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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 (M CBT)

People's Voice

Umeed hai iss Diwali mein logon ka ghar ka Current na kate ... aur logon ko diya ka raushni mein na Celebrate karna pade ...

- A Citizen



Don't worry, mom. I will burst the crackers secretly!

Lions' Share their Joy with the Needy on the Occasion of Diwali

Club to Felicitate Great Andamanese Girl Techa for Clearing NEET

Port Blair, Oct. 23: On the occasion of Diwali, the Lions Club of Aberdeen organised a small function to share their joy and spread some smiles on the faces of the needy and underprivileged members of the society. The programme was organised as Hotel NK International on 22nd Oct. 2022 at 6.30 pm, wherein 12 single mothers and children were gifted sweets, fire crackers and monetary support to make their Diwali special.

Speaking on the occasion the Secretary of the Lions Club, Ln. SP Suresh Kumar said that the club has been doing such activities since its inception. This time the club had decided to spread some smiles on the faces of the needy to make their Diwali special.

The occasion was graced by the Editors and representatives of the mainstream media, who were also felicitated by the club. The felicitation was



followed by an interactive session with the media on how the club can expand its activities in the islands

and also to understand the issues and needs of the islanders. One of the

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District Administration is Committed to the Welfare of Ranchi Community: DCSA

Port Blair, Oct. 22: The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, along with Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SA), Smti Pramila Kumari, Adhyaksha, Zila Parishad, Tehsildar, Ferrargunj, Zilla Parishad member, and concerned Gram Pradhan, Ward Members visited the areas predominantly inhabited by Ranchi community in Mithakhari, Namunaghar, Brindaban, Tushnabad Gram Panchayats.

During the visit, the DC (SA) interacted with the Ranchi community



residents in these areas. The common issues raised during the interaction were frequent power cuts, irregular distribution of LPG cylinders, water supply, construction/repair/maintenance of roads etc. In Mithkhari GP, the people raised the issue of electricity cut due to which activities

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Social Welfare Conducts Awareness Programme on 'Ill Effects of Alcohol and Drug Abuse' in Carmel

Port Blair, Oct. 22: The Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with Health, Education & Police Department is organizing awareness programme on 'Ill Effects of Alcohol and Drug Abuse', to make Andaman & Nicobar Islands 'Drug Free'. Accordingly, awareness programmes for students and teachers were held at GSSS Bathubasti, Nirmala School and Carmel SSS. More than 400 students and teachers were sensitized through the campaign. As part of the campaign, an



awareness programme was organized at Carmel Sr. Sec. School yesterday in which Smt. Iti Agarwal, Director (Social Welfare)

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DIWALI GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of Diwali, I extend my warm greetings and good wishes to all my respected Islanders.

I am happy that the Festival of lights is being celebrated across Andaman & Nicobar Islands along with the rest of the Country, irrespective of caste, colour and creed which is a strong reaffirmation of the Island's secular traditions.

Diwali symbolizes the victory of good over evil. The festival encourages all of us to adopt goodness, make sacrifices for humanity and adopt an enlightened approach in pursuance of knowledge and truth. This festival is also associated with cleanliness and underscores the need of maintaining our homes and surroundings in immaculate conditions at all times.

May this festival of lights banish darkness from the society and bring light and joy in the homes of each and every individual in the society.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma,
Member of Parliament,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

ASNVMS Conducts Territory Wide Mass Demonstration to Press on Workers' Demands

Port Blair, Oct. 23: The Andaman Sarvajanik Nirman Vibhag Mazdoor Sangh (ASNVMS), affiliated to CITU conducted a territory-wide mass demonstration in front of the offices of the APWD for three days from 19th to 21st October, 2022, demanding (i) implementation of High Court order on grant of 1/30th of pay plus DA Scheme of Govt. of India (ii) implementation of High Court order on grant of Bonus to all daily rated mazdoors and (iii) regularisation of services of DRMs.

