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Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa move around the forest in groups of 40 or 50 people. They build small temporary huts whilst on the move, and also build large huts where several families live together. They collect honey, roots and berries, hunt pigs and monitor lizards, and catch fish with spears.

Your Nature Guide

Coral Colonies : Many thousands of coral polyps are connected together to form a coral colony. These colonies are of many shapes and colours. On a visit to a nearby coral reef, you can discover the kinds of coral in your area. Coral polyps produce eggs and sperm which fuse (join) to form a larva or the baby coral animals (planula - many planula are called planulae) that drifts in the sea till it finds a clean, hard surface (like dead coral) to settle on and grow. Reef animals like parrot fish, limpets, chitons, and sea urchins feed on plants and sponges that grow on dead coral, thus creating free space for new corals to settle and grow. Corals also reproduce by budding. Small buds appear on the body of the adult polyp grow larger, and break off from the parent body. They then move off to produce their own limestone and help the colony increase in size.

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

People's Voice

LG Sahab, aap to Defence wale hai. Aap bhi thoda socho Islands ka Youth ko Defence mein bharti karwane ko ...

- A Citizen



Not a hill, that is the heap of garbage and plastic bottles discarded by tourists!

Member of Parliament Demands to Conduct Regular Recruitment Drives of Army, Navy and Air Force in A&N Islands, Exclusively for Islands' Youths

Port Blair, Jan 12: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Defence Minister of India to conduct regular recruitment drives of Army, Navy and Air Force in Andaman & Nicobar Islands so that Islands youths, who grow up with the dream of serving our Nation can join Indian Armed Forces and serve our country.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Defence Minister of India, New Delhi, he mentioned that this is a matter of extreme pride that a large number of youths from Andaman & Nicobar Islands are either serving the armed forces in different ranks or have retired after serving 15 to 20 years in Defence Services. "Many youths of these Islands have

raised to very high rank in Defence Forces to make Andaman proud while there are many Heroes of Andaman, who have made supreme sacrifice while protecting our country," he mentioned.

The Member of Parliament said that for youths of Andaman & Nicobar Islands a job in Defence is not only a source of income but also a

passion, for which they are highly motivated.

He pointed out that before 2019 Andaman & Nicobar Islands used to witness various recruitment drives in Andaman & Nicobar Islands conducted by Army, Air Force and sometime Indian Navy but since 2019 Islanders have not seen any 'major'

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CS Keshav Chandra on a Two-Day Visit to Shaheed Dweep, Inaugurates 'Vivekananda Mela'



Port Blair, Jan 12: The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS arrived on a two-day visit to Shaheed Dweep today. On arrival at the Shaheed Dweep Helipad, the Chief Secretary was accorded a warm welcome by the Gram Panchayat Pradhan, Shaheed Dweep, Ms. Pinkey Das, Zilla Parishad Member, Shaheed Dweep, Shri Dashrath Verma, Pramukh Panchayat Samiti, Port Blair, Ms. Champa Das, Officers of

different Departments of Shaheed Dweep and others.

In the evening, the Chief Secretary, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS inaugurated the most popular 'Vivekananda Mela' at Radha Govind Temple Ground at Shaheed Dweep on the occasion of the 160th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

In his address on the occasion, the Chief Secretary appreciated the organizers for conducting the

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Island Tourism Stakeholders Participate in Workshop by Ministry of Tourism in Kolkata

Kolkata, Jan 12: A workshop on development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations was organised by Ministry of Tourism at hotel Taj in Kolkata on 11th January 2023.

A delegation from A&N Islands comprising stakeholders Shri. M. Vinod, President AATO, Shri. Saikat Biswas, Andaman Adventure Water Sports Association and representatives of IP&T Smt. Kanak Radha Chatterjee and Shri. Anil participated in the seminar.

As per Shri. Vinod, the seminar was a huge success in imparting knowledge on sustainable tourism from



industry leaders and senior officials from Ministry of Tourism.

Smt. Kanak and Shri. Vinod also presented a detailed presentation on sustainable measures adopted by tourism stakeholders to promote tourism in A&N Islands.

