or not.

"The notification dated November 8, 2016 valid, satisfies test of proportionality," the bench, also comprising justices B R Gavai, A S Bopanna, V Ramasubramanian and BV Nagarathna, said.

Justice Nagarathna differed from the majority judgment on the point of the Centre's powers under section 26(2) of the RBI Act. The top court's



judgment came on a batch of 58 petitions challenging the demonetisation exercise announced by the Centre on November 8, 2016.

The top court had, on December 7, directed the Centre and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to put on record the relevant records relating to the government's 2016 decision and reserved its verdict.

It heard the arguments of Attorney General R Venkataramani, the RBI's counsel and the petitioners' lawyers, including senior advocates P Chidambaram and Shyam Divan.

Calling the scrapping of the Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes deeply flawed, Chidambaram had argued that the government cannot on its own initiate any proposal relating to legal tender, which can only be done on the recommendation of the RBI's central board. Resisting the apex court's attempt to revisit the

2016 demonetisation exercise, the government had said the court cannot decide a matter when no tangible relief can be granted by way of "putting the clock back" and "unscrambling a scrambled egg".

The RBI had earlier admitted in its submissions that there were "temporary hardships" and that those too are an integral part of the nation-building process, but there was a mechanism by which the problems that arose were solved.

In an affidavit, the Centre told the top court recently that the demonetisation exercise was a "well-considered" decision and part of a larger strategy to combat the menace of fake money, terror financing, black money and tax evasion. The Supreme Court has heard a batch of 58 petitions challenging the demonetisation exercise announced by the Centre on November 8, 2016.

## PM Modi Underlines Need for Widening Scope of Research on Modern Indian history

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fact that "this museum is truly objective and nation-centric, not person-centric", and that it suffers neither from undue influence nor from unwarranted absence of any required facts, the statement said. In order to take the message of the Sangrahalaya, highlighting the achievements and contributions of all the prime ministers of India to the people, Modi spoke on the need to make the Sangrahalaya popular among the youth by organising competitions about its content in colleges and universities across the country, the Culture Ministry said.

He expressed hope that in the near future, the museum would emerge as a central attraction for visitors to Delhi, from India and other parts of the world, it said.

Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya housed in the historic Teen Murti Bhawan here was inaugurated by Modi on April 14 in 2022. The first light and sound show of

the new museum, on journey of India's space programme was also launched in December.

The prime minister also touched upon the 200th birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, one of the most influential social and cultural figures of modern India, which will fall in 2024.

He called upon academic and cultural institutions across the country to produce well-researched work on the contributions of the great visionary and social reformer, as well on the Arya Samaj which is going to complete 150 years of its existence in 2025. The chairman of the Executive Council, Nripendra Misra, spoke on the current working of the Society as well as outlined the vision for the future.

In particular, he highlighted the plans for the Library, which is the leading institution in the field of modern and contemporary Indian history, as well as for the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya, the statement said.

Members of the NMML Society and of the Executive Council attended the meeting, in which the annual report and audited accounts of the institution were adopted, it said.

## Dr Amitabh Saraf Delivers Special Lecture-cum-Demonstration Session at DBRAIT

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Dr. Amitabh Saraf through a presentation on the topic 'Professional Ethics', shared his experience on various Light Combat Air craft that was developed by his organization. He also spoke about how pleasure

in the job puts perfection in work i.e. how professional excellence starts with the right training and environment, an individual may reach excellence in his work. He mentioned the four essential traits called WRIST which stands for wisdom, responsibility, Inner strength, truthfulness and honesty.

## PM Modi to Address 108th Science Congress on Jan 3 Virtually

**January 2: NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually address the 108th Indian Science Congress (ISC) on January 3. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said that the focal theme of this year's ISC is "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment".

The ISC will witness discussions on issues of sustainable development, women's empowerment and the role of science and technology in achieving these objectives.

"The participants will discuss and deliberate on ways to increase the number of women in higher echelons of teaching, research and industry, along with trying to find ways to provide women with equal access to

STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education, research opportunities and economic participation," the PMO said.

A special programme to showcase the contribution of women in science and technology will also be held, which will include lectures by renowned women scientists. Several other programmes will also be organised alongside ISC, like the Children's Science Congress, to help stimulate scientific interest and temperament among children.

