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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.

The Oceanic Medley: Of the 25 modern phyla of groups of animals, only four are represented on land, and all 25 are represented in the oceans!

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

People's Voice

Chalo Elections nazdeek hai toh Islands ke Issues bhi pohonch rahe hai Ministers tak ... Ab intezaar rahega toh Action ka ...

- A Citizen



What a poor show after holding 100s of roadshows!

Member of Parliament Demands Release of Pension for Old Age, Widow, Specially-abled and Destitute in the First Week of Every Month

Port Blair, Dec. 8: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to release pension for old age, widow, specially-abled and destitute in the first week of every month.

The Member of Parliament informed the Lt. Governor that old age, widow, specially-abled and destitute people are not getting their pension on time, which has caused huge hardship to them.

He mentioned that most of the people under this

category are completely dependent on the pension amount released by Administration for their monthly expenditures like food, medical expenses and room rents and delay in the release of the pension amount, brings huge problems for them.

He pointed out that if pension amounts are credited to their account, in the first week of every month, they will be in a better position to plan their expenditure and survive in society with full confidence and dignity.

Bairagi and Jolly Take Up Isles' Farmers' Problems with Agriculture Minister

Port Blair, Dec. 8: Shri. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP, A&N Islands along with Shri. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Committee Member met the Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister & Farmers Welfare, Adarniya. Narendra Tomar and the Minister of State Adarniya Kailash Choudhary today at New Delhi. Both the leaders placed, highlighted and discussed the following issues pertaining to Farmers & Agriculture of our Islands:

Providing Minimum Support Price for COPRA, by taking up the matter with



National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. and also by involving all recognized Procurement Agencies.

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Three-day Workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems gets Underway at ZSI

Port Blair, Dec. 8: Zoological Survey of India is organizing three-day workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island ecosystems under the 'Training of Personnel of other Stakeholders' sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata was the chief guest, while Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS, Secretary (IP&T), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Dr. M. Vinod



Kumar, Fishery Survey of India, and Dr. Lal Ji Singh, Head-of-Office were the guests of

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NGGOs Mourn Demise of Com. KKN Kutty

Port Blair, Dec. 8: The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, Andaman and Nicobar Islands express deep condolence on the demise of Comrade K.K.N. Kutty, former Secretary General of Confederation of Central Government Employees & Workers today (08.12.2022) morning at 9.30a.m. after prolonged illness.

Comrade KKN Kutty was a great Trade Union Leader, orator and a highly knowledgeable person. He led the Central Govt. Employees and Workers movement for decades and spear

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Member of Parliament Donates Dead-Body Freezer Box to Teressa Island



Teressa, Dec. 8: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has handed-over a Dead Body Freezer Box to the Tribal Council of Teressa Island purchased from the MPLADS fund.

The Member of Parliament had learnt that in case of any death in Teressa Island, the residents of the Island had to face a lot of difficulties in preserving the body till arrival of the family members of the deceased from other Islands.

Considering this problem, the Member of Parliament handed-over the Dead Body Freezer Box to the people of Teressa Island in the presence of Tribal Captains.

Multi-lingual Writers' Meet on 10th & 11th Dec

Port Blair, Dec. 8: With the aim to promote and encourage the multi lingual literary endeavours of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Sahitya Akademi's Regional Office at Kolkata in association with the Directorate of Art & Culture, A&N Administration will be organizing a two days' duration Multi-lingual Writers' Meet on 10th & 11th December 2022 in the premises of Andaman Club, Port Blair. The meeting will be inaugurated by Shri Subodh Sarkar, an eminent Bengali Poet and Convenor, Bengali Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi; while Shri Hari Kallikkat, Secretary, Art & Culture, A&N Administration will chair the Meet.