Lt. Governor to Visit to Little Andaman, Kamorta and Car Nicobar

Port Blair, Jan 12: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency will be on a 4 days visit to Little Andaman and Kamorta via Car Nicobar from Jan.13. The Lt Governor will depart for Little Andaman on Jan.13 and will hold meeting with PRI members, Govt. Officials and general public at APWD Guest House on Jan.14 at 9.30 am. Thereafter, he will inspect tourism infrastructure and visit waterfall site, Kalapathar Beach and Butler Bay Beach. Later in the afternoon, Hon'ble Lt Governor will be on windshield tour of Hut Bay upto 22 km and visit Chattan Beach.

On Jan. 15, Hon'ble Lt Governor will proceed to Kamorta via Car Nicobar. Thereafter, he will proceed to LOP Tillang Chang by Coast Guard Vessel. During the visit to LOP, Lt Governor will interact with Police personnel.

On Jan. 16, the Hon'ble Lt Governor will hold meeting with PRI Members, Tribal Representatives, Govt. Officials and general public at EOC Hall at Kamorta from 9 am. On completion of the visit, Hon'ble Lt Governor will return back to Port Blair on Jan.16.

Office Bearers of ACTA Meet Chief Secretary



Port Blair, Jan 12: The Office Bearers of Andaman College Teachers Association (ACTA) Shri. N. Balakrishnan, President, Dr. K. Venkatesan, Secretary, Dr. Vivek Kumar Sahu, Treasurer and Ms. Jochibed Vincent, Executive Member called on by Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS Chief Secretary, A & N Administration. The following issues were discussed and sought his intervention.

1. Decentralization of Power to concerned Principal's to Sanction CL at College level.
2. Time Bound Promotion.
3. Regularisation of Leave for the faculties.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Reckless Spree

The land subsidence in Joshimath has become emblematic of a geological disaster that has in fact manifested across India, in the neighbourhood of several large resource-extraction projects. There have been reports of subsidence from the Jharia, Bhurkunda, Kapasara, Raniganj and Talcher coal mines; from Delhi and Kolkata due to the over-extraction of groundwater; and from Mehsana for hydrocarbons. Last year, land in Chamba, Himachal Pradesh, began to sag shortly after a hydroelectric power project began test runs, calling into question the effects of the Tapovan Vishnugad facility near Joshimath in Uttarakhand. In 2010, some months after a tunnel-boring machine nicked an underground aquifer near Joshimath, leading to substantial water discharge, two researchers wrote in Current Science that the "sudden and large scale dewatering of the strata has the potential" to trigger "ground subsidence in the region". Determining whether the ongoing incident can be traced directly to the 2009 aquifer puncture is complicated by the lack of long-term scientific investigations of the area. On January 5, the NTPC issued a statement washing its hands of the unfolding crisis after locals began pointing fingers at Tapovan Vishnugad, as well as the Helang-Marwari bypass as part of the Char Dham project. Scientists from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Geophysical Research Institute set out on January 10 to examine the circumstances of the subsidence. Both the national and the State governments must heed the team's findings, even if it means ceasing further construction work.

Experts and civil society have called on the government on many occasions to ease its dam-building spree, of late over rivers in the north and the Northeast; to moderate tourism in the regions to be sustainable; and to not blow off unstable hillsides to widen roads. Heavy rains in Aizawl in July triggered subsidence, exposing poor zoning enforcement and oversight of the regional carrying capacity. But in Joshimath, which is particularly prone to landslides, questions about zoning, carrying capacity and tipping points have all been set aside. The subsidence in Joshimath has captured the nation's attention because it is a destination for both pilgrims and tourists, but it is far from being the site of the first or the deadliest incident. The government must undertake whatever repair and restoration efforts it is undertaking at Joshimath at all the other sites as well. Finally, the national and the State governments must listen to both science and the people already living near mines and dams. There is an argument to allow economically developing countries to emit more before becoming carbon-neutral, but it is not a free pass to plunder natural resources at the cost of climate justice.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



The Governors and the King..!