The Farmer's Science Congress will provide a platform to improve the bioeconomy and attract



youth to agriculture. The Tribal Science Congress will also be held, which will provide a platform for the scientific display of indigenous ancient knowledge systems and practices, along with a focus on the empowerment of tribal women. "The first session of the Science Congress was held in 1914. The 108th annual session of the ISC will be held at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, which is also celebrating its centenary this year," the PMO added.

## Applications Invited to Hold the Post of Member, SARA

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per Regulation 35(d) of Adoption Regulations, 2022, with One member from the civil society involved in child welfare as Member, the Department of Social Welfare, A & N Administration has invited applications from representatives of reputed non-governmental organizations who have

been working in the area of child development or child protection for a minimum period of seven years but not running or managing any children's institution.

The application should be addressed to the Director of Social Welfare, Goalghar, Pin-744102 & should reach the Department within 10 days either by post/in person or through e-mail in the mail ID of sara4andaman@gmail.com.,

## MV Sindhu to Sail for Chennai

**Port Blair, Jan. 2:** The vessel Sindhu will sail from Port Blair to Chennai on Jan. 4, 2023 at 1600 hrs from Haddo wharf. Excess baggage will be loaded from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs on Jan. 3 i.e. one day prior to sailing of the vessel.

Embarkation of passengers will commence from 1400 hrs to 1500 hrs on Jan. 4. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel. The vessel will sail soon after the embarkation of passengers and completion of other formalities.



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**1. NIT NO.** EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR/22-23/103 **Name of Work:** - Repair and Maintenance of Rural Road from Late Shreedhar house to Chaman house via Prem Narayan house to Kishan Charan house at Teylerabad Ward No. 02 under Sippighat Gram Panchayat.

**Estimated Cost Rs:** - 19, 44,090/- **Earnest Money Deposit:** - 38,882/-

**Time of Completion:** - Twelve (12) Months, Tender Fee: - ` .500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: - 13/01/2023 (1500 hrs)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

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South Andaman**

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## India and Pakistan Exchange List of Nuclear Installations and Prisoners

**January 2: NEW DELHI:** India and Pakistan on Sunday exchanged the customary lists of nuclear installations and prisoners on New Year's day. While New Delhi shared lists of 339 Pakistani civilian prisoners and 95 fishermen currently in Indian custody, Pakistan shared lists of 51 civilian prisoners and 654 fishermen who are Indians or are believed to be Indians in its custody.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, "India and Pakistan today exchanged, through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad, the list of nuclear installations and facilities." The two nuclear-armed neighbours exchange the list of nuclear installations every year on January 1. These installations are "covered under the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations and Facilities between India and Pakistan". The MEA said that this is the 32nd consecutive exchange of such lists between the two countries, the first one having taken place on January 1, 1992. On the list of prisoners exchanged, the MEA in a separate statement said, "The government has called for the early release and repatriation of civilian prisoners, missing Indian defence personnel and fishermen along with their boats, from Pakistan's custody. In this context, Pakistan was asked to expedite the release and repatriation of 631 Indian fishermen and 02 Indian civilian prisoners, who have completed their sentences and whose nationality has been confirmed and conveyed to Pakistan."

The statement added that Pakistan has been asked to provide immediate consular access to the remaining 30 fishermen and 22 civilian prisoners in Pakistan's custody, who are believed to be Indian. The prisoners' lists are exchanged twice every year.

The MEA added, "India remains committed to addressing, on priority, all humanitarian matters... India has also urged Pakistan to expedite necessary action at its end to confirm the nationality status of 71 Pakistani prisoners, including fishermen, whose repatriation is pending for want of nationality confirmation from Pakistan. Pakistan has been requested to ensure the safety, security and welfare of all Indian and believed-to-be Indian civilian prisoners and fishermen, pending their release and repatriation to India."



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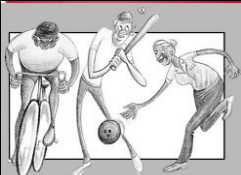
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# SPORTS

## Can BCCI ask IPL Franchise to Under-Utilise Team India Regulars?

**January 2:** Is the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on a collision course with the Indian Premier League franchises with regards to the workload management of targeted Indian players for the 2023 World Cup?