Hundreds of workers participated in these programmes daily. A General Body meeting of the ASNVMS was held on 22nd October, 2022 evening at Port Blair. The meeting was informed of the discussions the leaders of

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Through Choppy Seas

The ignominious resignation of U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss this week may have supplied a momentary pause to the anxieties faced by the British people over months of government fumbling amidst deteriorating macroeconomic conditions, but it is hardly a panacea to what ails the economy. After a disastrous performance in office that belied the promise of putting the Conservative Party's house in order, Ms. Truss quit 45 days after entering Downing Street, the shortest ever time that a British PM has served. The pinnacle of the Truss government's fiasco was the "mini budget" of September 23, in which she and her erstwhile Chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, displayed a breathtaking lack of sensitivity to market fragility and announced £45 billion of unfunded tax cuts. No one ought to have been surprised at the crisis that that event triggered: soaring bond yields necessitating emergency intervention in the bond market by the Bank of England, undoubtedly scuppering the central bank's attempts to get a handle on rising inflation. Firing Mr. Kwarteng, which Ms. Truss did despite backing him in formulating their tone-deaf policy proposals, hardly helped, as the crisis spiralled, causing the pound to lose value against the dollar and mortgage rates to climb, bringing economic hardship to Britons.

The U.K. recently lost its place as the world's fifth largest economy to India. At a dangerous moment in the global political economy, when Russia's invasion of Ukraine has stemmed the flow of natural gas to Europe and the U.K., leading to alarming spikes in household bills in these countries, the Conservative Party needs to ensure that a competent PM and Cabinet are quickly installed and get to work. The public mood on this point has darkened: recent polling suggests that the Labour Party is poised to sweep to power should there be a general election, even if such an event is not likely until January 2025. The revolving door at 10 Downing Street might see former Chancellor Rishi Sunak anointed as the third PM within one year or, ominously, Boris Johnson is said to be in the reckoning again despite the debacle following the Partygate scandal. The immediate task at hand for whoever is the head of government will be to set right damaged ties with Europe so that trade links are restored, and supply side bottlenecks can be resolved, and to rework immigration policies so as to reinvigorate the flagging productivity levels of the U.K. economy. If the Tories turn out not to be the party capable of the nimble, intuitive policymaking required to dig the U.K. economy out of this morass, perhaps British voters will decide to bring in their political opposition to get the job done.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Coffee Without Karan..!

When my children were quite tiny I made a trip to New York to visit my parents, and when returning home decided I would fill my suitcases with gifts for my wife and children. So I went shopping.

I stared at the amazing stuff being sold in the stores and was dazzled by the boxes, the pictures on them and the glossy covers that were used. I didn't bother to ask the salespeople to open the boxes, but ordered the gifts one after the other.

The next day I tried to fit all the different packages into my suitcase and found that I couldn't. My father who was watching then told me he would help me do the needful.

"How?" I asked him, knowing that he had run a packing company before.

"By taking the gifts out of their fancy boxes," he said.

For the next few minutes I watched with dismay and then despair as he took out ordinary, useless toys, dolls and even more useless stuff from beautiful boxes and put them into my suitcase.

I still remember the strange looks that came in to the eyes of my family as I pulled out cheap stuff and gave it to them on my return home.

The packaging had sure fooled me.

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A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university lecturer. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the lecturer went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups: porcelain, plastic, glass, some plain-looking and some expensive and exquisite, telling them to help themselves to hot coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the lecturer said: "If you noticed, all the nice-looking, expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones!!!"

While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that could also be the source of your problems and stress. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the better cups and are eyeing each other's cups."

"Now, if life is coffee, then the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, but the quality of life doesn't change. Often, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee in it. So folks, don't let the cups drive you...learn to enjoy the coffee instead!"

So true, isn't it, we go through life fooled by the cup or the packaging, we look at a beautiful model on a magazine cover and dream of her not realizing she could be a disaster in our lives, and that behind the makeup and powder it's bitter coffee.