King Charles! It seems a bit strange to call Charles the king of England, after getting used to addressing Britain's constitutional monarch as 'Her Majesty the Queen', so King it is, and a constitutional monarch it is, and nothing's changed except a man replacing his mother as the ceremonial chief. But in another part of the world in one of England's old colonies, there seems some confusion as the same constitutional heads of state governments have started getting squeamish about just being titular heads!

"Hi Governors!" Charles says as he meets these titular heads who have travelled across the seas to meet him, "You want me to play a bigger role than what my mom played?"

"Yes," say all the governors, very respectfully, "We feel that just as we are telling our chief ministers to fall in place you also need to do the needful! Look at the upheaval we've caused in around three states in our country!"

"We were nobody!" said one of the governors, "We were given big palaces which you English left us with, and other than opening shops and museums we had no work at all, but now everybody is noticing us!"

"I stopped reading the full speech given to me," another governor piped in, "and read only some parts!"

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King Charles looked back to see if Camilla was joining him then whispered, "We also want to play a bigger role, then just speaking of whales and dolphins!"

"Then assert yourself!" said one of the governors, "Speak against your elected representatives!"

"You mean against Rishi?" whispered Charles.

"Yes!" says something controversial, "Tell him you want to change the name from England to Angle Terre!"

"Angle Terre?" asked a flustered Charles.

"Yeah, I did it, your majesty," said one of the governors, "Told the elected representatives to change the name of their state!"

"Why would you ever do that?" asked Charles.

"To keep myself in the news!" said the same man as the other governors chuckled.

"He, he, he! That's very funny," said Charles, "But why do you want me to do what you chaps are doing down there? I'm quite happy, shooting ducks and otherwise trying to see my crown doesn't fall off my head!"

"We thought, if all we constitutional heads started getting noticed, then people would forget about their elected representatives and look up to only us!" chorused all the governors together. "And you historically being the first constitutional head in the world could lead the way!"

"What about Camilla?" asked Charles, "Will she also play a part? I like to include her in all my roles!"

The governors looked at one another, shook their heads, then trooped out of Buckingham Palace, "We already have chief ministers wanting to share in governing our states, we can't afford having our wives wanting to partner with us too!" they muttered as they walked out..!

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recruitment drive for Army, Navy or Air Force.

The Member of Parliament informed the Minister that the youths of Andaman & Nicobar Islands are anxiously waiting for a job in the Defence Forces.

He added that unemployment is a major issue in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and regular recruitment drives by Armed Forces can solve this problem to a great extent.

He requested the Hon'ble Defence Minister to conduct regular recruitment drives of Army, Navy and Air Force in A & N Islands, exclusively for youths of these Islands.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Composer MM Keeravaani Gets Emotional During Golden Globes Acceptance Speech

January 12: Washington: History was created at the 2023 Golden Globes stage on Wednesday as 'Naatu Naatu' from SS Rajamouli's 'RRR' won the Best Original Song award.

The song's music composer MM Keeravaani, who accepted the trophy on behalf of the team, got emotional on stage during his speech.

He said, "Thank you very much HFPA for this prestigious award, the Golden Globe. I am very much overwhelmed by this great moment happening and I am very happy to share this excitement with my wife. It's been an age-old practice to say that this award belongs to someone else, not me. So, I was planning to not say those words when I get an award like this. But I am sorry to say that I am going to repeat that tradition because I mean my words."

Keeravani went on to thank Rajamouli, the film's lead stars Ram Charan and Jr NTR, as well as the song's lyricist, co-composers, programmers and scene animator

"This award belongs to, in order of priority, my brother



and director of the movie SS Rajamouli for his constant trust in my work and support. Mr Prem Rakshit, who animated the Naatu Naatu song and without him this would not have happened. Kaala Bhairava, who had given wonderful arrangements for the song and Mr Chandrabose for his wonderful words as a lyricist. Mr Rahul Sipligunj along with Kaala Bhairava, who rendered the song with high energy. NT Ramarao and Ram Charan, who danced with full stamina for the song. Thank you all," said Keeravaani.

The song composer was continuing with his acceptance speech when he

was played offstage with music as his time got over.

'Naatu Naatu' was nominated alongside Taylor Swift's 'Carolina' from 'Where The Crawdads Sing', 'Ciao Papa' from 'Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio', Lady Gaga's 'Hold My Hand' from 'Top Gun: Maverick' and Rihanna's 'Lift Me Up' from 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'.

