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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

**Plankton:** This is a term used to describe the smelters, free floating plants and animals, which just drift along with the winds and currents. Some plankton have a limited swimming ability and can migrate daily in a vertical direction. Plankton are an important source of food for many sea animals.

There are two types of plankton Phytoplankton, which are microscopic plant plankton, and Zooplankton, which are larger animals plankton. Phytoplankton are amongst the most productive food manufactures of the seas.

**Bigger Plants:** Amongst the other plants are the Algae that are of different colours-green, red and brown. Some algae are edible (for humans) and a good source of protein. Most make very good fertilizer if spread in the garden or farm. Bigger algae are called seaweeds.

The oceans also have grasses growing in them. Eelgrass is a very common one found in our seas. It is grazed on by dugongs and green sea turtles.

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

## People's Voice

Sabse pehle to Andaman ko ye British Raj wala kanoon se Azaadi dilwana hoga. Warna Azaadi ka kya matlab ...?

- A Citizen



Which is more fetching? Buying leaders before the polls or buying MLAs after them!

## Member of Parliament Thanks ANI Administration for Completing Rutland Water Supply Project; Demands Daily Water Supply for Citizens

**Port Blair, Dec. 12:** The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has thanked the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the Chief Secretary, APWD and all other concerned agencies for completing the Rutland Water Supply Project. The project is one of the most crucial and long awaited projects of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. With this, one of the long pending demands of people of Port

Blair and surrounding areas will be fulfilled.

As it was announced earlier by APWD, once the project is commissioned, 6.70MLD of fresh water will be made available daily from Rutland to Dhanikhari, which in turn will enhance the availability of water for Port Blair town in peak summer months.

The Member of Parliament had taken up the issue, regarding completing this

project, on several occasions in the past with the Administration. He had also highlighted the matter in Lok Sabha in 2019 and 2021.

Kuldeep hoped that soon the project will be officially inaugurated and people of Port Blair as well as surrounding areas will reap the benefits of the Rutland Water Supply Project.

This project will not only bring huge relief for people of Port Blair and

surrounding areas but also make sufficient water available for tourists and hence it will benefit the Tourism Industry immensely.

The MP has requested the Lt. Governor to instruct the concerned department to supply water to residents of Port Blair and adjoining regions on a daily basis after commissioning of this project.

## FSD Organises Walkathon to Mark Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Eat Right India Campaign

**Port Blair, Dec. 12:** The Food Safety Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration today organized a Walkathon to commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and "Eat Right India", an initiative of FSSAI. The Commissioner Food Safety/ Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District flagged-off the walkathon from National Memorial Cellular Jail at 7:00 AM which culminated at Netaji Stadium covering vantage points viz. Clock Tower, Annapurna Hotel, BSNL Office, IP&T

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## ANTCC Along with Newly Joined Members take out Bike Rally to Demand 'Mehengai Hatao'

**Port Blair, Dec 12:** The Andaman Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee under the leadership of Shri. Rangalal Halder, President ANTCC and Shri G. Bhasker Chairman, Campaign Committee had organized two programmes in Port Blair during which more than 90 members of LJP Joined Congress under the leadership of Abhibhusan Ghosh, Former President Youth Wing of LJP.



Earlier the LJP members had come to Gandhi Bhawan in a Motorcycle Rally

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## ANCA Conducts 2<sup>nd</sup> Port Blair Open Chess Tournament 2021



**Port Blair, Dec. 12:** The Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Port Blair Open Chess Tournament 2021 on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Community Hall, Dairy Farm, Ward No.14.

Around 80 players of various age groups were participated in the event. Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan, Secretary Education & Sports Andaman & Nicobar Administration was the chief at the inaugural ceremony who made the first Move on the top board to kick start the event in presence of Shri. G. Bhasker, Patron and Shri C.S. Ashok, President, ANCA.

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## Vaccination Drive Updates in A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Dec. 12:** The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,74,691 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,76,750 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 301 people were vaccinated in South Andaman District today, out of which 10 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.