At the end of a review meeting on Sunday, for the first time the BCCI revealed officially that the National Cricket Academy (NCA) will work in tandem with the IPL franchises to monitor the pool of 20 players who will be in the frame for the 50-over World Cup which is less than 10 months away.

For the record, Cricket Australia and England and Wales Cricket Board have similar agreements with players who feature in the IPL and the franchises stick to it.

Over the last couple of seasons where T20 World Cups were held in successive years, the word going around was that the BCCI was keeping tabs on workloads of players in the IPL. While franchises refused the BCCI and NCA teams the right to manage the players directly, they shared reports from time to time.

But for the first time, the BCCI has made it official that it would "monitor the targeted Indian players participating in the IPL 2023." However, the words quoted above from the press release didn't give full clarity as to whether the performances will be monitored or the workload.

When asked for broad contours of the same, a senior BCCI official refused to elaborate.

If it is about workload, it would be interesting to see how the BCCI goes about it. While CA and ECB ask the franchises to share data with them on a regular basis, some of their fast bowlers and all-rounders even arrive in the IPL with a limit on how many overs they can deliver during their stint and it includes both the net session and the match. It is included when these member boards hand their players NOCs, which is mandatory for their participation.

Whether a similar system could work with regards to the Indian players is a huge question



because in the past, franchises have not been welcoming to the idea of BCCI monitoring the players' workload. During the 2020 IPL held in the UAE, just hours after then BCCI president Sourav Ganguly revealed that Rohit Sharma has a hamstring injury and was not considered for the tour of Australia, the opener took the field for Mumbai Indians against Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Franchises not open to sharing data

And according to reliable sources in the know, there have been instances where at least a couple of big franchises have refused to share data with the NCA in the past. And if one assumes that the NCA will indeed monitor the workload, it would be interesting to see how they go about it.

"The BCCI cannot ask the franchises to rest a player for any IPL game. They can of course monitor the workload and ask for any data to be shared, but they cannot fix a cap and say a certain player can play only X number of matches or can bowl only X number of overs," a franchise official said.

While the key recommendations do look strong on paper, only time will tell how far the BCCI will be able to push the franchises. Technically, during the tournament window,

the players are in contract with the franchises and not the BCCI and unlike CA and ECB, this reality will forbid the BCCI from passing any diktats with regards to workload management. So there are some loose ends for the BCCI to tie up if this program has to work, which is no doubt taken in the best interest of Indian cricket.

In the lead up to the T20 World Cup last year, at different stages, India's key players were either rested or had requested for a break. It meant, until the Asia Cup in September, the team management didn't get an opportunity to take the field with the regulars and went into the T20 World Cup as rank outsiders making an exit in the semi-finals stage.

That none of the players asked for rest or a break during the IPL became a talking point with former India captain Sunil Gavaskar questioning their decision to skip national commitments instead.

With the 50-over World Cup taking precedence and India still a long way from putting together a unit that will deliver the expectations on home soil, the BCCI has set in motion a roadmap for the next year. In a season packed with a long IPL followed closely by the all important World Cup at home, the board and franchises will need to be on the same page regarding preserving players, if India has to repeat the 2011 feat.

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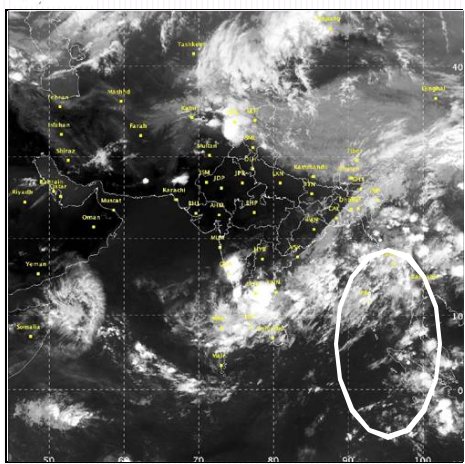
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## Weather



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Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	003.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2023 till date):	003.0 mm

### Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 22°C respectively on Tuesday 03/01/2023.

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