Sung by Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava 'Naatu Naatu' was released in March 2022 and was loved by the audience. The song has been watched more than 111 million times on YouTube.

The Hindi version of the song 'Naacho Naacho' has received more than 217 million views.

Movie Review | Operation Fortune: Savy, Classy and Unafraid of Poking Fun at Itself

January 12: "Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre" is an espionage film, but with the signature self-awareness and wit, the best of Guy Ritchie movies are known for.

The Jason Statham-Guy Ritchie pairing has become a quintessential action staple to the genre, which has its own dedicated cult following ready to engage in the stylish setups, slick action choreography and snarky banter to boot.

Orson Fortune (Jason Statham) has a high-stakes job and he knows it. As one of the finest mercenary spies of a global espionage operation whose sole purpose of existence is to maintain the equilibrium of world affairs, he makes sure to fully exploit the perks of the high life as he takes off on a moment's notice to anywhere in the world.

Nathan Jasmine (Cary Elwes), Fortune's handler, loves the results but not the bills his high-maintenance

ward produces for saving the world.

JJ (Bugzy Malone) and Fortune, are informed by Nathan the team that John, Fortune's regular tech genius assistant has been swapped out for Sarah Fidel (Aubrey Plaza) - a kooky, smart-mouth whiz kid with a penchant for inappropriate retorts, better equipped to handle the highly sensitive mission that involves stopping the exchange of a deadly new weapons technology from happening.

The only lead they have on the deal is the identity of the person brokering the deal - Greg Simmons (played by the ever-swoon-worthy Hugh Grant). The team finds an opportunity to get closer to Simmons by getting him the only thing he hadn't been able to buy - a friendship with the action superstar Danny Francesco (Josh Hartnett).

Guy Ritchie plays it smart by equipping the story with all the staples of the spy thriller, then turning the dial to the double to deliver a smartly acted, beautifully designed spy thriller that is not afraid to poke fun at itself and the more famous counterparts of Orson Fortune.

The Bond films, over a period of time, have become a smorgasbord of luxury product placements and exotic lifestyles that are firmly at the centre of the character's identity. The tropes of expensive gadgets and top-of-the-line technological infrastructure at the disposal of other famous movie spies like Jack Reacher and Bourne, who are also experts at weapons and hand-to-hand combat are carried over cleverly into the underhanded commentary about the lavish excesses we come to take for granted within the espionage genre.

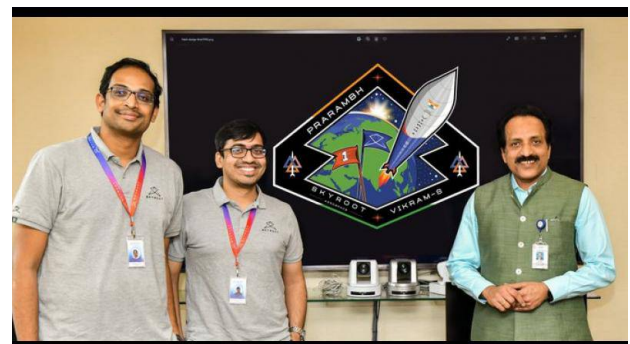
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Health, Science /Tech

Hyderabad-Based Startup to Launch India's First Private Rocket Between Nov 12-16



January 12: HYDERABAD: Hyderabad-based spacetechnology start-up Skyroot Aerospace is poised to create history by launching India's first privately developed rocket — Vikram-S — from the launchpad of the India Space Research Organisation (Isro) in Sriharikota. The company has a launch window between November 12 and 16 and the schedule will be confirmed based on the weather and other conditions.

Signifying a new dawn for private players in the space sector, the mission has been named 'Prarambh,' the beginning. Skyroot Aerospace had signed a memorandum of understanding with Isro after the space sector was recently opened to facilitate private sector participation.

It may be mentioned that the department of space has created the Indian National Space, Promotion & Authorization Centre (INSPACe) to encourage, promote and hand-hold the private sector for their participation in Space Sector.