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*Life has no Remote Control. Get up  
and Change it Yourself.*

## Green Shoots

The repeal of three controversial farm laws by the Narendra Modi government through a parliamentary resolution has defused the conflict over them, but the underlying questions regarding the sector remain unresolved. Farmers who had stayed put at sites around the national capital for a year are now dispersing, but not with much clarity on the road ahead. The defeatism of the Government, and the triumphalism of the farm unions and the Opposition over the repeal of the laws have created a hostile environment for a long-term resolution to the agricultural practices that are economically and environmentally unsustainable. No reform can be possible without building sufficient political support for it, unless unlimited state force is used to suppress the opposition. In this instance, the Government went ahead without adequate consultations and landed in a stalemate with entrenched farming communities. Any aggravation of the situation would have been dangerous for the stability of the country, but what forced the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) into retreat was its immediate political calculations for Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. But farmers remain ambiguous in their approach to the party. A section of them in western Uttar Pradesh might consider voting for the BJP, but for many, the wounds are still fresh, and they distrust the BJP. In Punjab, the BJP has managed to be a part of the conversation, but the road to any political reward over the repeal appears long at the moment.

Farmers have resolved to review the progress of their agreement with the Government in mid-January. Their key remaining demand is a legal guarantee of minimum support prices for all crops. While the Government has promised that the existing minimum support price regime will not be diluted, the questions on extending its coverage and backing it up legally have been left to a committee constituted by the Prime Minister. The committee includes representatives of farmers too. The Indian agriculture sector requires a balance between national development priorities and market linkages, and ensure long-term economic sustainability for those employed by it. Wider coverage of minimum support prices could encourage farmers in Punjab and Haryana to switch from irrigation intensive, and expensive rice to a diverse crop pattern without compromising on the food staple. Water abundant areas could adopt appropriate crops. To achieve an ecologically appropriate geographical spread of crops, the existing regional disparity in the sector needs to be addressed, by giving more state attention to regions and crops that are now in a shadow. Enhancing agriculture incomes is a shared objective of all political parties, and it is most unfortunate that they are unable to put their heads together to achieve this. The calm achieved by rightly repealing the three laws should be wisely used by the Centre to build a political consensus on the country's agriculture sector.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Cycling With God..!

A few years ago my daughter sent me a photo, where she is sitting on a cycle in Central Park, New York. Under the photo, she has written, 'thank you for teaching me cycling daddy!' It was while looking at her picture that I came across this lovely article on cycling:

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited reward or punishment when I die. He was out there sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him. But later on when I met God, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a double-seater bike, and I noticed God was in the back helping me cycle. I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable it was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on!

Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!" I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust.

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I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. I gained love, peace, acceptance and joy; gifts to take on my journey, God's and mine. And we were off again.

He said, "Give the gifts away. They're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it; but he knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend, to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten, scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, GOD.

And when I'm sure I just can't do it anymore, He just smiles and says... "Cycle Bob, cycle!"

And that's exactly my dear reader, what I intend doing.

Just cycle.

So often common sense comes in the way and tells me not to take a risk, not to climb a mountain, not to take the rough and narrow, but then I smile as I remember who sits in front and holds the handle bar. That all I have to do is cycle, just pedal as He leads me on..!

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## FSD Organises Walkathon to Mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Eat Right India Campaign

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junction, DC Bungalow, Fire Brigade (HQ), Vikas Bhawan.

A large number of college students, cadets of NCC, Officials from District Administration, Officials of FSSAI Eastern Region, Food Safety Department & General Public participated in the event. Various other events like painting and speech competition on 'Safe & Healthy Food' were also conducted for the college students.

An "Eat Right Mela" was also organized in the evening at Marina Park on the same day, which was inaugurated by the Commissioner Food Safety/ Deputy Commissioner, South

Andaman District by lighting the traditional lamp in presence of Joint Commissioner (Food Safety), Director FSSAI Eastern Region and Food Safety Officials.

Various departments viz. Agriculture, Industry, KVIB, Health, Food Safety department, SHG, NGOs and Food Business Operators through their stalls exhibited their products and IEC materials for creating awareness among the visitors. A cultural programme was also arranged for entertainment of visitors.

These events were conducted with an aim to bring large-scale social and

behavioral change by engaging consumers and educating them on eating right. It works on three major focus areas - Building Consumer Awareness, Addressing food Adulteration and enabling Healthy Choices. All the winners of various competitions held in connection with 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' were awarded with trophies and cash prizes.

The Commissioner Food Safety/Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District greeted all participants on behalf of Food Safety Department and appealed to disseminate the message of Eat Right Initiatives of FSSAI among the general public.

## I lead a disciplined lifestyle: Esha Deol

The only way we can eradicate such situations in our country is by educating the grassroots. I don't mean going to school and physically teaching maths and science. I mean the importance of a mother imparting such basic



I've known Ajay for a long time, having done 7 films with him. Coming back

Whether it's my mother or my mother-in-law, I think grandparents are guardian angels that grandchildren enjoy, and I've much gratitude for these beautiful women in my life.