Writers of total eight languages will participate in the meet. Dr. K. Srinivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi; Shri Anadiranjan Biswas, Member, General Council, Sahitya Akademi and Dr. Devendra Kumar Devesh, Regional Secretary, Sahitya Akademi Kolkata

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

BJP's Organisational Strength

A two-day meeting in Delhi organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its national office bearers, functionaries in charge of States and various frontal organisations, and presidents and general secretaries in charge of the organisation in States is being seen as a stock-taking exercise by the party. The Lok Sabha elections are more than a year away but the BJP is anxious to remain battle-ready, always keeping itself busy on the ideological and organisational fronts, and dominating at the macro and micro levels. The meet was to motivate functionaries to stay in tune with the messaging from the top. It resolved to keep the political focus intact on the constituency of welfare recipients, or labharthis in the BJP's parlance, while campaigns around new themes, particularly India's G20 presidency, will be added. There was no ideological track in the deliberations that were sharply focused on organisational capacity. The BJP may never have felt as secure as it is today about the public acceptance of its Hindutva ideology. The inauguration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, now scheduled for December 2023, will be the prelude to the 2024 campaign anyway.

Despite occupying a position of strength, the BJP continues to be minutely attentive to organisational matters. Its electoral fortunes are primarily driven by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal popularity, but its micro management of voter mobilisation is critical too. The BJP does not let its organisational machine rust or rest, and keeps it in a constant state of mobilisation. This week's meeting decided to enhance the party's emotional connect with the voters at the family level. BJP workers are being encouraged to deepen their links with voters. This approach appears to be a finetuning of the party's storied booth management capacity. The party will be facing some crucial Assembly elections in 2023 — in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, where it is in power, and in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, which it wants to wrest back. Indications are that J.P. Nadda, whose term as president ends in January, will remain in charge in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha election. The BJP's capacity to plan ahead and buttress its ideological agenda with a strong organisational muscle is what sets the party apart from its challengers. Mr. Modi, and Home Minister Amit Shah remain constantly engaged with party matters. The BJP has effectively synergised its actions in government and at the party level to give itself the optimal thrust. While this has led to legitimate complaints of a misuse of power, what its opponents could learn from the BJP is the importance of backing ideological clarity with organisational muscle.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Are We Good Representatives?

My old house is going through much needed repairs and quite a mess, as workers move in and out and the already polluted air is extra laden with cement particles. Not the easiest living for anybody, and more so for a writer who expects peace and comfort all the time. Yes, I'm making excuses for my awful behavior to get away with all and sundry transgressions during this time!

But this morning the chief mason spoke to me, and spoke of a site which he had completed a few years ago. He did not speak of his skill or dexterity with his tools, or the work he had completed but spoke at length of how the customer had treated him and all the other workers. "I will never forget him," said the mason, and did I see tears in his eyes, tough man though he is, "That man used to call me Ramchanderji!"

I looked at my feet. I knew how I addressed him, during these stressful days.

"He used to feed all of us," said Ramchanderji, "And though he worshipped a different God, I saw God in him!"

I felt sad and ashamed as I moved back to my room, because I knew he had not seen any God in me!

Very often I see movies which portray America over a hundred years ago, and quite often there is a church scene, with the congregation singing hymns with joy and fervor. But even as I listen, I know from history how America treated the African-Americans during that time. Many of the blacks changed their religion and embraced ones that

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would give them acceptance, including Cassius Clay, who became the legendary Mohamud Ali.

Which brings me to the question; one, I'm asking myself today, "Are we good representatives of our God?"

As I watch political leaders making use of religion to divide their citizens, is it possible for each of us to ask the same question, "Am I a good representative of my God?"

Does my God allow me to hate my neighbour? What does my neighbour think of my religion as he sees me looking at him with hate in my eyes?

I think of the story of the 'Good Samaritan' where two thousand years ago, a Holy man told his followers that the neighbour we are supposed to love, is someone from a different belief.

Are we doing that?

I am troubled today as I hear the sounds of cement hitting my ceiling in the room where the men are working. They are not going to remember how well they made my home, or even if I was fair in their wages, but only how I treated them. I know I have been a poor representative of God. What about you?

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Bairagi and Jolly Take Up Isles' Farmers' Problems with Agriculture Minister

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Issue of including Arecanut as a Crop for insuring the same under PM Fasal Bima Yojna.