CEO and co-founder of Skyroot Aerospace, Pawan Kumar Chandana attributed their success in building and getting the Vikram-S rocket mission-ready in a short time to support from Isro and IN-SPACe.

"We are proud to announce our pathbreaking mission 'Prarambh' dedicated to the Indian private space sector, which has hugely benefited from the guidance and the reforms of the Indian government," Pawan Kumar said and added that the name 'Vikram' given to Skyroot's launch vehicles was a tribute to the founder of the Indian space programme and renowned scientist Dr Vikram Sarabhai. COO and co-founder of Skyroot Aerospace, Naga Bharath Daka said "The Vikram-S rocket is a single-stage sub-orbital launch vehicle which would carry three customer payloads and help test and validate majority of the technologies in the Vikram series of space launch vehicles."

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World is in State of Crisis: PM Modi at Voice of Global South Summit

January 12: New Delhi:

The world is in a state of crisis and it is difficult to predict how long this state of instability will last, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday referring to various global challenges arising out of conflict, war and terrorism among others.

In his opening remarks at the Voice of Global South virtual summit, Modi flagged concerns over rising prices of food, fuel and fertilisers, the economic impact of COVID-19 as well as natural disasters driven by climate change.

"It is clear that world is in a state of crisis," he said in presence of several leaders of various developing countries.

Headed that it is difficult to predict how long the "state of instability" will last.

"We, the Global South, have largest stakes in the future...Most of global challenges have not been created by the Global South, but they affect us more," he said.



Modi said India has always shared its developmental experience with our "brothers of the Global South".

As India begins its G20 Presidency this year, it is natural that our aim is to amplify the voice of the Global South, he said.

India is hosting the two-day summit to bring together countries of the Global South and provide them a common platform to share their common concerns relating to various global challenges, including food and energy security triggered by the Ukraine conflict.

The 'Global South' largely refers to countries in Asia, Africa and South America.

The theme of the inaugural leaders' session is "Voice of Global South - for Human-Centric Development" while the leaders' concluding session will be on "Unity of Voice - Unity of Purpose".

The summit envisages ten sessions out of which four sessions would be held on Thursday while six sessions would take place on Friday. Each session is expected to witness the participation of leaders and ministers from 10-20 countries.

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'Vivekananda Mela' by involving all the Islanders to remember the great & visionary personality. Vivekananda's life is full of values and inspiration which motivates every person. He urged the younger generation to make their life more meaningful by emulating the path shown by Swamiji.

The Chief Secretary further stated that Shaheed Dweep has progressed a lot in the tourism sector. He disclosed that a meeting will be convened tomorrow with the PRIs and the Officers of the Govt. Department to take stock of the developments taking place in Shaheed Dweep. He said all the required infrastructure facilities necessary for further development of Tourism sector will be created for the economic prosperity of Shaheed Dweep.

The Chief Secretary appreciated the colorful cultural programmes presented by the school children and praised the efforts of the teachers and parents. Earlier, paying rich tributes, the Chief Secretary garlanded the portrait of Swami Vivekananda on the occasion. He also visited the Govt. Stalls set up at the Mela Ground. Visiting the Fisheries Deptt. Stall, the Chief Secretary said Fisheries Sector has to be developed in a big way and the A&N Administration will provide all required support for the up gradation of Fishery Sector in A&N Islands. He further urged the officials to print the schemes implemented by Fisheries Department in Bengali language also for the benefit of the people of Shaheed Dweep.

Interacting with the officials of AH&VS Department at their stall, the Chief Secretary desired that Poultry & Dairy farming should be propagated in a broader scale for which farmers should be encouraged. He also praised an entrepreneur, Shri Manoranjan Halder who has purchased a 'Hatch Pro Incubator Machine' for production of chicks.

While visiting the stall of Education Department, the Chief Secretary showered praise on the students who have created innovative

models and efficiently explaining the concept behind the models. He urged the officials of the Education Department to take up roadside tree plantation and beautify the surrounding by adopting the roads in Shaheed Dweep.

At the stall of an NGO named 'Kachrewale', the Chief Secretary was explained about the problems & ill effects of ocean plastic wastes and also about the effort of the NGO towards creating awareness and collection & disposal of plastic waste. The Chief Secretary stated that a cleanliness drive campaign will be launched in a planned manner involving all stakeholders of Government and private sector.