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## Samsung Galaxy Tab S8 lineup's Colour Options, Memory Configurations Out



The 12.4-inch Tab S8+ is getting just one 8GB/128GB memory version with Wi-Fi only or 5G flavours but will have two colours - Dark Gray and Silver. The same goes for the Tab S8 11", colours and memory-wise.

According to GSM Arena, the first mass-produced batteries of this kind should come around the second half of next year.

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HONDA

## Ensuring 100% COVID Vaccination to the Islanders, District Administration Commences "Har Ghar Dastak"

**Port Blair, Dec. 12:** In order to ensure 100% COVID vaccination of the eligible target populace of South Andaman, the District Administration is conducting camps and mobile vaccination drive in the evening at community level in coordination with Health department and NGOs.

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman along with Additional District Magistrate visited COVID vaccination camp today at Netaji Club, Port Blair and urged the people to get themselves and their near & dears vaccinated with both doses to contain the corona virus. He said 100% vaccination and obeisance of COVID protocol is the effective tool to keep our Islands safe from COVID pandemic.

The DC (SA)/Chairman, District Health Society, South Andaman also informed that "Har Ghar Dastak" home visit campaign is also being carried out by the ANMs & ASHA workers to identify the left out cases and the due cases of 2nd dose COVID



vaccination are being vaccinated at their door step. A District Control Room is also set up to follow up and monitor the vaccination drive.

The Deputy Commissioner / Chairman, District Health Society, South Andaman also informed that special mobile COVID vaccination team is also visiting at village level during evening time for private workers, street vendors, labours and general public who have not yet taken the 2nd dose of COVID vaccine.

Further the DC(SA)/Chairman, DHS(SA) informed that the District Administration is going to conduct vaccination drive &

TB active case finding survey on 12th Dec. 2021 at Bathubasthi between 6.00 am to 9.00 am & Marina Park (Flea market) between 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

He requested the general public who are yet to take the 2nd dose of covid vaccine to avail the opportunity and get themselves vaccinated and also those having fever, cough & night sweats can also get themselves screened on the spot. The DC (SA) urged the general public of South Andaman to cooperate with the field staff during "Har Ghar Dastak" home visit campaign and also directed all commercial establishments to ensure that their staff are fully vaccinated with the second dose.

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Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest lauded the efforts of Andaman Nicobar Chess Association in promoting chess in the A & N Islands and assured all possible help from Sports department for further development of the game of chess.

The tournament was held in Rapid mode over 6 rounds in which P S Satish was adjudged winner of the tournament, R Kashthuri bhai stood second, M Sanjay Kumar secured third and Shailender Singh secured fourth position. The top four players in open section were awarded with

Trophies and certificates. The two best players from boys and girls in U-08, U-10, U-12 and U-14 were also awarded with trophies and certificates. Prizes were also given to the best veteran and youngest player.

## ANTCC Along with Newly Joined Members take out Bike Rally to Demand 'Mehengai Hatao'

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which was followed by the party workers taking part in a rally with slogans, "Mahangai Hatao". The rally commenced from the party office and covered Gandhi Statue, Clock Tower,

Model School, Bengali Club and concluded at the party office. More than 300 party workers took part in the rally. The entire Programme was coordinated by V.K. Abdul Aziz President, District Congress

Committee South Andaman, Mohd. Zubair, President City Congress Committee and M.A. Sajid, State President NSUI.

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## RBI Governor, PM Signal Reforms in Trouble-Prone Urban Co-operative Banks

**New Delhi, Dec. 12:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Sunday indicated that the banking regulator will ring in sweeping regulatory changes to reform urban co-operative banks that have been plagued by a spate of failures, and warned people against parking their savings in banks offering high returns.

While terming the government's decision to raise the insured limit for bank deposits to ₹ 5 lakh from ₹ 1 lakh with a 90-day time limit to pay out such deposits as 'landmark' developments, Mr. Das stressed that the payment of Deposit Insurance should be seen as a 'measure of last resort'.

"I would like to mention in all this is that the depositors themselves must also be very discerning. It is very important to keep in mind that higher returns are usually associated with higher risks. Just because a bank is offering higher interest, the depositors should be very careful in putting their money in chasing such high returns," the RBI Governor noted.

"I am not generalising. There are institutions that are offering higher interest rates which are viable, but depositors should always be very careful," he reiterated at an event to mark the payment of nearly ₹ 1,300 crore to over 1 lakh depositors whose funds were stuck in distressed banks for years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who personally handed over deposit insurance cheques to a few bank customers whose savings with distressed banks had been out of reach for years, said that an additional three lakh depositors would get their hard-earned savings, stuck in other banks, soon.