I love good coffee, and I'm sure you all do so let's appreciate the coffee and not the cup it comes in. Let's have coffee without Karan or Karen.!

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suggestion was to provide a laptop to Miss Techa, the first Great Andamanese girl to have cleared her NEET this year. The dwindling Great Andamanese are considered to be the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group of the Islands,

who are under the direct care of the Tribal Welfare department. In spite of this, the handful of the tribal members haven't been granted the required and timely assistance, which is a major concern.

The Lions declared on the spot to felicitate Techa

as an encouragement to score well in her future and make her community and the Islanders proud.

The approach of the club members was well appreciated by the media and the single mothers who thanked the members for making their Diwali special.

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Industrial Units Set-up Without Obtaining CTE Warned

Port Blair, Oct. 23: In compliance of section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, no person shall, without the previous consent of the State Board, establish or take any steps to establish any industry, operation or process, or any treatment and disposal system or an extension or addition thereto, which is likely to discharge sewage or trade effluent into a stream or well or sewer or on land.

As per the section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, subject to provisions of this section, no person shall, without the previous consent of the State Board, establish or operate any industrial plant in an air pollution control area.

It is the responsibility of the industrial unit to obtain Consent to Establish (CTE) from Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC) before

establishment of the industry and also to obtain Consent to Operate (CTO) after establishment of unit. Non-compliance of this is the violation of the provisions made under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

It has come to the notice of ANPCC that many industrial units including hollow blocks manufacturing unit, have been established without obtaining CTE and also started operating without CTO under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, which is a violation of the aforesaid rules.

Therefore, it is informed to all the stakeholders and

general public that it is statutory responsibility of all the industries or units to obtain CTE prior to establishment of any industry & CTO after establishment in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The industrial unit/entrepreneur shall apply for CTE & CTO using the URL: www.anocmms.nic.in for the fulfillment of requirement made under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

Any industrial unit which are operating the activity without obtaining CTE and CTO from ANPCC are liable for taking strict action against the industrial units/firms as the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

KVK-CIARI, South Andaman organizes Kisan Goshti and Exposure Visit

Port Blair, Oct. 23: The ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, South Andaman, along with AFC Foundation India organizes Kisan Goshti and Exposure visit on 21st Oct 2022 at KVK, Sippighat. The objective of the programme was to create awareness among SHG's regarding various activities of KVK and also to discuss in detail different sustainable income generating avenues suitable for farmwomen of the Islands.

The participants were motivated to take up new and upscale the existing enterprise for the betterment of the community. Anecdote of Progressive farmers nurtured by ICAR-KVK were shared with the participants and

encouraged them to transform their lives.

Dr N. Bommayasamy, S M S (Agronomy) delivered a



lecture on the "Need and Importance of Natural farming". Dr Pooja Kapoor, SMS (Home Sc) discussed about "Value addition in coconut for economic and nutritional security". Dr. Nitu Sindhu, Woman Scientist (DST) highlighted about "Organic Mushroom Cultivation for Income Generation".

A total of 68 farmwomen from different SHG's participated and were benefitted from the programme. The programme was organized under the guidance and supervision of Dr Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director CIARI, Port Blair and Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Pr. Scientist & Head, KVK.

Department of Industries to Conduct Awareness on PM FME

Port Blair, Oct. 23: The Department of Industries, A&N Administration is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called 'Prime Minister Scheme for Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME)' under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan with the objective to promote and develop micro Food Processing Enterprises in A & N Islands. Under the scheme, financial assistance will be provided to new Project or existing Units in the form of Credit/Subsidy/Grant/Seed

capital for different kinds of activities. Assistance for developing common Brand & Marketing of Products is provisioned under the Scheme to support Individuals/ SHGs/ Co-operatives/ Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs) for setting up of new or up-gradation of existing unit.

For disseminating the schemes to target group and stakeholders, a calendar of outreach program has been

scheduled covering all the Districts of A & N Islands.