Allotment of land to all those settlers and other allottees of whose respective lands were washed away by passage of time, due to river/stream bank erosion.

All these issues were patiently heard by the

Ministers and after lengthy discussion, the Hon'ble Minister held discussion with the concerned authority of NAFED and instructed them to immediately form a team to convene meeting with the recognized procurement agencies and chalk out plans for providing MSP for COPRA, throughout A&N Islands.

The Hon'ble Ministers also assured that the Arecanut

would soon be included as a crop within the purview of PM- Fasal Bima Yojna at the earliest.

So far as the issue of loss of land due to soil erosion is concerned, the Hon'ble Ministers assured that soon a committee would be formed to conduct a detailed survey for proper assessment of the loss of land.

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headed several agitational programmes against the anti-employees and anti-working class policies of the government at the centre. The unexpected demise of Com Kutty is a great loss for CG Employees and Workers movement and the entire working class in the country.

Com. KKN Kutty was always concerned towards the issues of employees working in A&N Islands. He was a guide and mentor to all of us who were in the leadership of NGOs' Association. He had visited these Islands to attend the Annual Conference of the Association and mesmerized

the govt. employees and workers with his oratory skill and in depth knowledge on various issues. The untimely departure of Com. Kutty at this juncture is a big setback for pensioners' movement as he was the tallest leader of NCCPA. The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association pays rich tributes in his memory.

ENTERTAINMENT

Vishal Jethwa on a Long Gap After Debut Film: 'I Received the Best Debutant Award for Mardaani 2, Spent Pandemic Looking at it'

December 8: Vishal Jethwa had just tasted success in Bollywood after giving years to television serials when the pandemic struck. Vishal made an impressive debut with Rani Mukerji's Mardaani 2 (2019), he was last seen in Disney+Hotstar's Human.

In this interview with indianexpress.com, Vishal talks about how he accepted the long gap in his career induced by Covid-19 "practically and realistically". He says, while it was frustrating, it was not only him or the film industry, but the whole world going through testing times.

Vishal is excited for Salaam Venky, where he'll be seen playing the role of Venkatesh, who suffers from Duchenne muscular dystrophy. He calls the film an inspiring one, and he's learnt to live his life to the fullest from the character he portrays on screen.

He says, "Normally such patients survive for 16-17 years but Venkatesh is an exceptional case. Thanks to his will power and positive mindset, he lives his journey for 25 years. And he not only survives but also has the courage to dream and live a big life and do something for his family too. He was mentally strong and makes one wonder why we complain so much in life. That's why this character is very inspiring; this film is about the relationship of a mother and a son. I feel the relationship that a mother and her child shares has to be the purest form of love and relationship in the world."

Calling Covid-19 a global tragedy, Vishal says that he's taken the long gap between his projects in his stride. On being asked if he ever felt desperate or upset that after making quite an impressive debut, he was left with no work for months, he said, "I think it was for everyone. Not only the film industry but everyone from every walk of life went through it. Mardaani 2 happened in December 2019, within two-three months, I had just started getting offers for more



films. I was just getting started and soaking up the new phase in my career, I even received the best debutant actor award for Mardaani 2. I spent Covid-19 pandemic looking at it. When I was experiencing a high, when I was being offered a lot of roles, I lost the opportunity to choose work and it was a very sad thing. One, one and a half year went by like that."

Vishal, however, is happy with the projects that he has associated with and that helped him ease out the frustration. He says, "Then everybody's work just stopped. Fortunately, Human happened, and people loved it too. But after that, I directly signed four films. In every film, I play very different roles, that was the good part. But the frustrating part was not only for me, it was frustrating for everyone. Not only India, the world was on hold suddenly. So, if you practically accept the realities of life then you don't end up getting too frustrated."

Vishal is on a roll now, after sharing screen space with Kajol in Salaam Venky, he'll be seen in Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif's Tiger 3, which is scheduled for Diwali 2023 release.

Tightlipped about Tiger 3, Vishal says, "While I can't tell you anything about it, I can say that I'm very happy that I'm getting

an opportunity to play different kinds of roles."