The Chief Secretary also visited the stalls of Directorate of Health Services and A&N Police and interacted with the officials present and enquired about their activities. The function was also attended by the Secretary, RK Mission Port Blair, Swami Parthananda, visiting tourists and a good gathering of residents of Shaheed Dweep.

Earlier, in her welcome address, the Mela Committee President and the Gram Panchayat Pradhan, Shaheed Dweep, Ms. Pinky Das informed that since 1993, 'Vivekananda Mela' is organized at Shaheed Dweep involving all the people to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The Mela which inaugurated today will continue upto January 18 during which cultural programmes and sports events will be organized for the entertainment of the general public of Shaheed Dweep, she added. 30 stalls by private people including eatery stalls and 6 stalls of Govt. Departments depicting the Govt. schemes have been put up in the 'Mela'.

Colorful cultural programmes viz. folk dances of different States and speech & skit on the life of Swami Vivekananda presented by the school students of Shaheed Dweep drew loud applause from the audience. The dance presented by the tiny tots of the Pre-primary section of GSSS Shaheed Dweep in colorful attire of different States giving the message of 'Unity in Diversity' was the highlight of the cultural programme. The inaugural function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Pramukh Panchayat Samity, Port Blair, Ms. Champa Das.

Selection Test to be Conducted to Participate in the Forthcoming Khelo India Youth Games

Port Blair, Jan 12: The Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, A&N Administration will be conducting the Selection Trial in respect of the A&N Contingent to participate in the forthcoming Khelo India Youth Games-2023 to be held at Madhya Pradesh and New Delhi from 26th January 2023 to 11th February 2023. Interested persons can participate in the selection trial as per the schedule given below:

01. Swimming - 13.01.2023 at 03.00 PM - Swimming Pool, Netaji Stadium

02. Cycling - 13.01.2023 at 03.00 PM - Velodrome, Netaji Stadium

03. Badminton - 13.01.2023 at 09.00 AM to 03.00 PM - Multipurpose Hall, Dairyfarm

04. Table Tennis - 13.01.2023 at 09.00 AM to 03.00 PM - Multipurpose Hall, Netaji Stadium

05. Athletics - 13.01.2023 at 03.00 PM - Netaji Stadium, Port Blair

06. Yogasana - 13.01.2023 at 09.00 AM - Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair

The age eligibility for participation in Khelo India

Youth Games 2023 is that an athlete should be born on or after 1st January 2004. The documents to be brought during the selection trial are Aadhaar Card or Passport, Matriculation Certificate, Birth Certificate (issued at least 05 years age i.e. on or before 01 January, 2017 by Municipal Corporation / Gram Panchayat). The selection trial will be supervised by Shri Bishwanath Sen, AD (PE/ Sports), Directorate of Education, Contact No. 9434271809.

Elaborate Traffic Arrangements Made for Rehearsals of Republic Day

Port Blair, Jan 12: General public have been informed that elaborate traffic arrangements have been made for all Rehearsal days in connection with Republic Day Function starting from 12th Jan., 2023 onwards. As per the arrangement, the movement of all vehicular traffic shall be closed from R. K. Mission to Dharamshala Junction and from Scout Hut Junction to Girls School Crossing from 0700 Hrs onwards till dispersal of contingents on

completion of the parade rehearsals.

The vehicles intending to proceed from South Point to Aberdeen Bazaar and vice versa may take the diversion from South Point — Govt. Press — RK Mission — RGT Road — Murugan Temple towards Aberdeen Bazaar.

The vehicles carrying parade contingents after dropping the contingents in front of Girls School shall proceed towards parking area by the side of Swimming

Pool and will remain stationed there. After culmination of rehearsals they will come in front of Girls School via Netaji Stadium via Scout Hut junction and shall proceed to their respective places/units with the parade contingents.

During the rehearsals Parade shall follow the route Girls School — Marina Road — Dugong Junction — Children's Traffic Park — Road inside Marina Park — Girls Sr. Sec. School.