Interested unemployed youth / entrepreneurs / farmers / SHGs / Co-operative Societies / FPOs willing to set up new food processing venture or upgrade existing facility are requested to attend the awareness program. For further details, contact Directorate of Industries, Port Blair over phone no. 03192-234360 or Extension Offices located at Diglipur, Hut Bay and Car Nicobar.

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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.

'With You' Felicitates Sanitary Workers Under Ferrargunj Tehsil for Winning 1st Position Under Swachh Sarvekshan Grameen '22

Port Blair, Oct. 23: The NGO 'WITH YOU' organized a program at Community Hall Ferrargunj to felicitate the sanitation workers of various Gram Panchayats under Ferrargunj Tehsil for winning the National award- 1st position under Swachh Sarvekshan Grameen 2022. Smti Nandini Paliwal, IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary (RD/PRI) graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The program started with lightening of lamp by Chief Guest and other guests followed by welcome song presented by students of Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Ferrargunj. Miss V.K. Mariyambibi, President WITH YOU welcomed the Chief Guest with a Shawl and bouquet. Addressing the gathering, she congratulated the A&N Administration, PRIs and sanitation workers for receiving the National award for A&N Islands. She expressed her gratitude towards all and said that



such awards boost the spirit of the worker's and PRIs.

Shri Mohammed Safique, Pradhan Mithakhari also spoke on the occasion and appreciated the efforts of WITH YOU and also requested the Commissioner cum Secretary to provide more sanitation workers in various Gram Panchayats.

Later, the Chief Guest felicitated the sanitation workers along with their Pradhans by presenting gifts to all of them. Addressing the gathering, the Chief guest appreciated the sanitation workers and PRIs for their dedication towards cleanliness of the respective area. She informed that A&N

Administration will extend all support to the Gram Panchayats to ensure proper sanitation and requested the general public also to cooperate the Administration in this regard.

She also appreciated WITH YOU for taking the initiative to felicitate the workers of various Gram Panchayats. She exhorted support of every individual for maintaining the ranking of National award in future also. A memento was presented to the Chief Guest by the President, WITH YOU. The program concluded with Vote of thanks proposed by Meena, Member WITH YOU.

Quiz Competition Organised at Middle School Humfreygunj to Celebrate Establishment of PGI

Port Blair, Oct. 23: As part of weeklong activities of commemoration of anniversary of establishment of Provisional Govt. of Azad Hind (PGI), a quiz competition was conducted by the Department of Art &

Culture, A&N Administration at Govt. Middle School Humfreygunj. The host school team bagged the first prize whereas GSSS Manglutan was the first runner up and second runner up was Middle School Manglutan.

A play in the style of nukkad natak was presented by the students of SSS Manglutan in their school campus. The students and teachers actively took part in all activities.

District Administration is Committed to the Welfare of Ranchi Community: DCSA

Continued from Page 1 of people were affected badly. The residents further requested for set apart of land for playground and PHC, separate Power Sub-Station, separate feeder for the Gram Panchayat and shifting of one of the transformer from Surya Chakra. Regarding the issue of irregular supply of LPG cylinders, DC (SA) directed the concerned distributor to prepare monthly schedule for LPG cylinder distribution and strictly adhere to the schedule. The Tehsildar, Ferrargunj and the area Patwari were also directed to handover the unutilized old building constructed under MPLAD fund to the Gram Panchayat, so that it can be used for multipurpose activities. It was informed that the road work towards Boating house and Boating house complex will be undertaken by Zilla Parishad, South Andaman for which estimate has been prepared already.

In Namunaghar Gram Panchayat, Ranchi Community people requested for Primary School renovation including compound wall construction, and set apart land for development of Mini Stadium. Officials were requested for maintenance of street light and water pipeline and it was informed that the construction of road under Special Financial Assistance has been proposed. The Ranchi

Basti people requested to cover them under PMAY scheme as they were settled there by APWD and have been living for 70 years without pattas.