The 28-year-old actor then talks about how he's figured the kind of work he wants to do, and that he's not here to be a hero. He says, "In the times when my contemporary actors must have come thinking 'mujhe herobanna hai', I'm not from the league. I don't want to go that way either, be a part of that thought process. As an actor I know my strengths so I know how I can perform and I'm very happy that I'm able to portray myself as a versatile actor. At the same time, if in the near future, if I get the 'so called hero' roles then I'd love to do that also because after all I'm an actor. I'll consider that as one of the characters I play and not a hero. So, in my head that concept is very clear."

After receiving accolades for his performance in Shefali Shah and Kriti Kulhari starrer Humans on Netflix, Jethwa will be fighting it out at the box-office in times when most Bollywood films are failing to succeed. On being asked if he is nervous for Salaam Venky's performance at the box-office and if it would be wiser for the film to release on OTT, he says, "I'm not nervous, after watching the trailer I'm even more confident. A lot of people from the industry have seen the film and they have all liked it, so if such experienced people have seen it and are sure about it, we must have made a good film."

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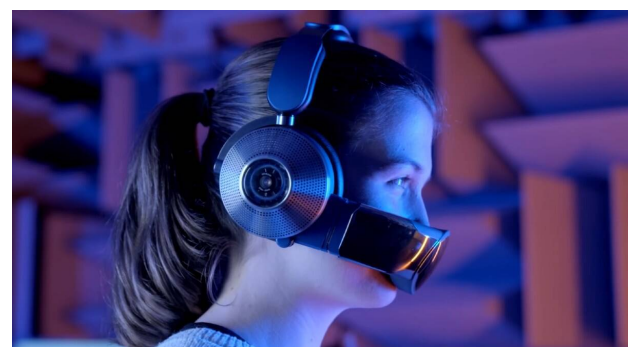
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Health, Science /Tech

Dyson's New Headphones Come with a Detachable Air Purifier



December 8: Dyson has launched a new pair of headphones, that not only output sound for music, movies and other entertainment purposes, but also comes with a detachable visor for the nose and mouth that purifies air when on the go. Besides this, the headphones also come with a lot of other features including 50-hour battery life and full-spectrum audio support.

Here's all you need to know about the new Dyson Zone headphones including launch and availability details.

The new Dyson headphones' main highlight is a detachable visor for the wearer's nose and mouth that doubles as an air purifier. This mechanism uses power from the headphones itself, which charges via USB Type-C and comes with a large battery.

The attachment uses compressors and dual-layer filters that Dyson claims can capture 99 percent particle pollution as small as 0.1 microns, along with other harmful gases like NO2 and SO2. Here's a quick video that explains how it all works.

Apart from this, the headphones come with up to 50 hours of playback on a single charge and Dyson claims the headphones also feature 11 microphones to power its advanced ANC (Active Noise Cancellation). The company claims the headphones can reduce ambient sounds of up to 38dB, which the in-built microphones monitor 3,84,000 times every second.

With full-spectrum audio support, the Dyson headphones are also claimed to reproduce frequencies between 6Hz-21kHz, which is the complete audible sound spectrum for humans. Dyson also claims ultra-low distortion levels on the headphones along with EQ options, a comfortable design and clear voice for calls.

The Dyson Zone noise cancelling headphones will be launched in 2023 in select markets and there is no word on pricing for now. The company has said that the headphones will go on sale in China next month, while the US, UK, Hong Kong SAR and Singapore will be able to experience the product in March 2023.

Rahul Begins 92nd Day of Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kota City

December 8: Kota (Rajasthan): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday briefly interacted with students who had gathered in large numbers in this coaching hub to welcome him as he resumed his Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Gandhi described the students as the “future of India” and exhorted those gathered to raise “Bharat Jodo” slogans.

Starting the 92nd day of his yatra by offering prayers at the Suryamukhi Hanuman Temple here at 6 am, Gandhi marched through the streets along with Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and former deputy Sachin Pilot.