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Delhi Govt Asks AAP to Deposit Rs 163.62 cr Within 10 Days for Political Ads

January 12: New Delhi: The Delhi government has served a notice on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) giving it a total of 10 days to deposit Rs 164 crore for its political advertisements published allegedly in the form of government advertisements in the year 2016-17.

The Delhi government's Directorate of Information and Publicity (DIP) on Wednesday issued the recovery notice, to the AAP which it said had violated the guidelines on political advertisements issued by the Supreme Court and cost the State exchequer.

According to sources, if the AAP fails to make the payment, legal action, including sealing of the office of the AAP and attachment of the properties of the party shall be done.

Incidentally, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, VK Saxena had on December 19, 2022 directed the Delhi chief secretary to recover Rs 99.31 crore spent on advertisements in 2015-2016 from the AAP.

Following the L-G's instructions, the DIP issued a notice for the recovery of a total of Rs 163.62 crore, which includes included Rs 99.31 crore as principal and Rs 64.31 crore as interest. The Supreme Court, in its judgements of May 2015 and March 2016 on a batch of writ petitions, had constituted in April 2016, a three-member Committee of Content Regulation of Government Advertising (CCRG) under the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, to regulate the advertising content and eliminate unproductive expenditure of government revenue. After a complaint



was filed before it by the Ajay Maken of the Congress Party, the CCRGA conducted an investigation and found certain advertisements by the Delhi government in violation of the apex court's guidelines.

The CCRGA directed the Delhi government's DIP to quantify the amounts spent in such advertisements and recover the same from the AAP.

The CCRGA, in its order on September 16, 2016, said "the main purpose and objectives of the guidelines framed by the Supreme Court was to prevent misuse of government fund for the projection of image of the politician or the political party in power".

"Since the same has happened even after the Supreme Court judgment, the only way it could be rectified is to make the political party, the main beneficiary in the process of violation, pay for the expenditure incurred by the government," the CCRGA said. After the CCRGA order, a review petition was filed by the AAP government on September 22, 2016, which the committee dismissed on November 11, 2016.

Subsequently, a demand notice was issued on March 30, 2017 by the DIP, Delhi Government to the AAP convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The AAP challenged the notice in the Delhi High court but the court refused to grant a stay

against the recovery of the amount from the AAP.

The assessed amount of Rs 97.14 crore (Rs 97,14,69,137) was required to be reimbursed by the AAP to the state exchequer.

The recovery notice to the AAP's convenor said after a reassessment in the financial year 2022-2023, an updated amount comes to Rs 106,42,26,121 (an amount of Rs 99,31,10,053 paid + Rs 7,11,16,068 unpaid).

The amount to be reimbursed to the State exchequer, including an amount of Rs 99,31,10,053 (amount already paid by DIP) plus Penal Interest of Rs 64,30,78,212 (up to 28.12.2022) comes to Rs 163,61,88,265 (Rs. One Hundred and Sixty Three Crores, Sixty One Lakh, Eighty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Five only) as conveyed vide DIP's demand notice dated December 28, 2022. It is to be reimbursed by the AAP in pursuance to the said notices dated December 26, 2022 and December 28, 2022, respectively, within 10 days from the date of issuance of the said notices. The DIP said it has not yet received the said amount in the account details given in the said notices and therefore, a final opportunity is hereby given to the AAP to reimburse the amount within 10 days failing which further necessary action as per law will be taken.

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Sheet Anchor Kohli Rises from the Ashes