In Brindaban Gram Panchayat, upon the request of Ranchi community members, DC (SA) directed Tehsildar, Ferrargunj to submit proposal along with public for set apart of land for Bus Stand development. It was further informed that the maintenance work of road from Shaitan Khari to Ferrargunj will be taken up by APWD.

In Tushnabad Gram Panchayat, the Ranchi community members requested for renovation of Community Hall and set apart of land for construction of Anganwadi building and road connectivity through GPDP works. The DC (SA) requested the Gram Panchayat to submit the estimates for the renovation of the community hall and further concerned officials were requested for proper repair and maintenance of water pipeline and street lights.

The Ranchi community expressed their gratitude towards the District Administration for the special focus given to all the above mentioned areas during COVID times. The DC (SA) motivated the Ranchi community members that the District Administration is committed for the welfare and overall development of South Andaman District and the District Administration requests the public to come forward with genuine issues related to development of their area.

Social Welfare Conducts Awareness Programme on 'Ill Effects of Alcohol and Drug Abused' in Carmel

Continued from Page 1 was the chief guest. She highlighted the issues and problems of drugs among the students in society and apprised the students and teachers to join the campaign to make Andaman & Nicobar Islands 'Drug Free'.

The resource persons from Health, Police and Social Welfare educated the students about different types of drug and their effects on our bodies, ways to recognize an alcoholic or drug addict, how to overcome addictions and where to

get help. The students were advised to stay away from alcohol/drug abuse and also to share information with their Parents /Teachers/Police, if they come across such activities around their school, tuition centers or near their Home.

Later an interactive session was also organized by Shri A.K. Biswas, Nodal Officer (Prohibition) for the teachers and students. Earlier, the Principal of the School in her welcome address expressed gratitude to the Social Welfare Department for organizing such awareness programme.

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ASNVMs Conducts Territory Wide Mass Demonstration to Press on Workers' Demands

Continued from Page 1 the CITU had with officers of the A & N Administration during the course of agitation. Shri B. Chandrachoodan, President of ASNVMs & General Secretary, CITU State Committee had a discussion with the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (PWD) on 20th October, 2022 in which the Commissioner informed him that the Court order on grant of 1/30th of pay plus DA to all DRMs is being examined by the

Administration. Regarding Bonus to all DRMs, the Commr-cum-Secy (PWD) informed that the matter will be examined immediately.

On the same day evening (20th October, 2022), Shri D. Ayyappan, Vice President of CITU State Committee had brought the issue of non-implementation of High Court order on 1/30th of pay plus DA to the DRMs, to the notice of the Chief Secretary during a meeting held in the Chamber of Chief Secretary. The Chief Secretary informed Shri

Ayyappan that the issue is actively under consideration in the Administration and assured favourable orders shortly.

The General Body meeting of ASNVMs, after detailed discussion in view of the assurances given by the Chief Secretary and Commr-cum-Secretary (PWD), decided to defer the ongoing agitation of APWD workers. The Union will review the position after two weeks and will take appropriate decision if the demands are not settled by that time.

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Just as we take the help of various external aids to clean up our house so also we have to take the help of the treasure of knowledge, powers, virtues and experience given to us by the supreme almighty to cleanup our minds.

Diwali is a festival symbolizing positivity because the moment we think about this festival approaching, it creates a unique feeling of thrill and delight in every one's mind – be it a "Rich" or "Poor", each one makes his/her own plans to celebrate the same with zeal & enthusiasm. During diwali there is a special enthusiasm to light different varieties of lamps and perform Goddess Mahalaxmi's special pooja & aarti to invoke her blessings. As Diwali falls on the day of "Amavasya", which is symbolized by darkness, there is a competition among each household to light maximum number of attractive lamps inside and outside their houses. While cleaning our house we should also remember to clean-up our minds too. Through self-introspection we should try to locate and remove once for all the filth that has gathered within us and which we are unable to get rid of even through repeated efforts. Just as we take the help of various external aids to clean up our house so also we have to take the help of the treasure of knowledge, powers, virtues and experience given to us by the supreme almighty to cleanup our minds. Diwali is followed by New Year. Hence people greet each other so that the new year brings in a lot of peace, bliss and prosperity in everyone's lives. We have been celebrating this festival earlier also and will be doing so hence forth, however we need to understand the spiritual significance of this festival in order to celebrate it with greater vigour & effect. If we are not aware of its significance, then we should enquire with learned people and try to imbibe these values practically in our thoughts, words and actions & keep lighted the lamp of knowledge within us to enlighten everyone so that we can become helping hands in the process of world transformation by the Supreme Father. So let's celebrate this Diwali by making our destiny and helping others also to make it most resolute.