After marching for around 2.5 km from Suryamukhi Hanuman temple, Gandhi reached Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, where he was welcomed by students of coaching institutes.

He climbed up a stage erected for him on the roadside and spoke briefly with the students, director of a prominent coaching institute, who was



accompanying the students, said. Besides students, party workers and locals were lined up on both sides of the road from Jagpura to airport, a stretch of around 12.5 km to welcome him.

Gandhi was earlier scheduled to pay tributes at the statue of his father Rajiv Gandhi at the Rajiv Gandhi Nagar here.

He will march 24 km to reach the next yatra stop at Gudali in Bundi district, where the march is set to take a one-day break on Friday.

Rajasthan is the only Congress-ruled state where the yatra has entered and

will cover about 500 km passing through Jhalawar, Kota, Bundi, Sawai Madhopur, Dausa and Alwar districts over 17 days before entering Haryana on December 21.

The yatra started from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu on September 7 and has so far covered the five southern states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana, and then traversed through Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

It will conclude in Jammu and Kashmir in early February 2023, covering 3,570 km in 150 days.

CPI (M) Demands Special Drive to Fill Up Backlog Vacancies of ST Reserved Posts

Port Blair, Dec. 8: The CPI (M) has demanded for a Special Drive to fill up backlog vacancies of ST reserved posts in various departments under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration. In a letter sent to the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organising Committee said that nearly one thousand posts of various categories in different departments under the A&N Administration are lying vacant for quite a long time. Shri Ayyappan stated in his letter that no effort has been made by the Administration to fill up

these backlog vacancies reserved for ST candidates while hundreds of unemployed Nicobarese youths are waiting for a job. He further stated that since the tribal reserved posts do not attract the ban on filling up of vacant posts, the Administration should have taken proper steps to fill up these vacancies.

Shri Ayyappan further said that unlike other parts of the territory, there is no chance for any self-employment or private job in the Nicobar group of islands and the educated tribal youths completely depend on government job. He informed the Lt.

Governor that CPI (M) is of the view that only as a Special Recruitment Drive in a centralized manner through the Recruitment & Employment Cell of the Secretariat these backlog vacancies reserved for tribals can be filled up as the normal recruitment process will delay filling up these reserved posts. Shri Ayyappan requested the Lt. Governor to take immediate steps to fill up the backlog vacancies reserved for ST candidates through Special Recruitment Drive considering the growing number of unemployment among the tribal candidates in these islands.

Counseling for Vacant Seats in Andaman Law College

Port Blair, Dec. 8: The second counseling for the vacant seats in the respective available categories in the First Year of the B.A., LL.B. Degree Course in Andaman Law College will be conducted on 15.12.2022 (Thursday) at

9:00 AM in Andaman Law College, Port Blair. The interested candidates of all the categories including General Category are requested to attend the above mentioned Counselling Session. The unfilled seats in the said

respective categories will be allotted in the order of general merit only. Any representation from the candidates who fail to attend counselling on the said date will not be entertained thereafter.

Three-day Workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems gets Underway at ZSI

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honour. The programme was also attended by Officers from different Departments and institutions.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest appreciated the Zoological Survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair for organizing this important workshop. ZSI/ANRC, Port Blair is playing an important role in knowledge-based capacity building programme on the Island Biodiversity through Seminar/ Symposium/ Workshop. Further, she stated that this workshop will focus on understanding the role of the coastal ecosystems and its vital importance in areas such as bio-diversity, food security, climate change and others. She also mentioned the overall objectives of the programme.

In his felicitation address, guest of honour, Shri Hari Kallikatt, IAS, praised the ZSI for organizing this workshop by bringing together a diverse group of students, which will help them in developing their skills. He asserted that the tourism industry is interwoven in every aspect with the island biodiversity. He said, these drives, which were initiated by the Government, aims to upskill the human resources so that they can support individuals in finding employment more effectively. He also emphasized the significance of endemism in A&N Islands' extensive biodiversity as in birds, corals and mangroves, which can be assessed in a more comprehensive way if the youth are properly educated.