"When the RBI will oversee co-operative banks' functioning, this will also raise depositors' confidence further. We have created a new Co-operatives Ministry (referring to the Co-operation Ministry). The idea is to strengthen the co-operative system and will empower co-operative banks further," Mr Modi said, noting that these problems afflicted co-operative banks more.

Mr. Das said the central bank keeps depositors' interests on top while dealing with policy challenges and will continue to ensure that the entire banking system remains robust.



"Just to give an example, we have come out with new governance guidelines for commercial banks and we have constituted a committee for bringing about reforms in the urban co-operative sector. That report has been received and we will be taking action based on it," he said.

Recalling his time as Chief Minister of Gujarat, Mr. Modi said he had urged the Central government at the time to raise the deposit insurance for bank account holders from ₹ 1 lakh to ₹ 5 lakh, but his call for protecting poor and middle-class depositors' funds in failed banks went unheeded.

Mr. Modi had assumed office as Gujarat CM in October 2001, months after the Madhavpura Mercantile Co-operative Bank got into trouble, leaving its depositors stranded.

"I remember clearly when I was CM and a bank faced problems, people used to catch our necks only. The decision either had to be taken by the Government of India or the banks, but the Chief Ministers used to face the heat," he said.

"Their pain was natural and at that time, I had repeatedly requested the Government of India to raise the ₹ 1 lakh deposit insurance amount to ₹ 5 lakh so that maximum households are satisfied. But my suggestion went unheeded. They didn't do

it. So then, the people did what they had to and sent me here," he said, ascribing his electoral victory in the Lok Sabha to the angst of the poor, lower middle-class and middle-class sections of society who 'suffered from and tolerated' this for decades.

"When banks sank due to some people's wrong policies, they not only lost their savings, but in a way their whole life would feel stuck and seemed like darkness to them. People ended up taking years to get their own money out and the problems were even more in co-operative banks," the Prime Minister said.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who spoke after the RBI Governor and before the Prime Minister, also sought to stress that the approach of the government has been sensitive to the needs of the middle class.

While laws are generally applied prospectively from the date they are passed by Parliament and notified, Ms. Sitharaman said the government made an exception while amending the relevant Deposit Insurance laws.

"Here, we saw that some of the banks were waiting for resolution for years and depositors in those banks were also not getting relief. So exceptionally, this time, we have made it applicable retrospectively, so that people who were waiting for five-six years also get some relief. So the customer was kept in mind, the middle class' hard-earned money has been kept in mind," she said.

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## COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Dose Can Wait: ICMR



**New Delhi, Dec. 12:** The need for a booster or additional COVID-19 vaccine dose or reduction in time gap between two doses of the available vaccines are being examined, said Dr. Samiran Panda, Head, Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), on Sunday adding that an alarmist intervention doesn't help.

"Vaccines are not known to prevent COVID-19 but reduces the severity. We have to understand this. Currently the focus is to ensure at least 80% coverage in eligible adult population which is vital," he said.

To a question on boosters for frontline workers who were among the first section of the population to be vaccinated Dr. Panda said: "There is currently no strong evidence that those who have been vaccinated will not get the virus. Also many have been vaccinated and have got the infection later. The protection that this combination [getting infected and getting vaccinated] offers is also a matter of study."

There is no immediate recommendation to introduce booster or additional dose or to reduce the gap between vaccine dose Dr. Panda said. He said from a public health point of view also more coverage is what India is looking at. "Vaccination, use of masks and avoiding mass gathering is key. Now with Omicron also in the country, we still don't know how the virus is going to shape up. We don't know its effect on the elderly," he said.

India's vaccination started on January 16 with the new phase of universalisation of vaccination commencing from June 21. "The vaccination drive has been ramped up through availability of more vaccines, advance visibility of vaccine availability to States for enabling better planning by them and streamlining the supply chain," noted the Health Ministry.

It said as part of the nationwide drive, the Central Government has been supporting the States by providing them vaccines free of cost. In the new phase of the universalisation, the Government will procure and supply (free of cost) 75% of the vaccines being produced by the manufacturers in the country to States. More than 140 crore (1,40,20,73,270) vaccine doses have been provided to States so far through the Government's (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category.

More than 17.93 crore (17,93,72,576) balance and unutilised doses are available with the States to be administered.