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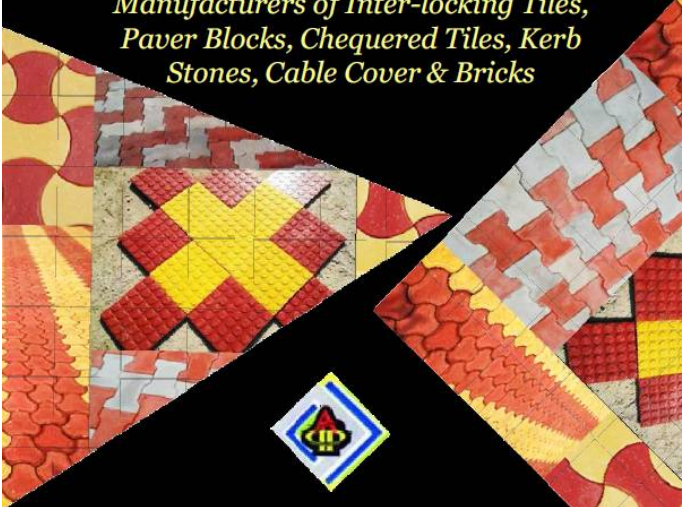
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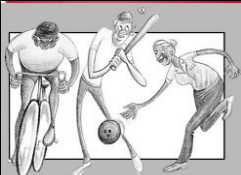
Port Blair, Oct. 23: Due to the Deep Depression over West central Bay of Bengal and adjoining east central Bay of Bengal and its likely intensification into a cyclonic storm, fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea from Oct.23 to 24, 2022.

Local Cautionary Signal No. III has been kept hoisted at Port Blair port.

For further enquiries / information 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.

COVID-19 Status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Oct. 23: No COVID positive case has been detected today in A&N Islands. Today, 15 flights with 2643 passengers arrived, out of which, 2339 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 240 passengers and the reports are awaited.



SPORTS

T20 World Cup: India Versus Pakistan, the Big One at the G

October 23: Since Shaheen Shah Afridi bowled KL Rahul, trapped Rohit Sharma in front and finished off the job when he had captain Virat Kohli miscue a bouncer to the keeper last October in a Group game of the T20 World Cup, a lot has changed in Indian cricket.

Kohli's reign as captain ended soon, Rohit Sharma was handed the reins, Rahul Dravid took Ravi Shastri's place in the coach's hot seat. A slew of experiments followed, in terms of personnel, batting spots but India have stuck to the tried and tested and the few changes have been brought about because of injury.

What has changed though is the Indian team's batting approach – from keeping wickets in hand and waiting to accelerate towards the second half of an innings to going all out from the word go.

Over the past year, what has also changed is the shift in balance of power, ever so slightly in Pakistan's favour.

Pakistan's 10-wicket win in last year's edition was their first in World Cups against India. The two teams played twice at the Asia Cup and finished 1-1. Both were close contests – India won the first match with two balls to spare, Pakistan crossed the line with a delivery left. But by reaching the final, where they lost to a spirited Sri Lanka, Pakistan came off looking better.