January 12: Virat Kohli wears his heart on his sleeve. On December 10, he ended his 25 innings long hundred drought in the ODIs, but something was missing. It was a subdued celebration from Kohli. Maybe because that was Ishan Kishan's day, who stole the thunder with his double century. Exactly a month later, the trademark Kohli celebration was back. A finger towards the dressing room, a jump in the air and a few adjectives from his mouth. Yes, Kohli was in his element at Guwahati while completing his own La Decima. This was the 10th Kohli has scored back-to-back centuries in his ODI career. Kohli scored his 45th ODI hundred as India beat Sri Lanka by 67 runs in their series opener in Guwahati. Kohli hit an 87-ball 113, his knock was studded with 12 fours and one six. By no mean, it was a dominating inning from one of India's finest batsmen, but the "sheet anchor Kohli" was back. Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill's 143-run opening wicket stand gave him a perfect platform to play himself in, but he kept the momentum going and the Sri Lankan also gave him a new year presents by dropping him twice. His nonchalant flick to mid-wicket against Dasun Shanaka, his ramp shot against Kasun Rajitha or the ease in which he was finding those gaps, and with him at the crease, India again looked assured. "The one thing I learnt was desperation doesn't get you anywhere. The game still remains very simple. It's when we start complicating things with our own attachments, our own desires, our own attachment to who we become from people's point of view, not who we were when we picked up the bat or the ball when we started playing. I think when that perspective goes off, you start putting yourself in a space where everything just keeps spiralling downwards," said Kohli at the post-match presentation. Kohli, who had earlier admitted that he was not able to naturally show his intensity, and he didn't even realise that he was faking it. He touched the issue again after the match and said how detachment has helped him to get his mojo back. "And it's only that



detachment, in the real sense, [that helps], where you go out there playing without any fear, and you go out there playing for the right reasons, almost playing every game like it's your last game and being happy about it, not being sad about it. These are the things that I learnt," he said.

"I cannot hold on to things. The game is going to move on, it's going to keep going on, many players have played in the past as well. I am not going to play forever. So what I am trying to hold on to, what I am trying to protect? So all these were the things that I realised. I am in a happy space now. I am just enjoying my game and I just want to play with enjoyment as long as I play," he added.

"My preparation always stays the same, my intent always stays the same. Sometimes you don't quite get the flow you want but today I just felt like I was hitting the ball nicely from the get-go. So I just kept backing my intent and even when the wickets fell I kind of had to hold one end and bat along with other guys," said Kohli. While talking about his style of batting, Kohli rated his Guwahati knock close to his template. He explained: "It was very close to the template that I play with. Understanding the conditions in the second half, I also had in mind that we would need those 25-30 extra runs and eventually, I was just happy that I was able to get that for the team, to give us a comfortable total on the board." He also turned philosophical and was thankful towards his "luck" which has deserted for almost three years. While talking about his style of batting, Kohli rated his

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He also turned philosophical and was thankful towards his "luck" which has deserted for almost three years. "I would take those any day. Look, luck plays a big part and you can just bow your head down and thank God on these kinds of evenings when luck goes your way a little bit. We tend to get frustrated when luck doesn't go our way. But these evenings are very important to remember as well," Kohli had said during the innings break. "I could have been out for 50-odd and ended up getting a hundred because of luck. I am pretty aware of that, so I am just grateful and thankful that I was blessed with this little bit of luck today. The important thing was to make the most of it." Dogged by bad form, self-doubt, criticism, and struggles with mental health, it seemed like Virat Kohli has started to fade away like any other sporting superstar. But he has fought his demons; we had already seen one of the best T20I knock from Kohli against Pakistan at the MCG in the T20 World Cup. T20 has never been his strong format but 50-over has been his territory, where he is an undisputed king over the years. Is Kohli really back at his best? Only time will tell, but he has got his century-hitting form back, and yes, he is not faking the intensity anymore. So tighten your seatbelt, as we might be up for a "one last dance" from one of the all-time greats.

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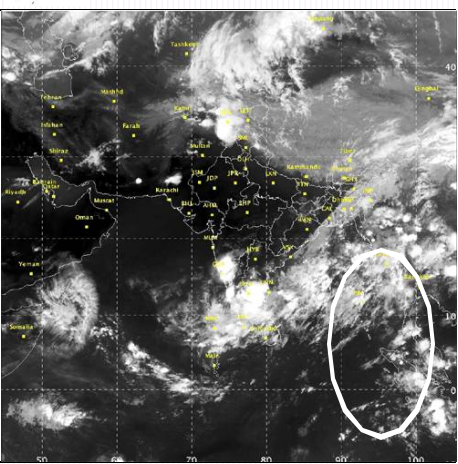
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 24.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77%	1730 Hrs: 82%
Sunrise: 0511 Hrs.	Sunset: 1655 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2023 till date):	003.5 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain or thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 13/1/2023.

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