New evidence compiled and released by the World Health Organization and the World Bank, on Sunday, said in 2020, the pandemic disrupted health services and stretched countries' health systems beyond their limits as they struggled to deal with the impact. As a result, for example, immunisation coverage has dropped for the first time in 10 years and deaths from TB and malaria have increased.



# SPORTS

## Verstappen Wins 1<sup>st</sup> F1 Title With Last Lap Pass of Hamilton

Max Verstappen ripped a record eighth title away from Lewis Hamilton with a pass on the final lap of the Abu Dhabi GP to close one of the most thrilling Formula One seasons in years as the first Dutch world champion.

Hamilton was cruising past Michael Schumacher's record of seven titles Sunday in a race he controlled until Nicholas Latifi crashed with five laps remaining. F1 sent out the safety car for a cleanup and resumed the race with one lap remaining.

Hamilton and Verstappen started side-by-side for one final trip around Yas Marina Circuit and the British driver surged to the lead. Verstappen stalked him through the first four turns then made his pass in turn five and pulled away in his Red Bull.

It was a fitting end to a season that saw the two contenders go wheel-to-wheel over 22 races spanning four continents and arrive in Abu Dhabi tied in the championship standings. It marked the first time the contenders were equal at the season finale since 1974.

But Hamilton had the race well under control until the Latifi crash.

"Oh my God!" Verstappen screamed over his radio.



"You are the world champion! The world champion!" screamed back Red Bull boss Christian Horner.

"Let's do this for another 10 or 15 years!" Verstappen replied.

Red Bull won its first F1 title since 2013; Mercedes had won every championship since.

Multiple rival drivers headed to the grid to congratulate Verstappen as Hamilton sat motionless inside his Mercedes. The defeat ended his reign of four consecutive titles and denied Hamilton a chance to pass

Schumacher as best all-time in F1. "Congratulations to Max and to his team, I think he did an amazing job this year," Hamilton said to close what had become a bitter rivalry this season between Mercedes and Red Bull.

Hamilton received a long hug in the garage from his father, who then went to the garage and hugged both Verstappen and Verstappen's father. Jos Verstappen was himself a former F1 driver and raised his 24-year-old son to become a world champion.

Mission accomplished.

## The Ashes | England Fined 100% Match Fee and Docked Five WTC Points for Slow-over rate

**Dubai, Dec 12:** England have been fined 100% of their match fee and penalised five ICC World Test Championship points for maintaining a slow over-rate against Australia in the lost first Test in Brisbane.

David Boon of the Elite Panel of Match Referees imposed the sanction after Joe Root's side was ruled to be five overs short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration.

In accordance with Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to minimum over-rate offences, players are fined 20% of their match fee for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time.

"In addition, as per Article 16.11.2 of the ICC World Test Championship playing conditions, a side is penalised one point for each over short.



Consequently, five World Test Championship points have been deducted from England's points total," said the ICC in a statement.

Australia's Travis Head fined too

Meanwhile, Australia batter Travis Head has been fined 15% of his match fee for breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct.

Head was found to have breached Article 2.3 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "use of an audible obscenity during an International Match".

In addition to this, one demerit point has been added to the disciplinary record of Head, for whom it was the first offence in a 24-month period.

The incident occurred in the 77th over of Australia's first innings on Thursday, when Head used inappropriate language after he was beaten on a delivery from Ben Stokes.

"Head admitted the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by the Match Referee and ratified by the ICC Cricket Operations department as per the COVID-19 interim playing regulations. There was no need for a formal hearing," the statement added.

On-field umpires Paul Reiffel and Rod Tucker, third umpire Paul Wilson and fourth official Sam Nogajski levelled the charges.

Level 1 breaches carry a minimum penalty of an official reprimand, a maximum penalty of 50% of a player's match fee, and one or two demerit points.

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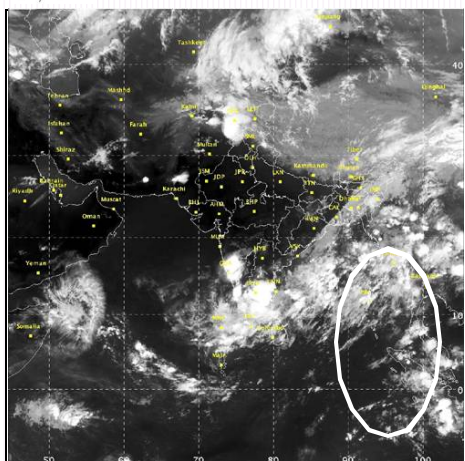
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## Weather



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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, 2020 till date):	3453.2 mm

### Forecast

Dry weather very likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Monday 13/12/2021

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