A third contest between the teams in less than two months is a fan's delight. On Sunday, India and Pakistan will face off at the 90,000 capacity Melbourne Cricket Ground in a sold-out game of this edition of the T20 World Cup. Captain Sharma, tasked with ending India's trophy drought at ICC events, spoke about India's failure to reach the semi-finals a year ago making the team think tank get back to the drawing board. "We addressed what went wrong for us in the last World Cup and kept everything in mind whatever happened in the last World Cup, all leading up to the last World Cup. We wanted to address all the situations, all the problems, all the issues. But we managed to get some of those right for sure. So pretty much standing in a good position right now," Sharma said on the eve of the game. The Indian team prepared a



roadmap for ending the trophy drought. The team meetings not only became longer but also more frequent; powerpoint presentations and data analysis became a norm. Batsmen and bowlers spoke to each other to share ideas.

The players were also asked to move out of their comfort zone. Suryakumar Yadav was asked to open against West Indies four times. He was promoted to keep him prepared in case he had to open at any point in time. Yadav was not the only one being challenged. Rishabh Pant and Deepak Hooda too were asked to open. Ahead of the game, Sharma said the key was to back players. "Giving the boys the freedom and security was very important. To let them know that they can do the job for us, without them worrying about their place in the team. If your mindset is right, you can go out there and perform fearlessly. Winning wasn't as important as that for us in the lead up to this World Cup," Sharma said.

Post India's exit from last year's T20 World Cup, the team management took a conscious decision to fly early to Australia while a second-string side played South Africa in the One-Day Internationals at home.

Sharma said the team management wanted to give players as much time as possible in Australia ahead of the World Cup. The team landed in Australia two weeks in advance and played warm-up games. "This was a conscious decision from the BCCI and team management after the last tournament. We knew where the World Cup was happening, so we wanted to come here (early) and get used to the conditions. A lot of the guys in the team had not played

before in Australia. That was a key decision. Getting acclimated to the time zone. I thought the way we prepared in Perth, we were lucky enough to get that time," the Indian opener said.

The Indian captain also said that he was open to changing the playing XI as the tournament progresses. "I certainly want to keep my mind open on playing XI. We don't want to get stuck with one particular way of making your playing XI. We want to be open about it. If we have to change one or two players in every game, we've got to be ready for it," Sharma said. The changes could be made depending on how a player stacks up against a particular player from the opposition. "That's how we have prepared all our guys as well. The message was given long before we came here that if we need to change one or two players for the match-ups, for what sort of conditions we are playing in, guys will be ready for it. So, it's not a last-minute thing where we are changing the players. This is the talk that has happened in the team long way back, and guys are ready for it."

The Indian captain also said that he won't always go purely by match-ups. "To be honest, it's a bit of both (match-ups and instinct), actually. You have got to be instinctive, as well. Sometimes you just have that feeling that this is the guy who will do the job for you."

The last time the two teams met at the T20 World Cup, Afridi delivered for Pakistan. Afridi's returning from an injury layoff but the Pakistan team possess excellent fast bowlers who can make full use of the conditions in Australia. But like Sharma said, India are in a "in a good position right now" compared to last year.

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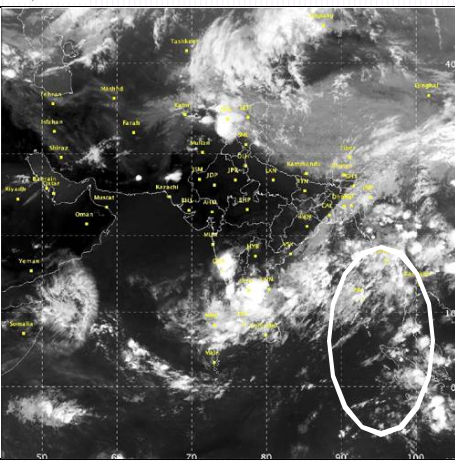
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Weather



Max. Temp: 27.8 °C	Min.: 25.2 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 92%	1730 Hrs: 89%
Sunrise: 0510 Hrs.	Sunset: 1657 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	009.5 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	002.9 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2360.7 mm

Forecast

Generally Cloudy sky and Light Rain or thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 29°C and 25°C respectively on Monday 24/10/2022.

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