Dr. Vinod Kumar, Zonal Director, Fishery Survey of

India in his felicitation address mentioned the active contribution of ZSI/ANRC in the collection of pioneer information for the identification of various faunal groups from Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He praised Officer-in-charge ZSI/ANRC for his tremendous active contribution in the field of science.

Dr. Lalji Singh, Head-of-Office, Botanical Survey of India, Port Blair mentioned that this workshop will educate the participants to understand the management practices and sustainable tourism policies which can help in the future discussions. He encouraged the students to engage themselves with nature and learn about marine biodiversity and decipher strategies to save the fragile ecosystem.

Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge, ZSI in his welcome address briefed about the previous workshops conducted by ANRC/ZSI. The workshops and seminars included participants from Indira Gandhi Forest National Academy as well as esteemed institutions here in the Islands. He elaborated on the role of Zoological Survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair in training newly recruited Forest officials. He threw light on how the workshop has helped the students to attain a better understanding of facilities available in the Islands. He also highlighted about the nine lectures which will be presented during the course work. Topics covering the Island and mainland marine fauna of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and India waters will be dealt by the speakers through online and offline. He mentioned about the addition of field trips in the current forum which the participants will cover in South Andaman District. A total of 105 participants are participating in this workshop.

Multi-lingual Writers' Meet on 10th & 11th Dec

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will be other dignitaries in the inaugural session which will commence from 3.00 PM on 10th December 2022. Smt. Roshanara Dilbar (Isles' eminent Urdu Writer) will chair the first session of multi-lingual poetry-reading. Smt. Jharna Halder (Bengali); Shri Jagdish Narayan Rai (Hindi); Shri Chandran Kokkadan (Malayalam); Shri A. Karthikainathan (Tamil) and Dr. Rashida Iqbal (Urdu) will read out their poems in the session.

The second session will commence from 10 am on

the next day which will be chaired by Shri Binayak Bandyopadhyay, a well-known Bengali poet and fiction writer, where Smt. Moumita (Bengali), Neeta Samaddar (Hindi) and Ms. Jochiobed Vincent (Nicobari) will read their short stories. The programme will conclude with the third session chaired by Shri Prateek Raj Yadav, Director, Art & Culture, A&N Administration and poetry-readings by Shri Pranab Kumar Chattopadhyay (Bengali), Shri Vyasmani Tripathi (Hindi), Shri R. Gopalan (Tamil), Ms. D. Adi Lakshmi (Telugu) and Shri Iliyas Ahmed Khan (Urdu).

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Confident that Results will be in Our Favour: HP Cong Chief Pratibha Singh

December 8: Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Congress chief Pratibha Singh on Thursday exuded confidence that the assembly election results will be in favour of her party even as the counting of votes for 68 seats in the state was underway.

Pratibha Singh, wife of former chief minister late Virbhadr Singh, said the Congress is hoping to win at least 40 to 42 seats.

"We are confident that results will be in favour of the Congress and we will form the government," she told reporters. According to

the latest trends given by Election Commission, the Congress was leading in 34 seats, followed by the BJP in 31 seats. Independent candidates were ahead in three seats. Counting of votes began at 8 am and the ruling BJP is hoping to retain power. Pratibha Singh, who is the MP from Mandi, said issues raised by the Congress such as those pertaining to women, Old Pension Scheme and unemployment struck a chord with voters. On Wednesday, she had indicated that Holly Lodge, the family's ancestral home, remained interested in the chief minister's post if the

party won the assembly election. Virbhadr Singh died last year. His MLA son Vikramaditya contested the November 12 polls from Shimla Rural. If the party picks Pratibha Singh for the post in case of a win, she would need to be elected to the assembly within six months. The other chief ministerial aspirants in the Congress are Leader of Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri, Congress campaign committee head Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, and former ministers Asha Kumari, Kaul Singh and Ram Lal Thakur.

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SPORTS

765K World Cup Visitors Fall Short of Qatar's Expected 1.2M Influx

December 8: Qatar received just over 765,000 visitors during the first two weeks of the World Cup, according to an organisers' report obtained by Reuters, falling short of the country's expectations for an influx of 1.2 million during the month-long event.

A huge surge in visitors at this stage is unlikely with only eight teams staying on in Doha, and eight games left out of the 64 in the tournament that began on Nov. 20.

Organisers had previously identified the peak period for international visitors to be Nov. 24-28 during the busy group stage, when 32 teams were playing four matches every day.

The Dec. 7 report was prepared by the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (SC), which organises the tournament, and said that the first 17 days of the World Cup saw 765,859 international visitors, more than half of whom have now departed.

The report registered 1.33 million match ticketholders and 3.09 million tickets sold across the eight stadiums in Qatar for the tournament that ends on Dec. 18.

A Qatari official, who did not wish to be named, confirmed the figures. The SC did not respond to Reuters' requests for comment.

The tournament in Qatar, the first to be held in the Middle East, is considered one of the most



expensive in terms of tickets, hotels and alcohol, sales of which are restricted.

Fewer international visitors than originally forecast led to an unexpected glut of accommodation but has also averted major over-crowding or traffic headaches in Qatar, the smallest country by both population and area to host the World Cup.

The influx of visitors represents a 25% boost to the country's resident population of 3 million, of which only about 10-12% are Qataris.

"With over a week of competition still to go, a wave of new visitors has started arriving from the nations that made it to the quarter finals," the Qatari official told Reuters.

More visitors are expected to flock to Qatar for popular matches and after the country lifted entry restrictions for nationals and residents of fellow Gulf states.

Cumulative stadium attendance at the first 52 matches was 2.65 million, the document said.

Previously, world soccer's governing body FIFA said that stadium attendance in Qatar had surpassed attendance at stadiums during a corresponding period at the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

On Tuesday, hundreds of Moroccan fans flew into Qatar on special flights arranged ahead of their team's victory over Spain. It is expected that similar fights will be laid on to allow last-minute fans to fly in from overseas to watch their teams advance through the tournament's final three rounds.

Southgate Fears Covid-19 Could Wreck England's World Cup Hopes

December 8: England manager Gareth Southgate is weighing up how much access players will have with their families at the World Cup amid his fears that COVID-19 could derail the team's chances of success in Qatar.

He is currently in discussions with his squad over how to approach family access and limit the possibility of a coronavirus outbreak.

All teams will follow strict medical protocols to try to reduce the spread of coronavirus at the tournament. England was

impacted by COVID-19 at the delayed European Championship in 2021 when Mason Mount and Ben Chilwell were forced to isolate as a result of coming into contact with Scotland midfielder Billy Gilmour. Southgate is determined to avoid a repeat.

"Obviously it's quite fluid in terms of where we will be in terms of rates of infection and what that will look like. We would have a preference that families can engage, because that's better for everybody," Southgate said. "But there is that decision around how much risk do you want to



take, because if you lose a player or two players, for them that may be their only opportunity to play at the World Cup, and I'm sure their families will realize that as well. "It is a decision that we're talking with the senior players about, and they're realizing how complicated that is."

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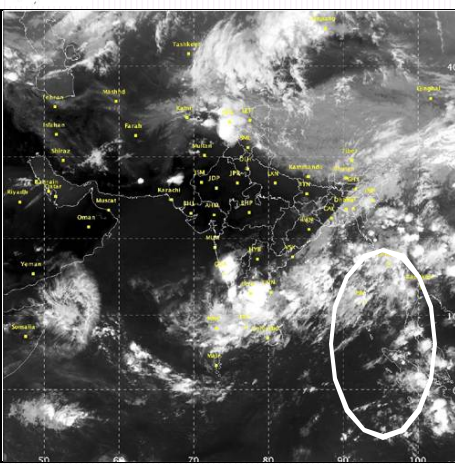
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Weather



Max. Temp: 29.8 °C	Min.: 24.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 78%	1730 Hrs: 80%
Sunrise: 0528 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	003.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	010.4 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2573.9 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 09/12/2022.

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