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Jarawa Facts

The local and international campaign for the Jarawa's rights has already had a huge impact. The authorities had planned to resettle the Jarawa in villages, but they now recognise the tribe's right to live on their land in the way they choose. Your help is needed to make sure the Jarawa's land is protected and their future secured.

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

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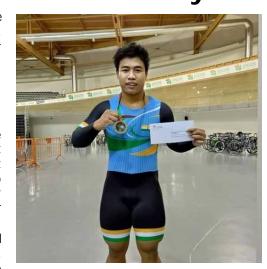
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Member of Parliament Congratulates David Beckham and Esow Alban for Bringing Laurels for the Country and Islands

Port Blair, Nov. 29: The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has congratulated Islands' cyclist Mr. David Beckham for clinching Gold medal in International UCI C2 competition and Bronze medal in Keirin event representing India at Portugal. He also congratulated Mr. Esow Alban for winning the Silver medal for India.

As per details, Mr. David Beckham of Perka Village, Car Nicobar representing the country in the sprint event at Troféu International José Bento Pessoa, the International UCI C2 competition for elite and juniors beingheld at Anadia, Portugal has brought laurels to the country and the Islands by clinching Gold



medal. Making a comeback after a shoulder injury, Islands very own cycling sensation, Esow Alban of Kinyuka Village, Car Nicobar won the Silver medal.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma in his message said that

there is huge untapped potential in the sports field among Island youths and if they are properly guided and trained they can bring many more laurels for Andaman & Nicobar Islands and our country. Sharma has also urged the

Administration to carry out necessary modifications and repairs in existing velodrome and transform the same into a world class cycling training center for Island youths.



All India Muslim Cultural Centre Felicitates Ration Rasheed

Port Blair, Nov. 29: Andaman State Committee, of All India Kerala Muslim Cultural Centre, an Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) affiliated organization held its first general council meet and Palliative Care Awareness Programme in a function held at CeePee's Dawath Mahal, Wimberlygunj, South Andaman on 28th November, 2021. The meet was supported by Shihab Thangal Centre for Humanity. Shri M P Abdul Rasheed, (Social Worker),



Director, Ration Rasheed Foundation was also felicitated during the function for the works done by him towards the needy persons during the outbreak of COVID. Rasheed expressed his sincere gratitude towards all the members of the Committee.

3, 23,170 Sq Mtrs of Govt. Land Restored from Encroachment

Port Blair, Nov. 29: As part of 'Zero Tolerance' towards encroachment, the District Administration, South Andaman District carried out eviction drives today against encroachments committed over Government land in South Andaman District and restored an area of approximately 30,000 Sq. Mtrs of Government land into Government Khata.



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Omicron Variant: States Gear up to Implement New Airport Protocols



Chennai, Nov. 29: States across the country have scurried to implement the testing, tracing and quarantine for international passengers from a few countries where the Omicron variant of the coronavirus has been recorded, on advice from the Union Ministry of Health.

Some States have already implemented these procedures, while others will start implementing these restrictions from December 1, and some others are still awaiting instructions from the State government.

While Standard Operating Procedures (SPOs) already mandate that an international passenger uploads a negative RT-PCR report along with a self-declaration form (SDF) in the Air Suvidha portal, in the light of a new variant emerging, further steps have been put in place. The list of countries at risk is available in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare website (www.mohfw.gov.in); passengers coming

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

Scale up supplies

A new Greek tragedy has risen with the World Health Organization (WHO) designating Omicron, a SARS-CoV-2 variant, as a 'variant of concern' (VOC). While it took WHO several weeks to designate older VOCs such as Alpha, Beta and Delta as a VOC when they emerged, in the case of Omicron, which was first confirmed in Botswana, it moved without even waiting for reports on the variant's increased likelihood to cause disease and whether it is denting the normal public health response. Omicron has now been confirmed in South Africa, Botswana, the U.K., Germany, Italy and travellers into the Netherlands and Israel. It reportedly has over 50 mutations, 32 of which are on the spike protein, which binds to human cells and is the preferred target for vaccines. Several of the mutations confer the virus resistance to monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) such as etesevimab, bamlanivimab, casirivimab and their combinations. Antibodies are the first line of defence against viral infection and mAbs are used in treatment. However, it is important to emphasise that every single mutation does not independently increase virulence and combinations of them might sometimes temper, and sometimes aggravate, virus properties.

The virus has been detected in comparable numbers only in South Africa's Gauteng province, but the variant comprises over 90% of the fraction of genomes from those who tested positive there within just 10 days. Some nations have already imposed travel bans on flights from South Africa. Given that Omicron is a variant of the virus that can be detected by the PCR test, these countries, rather than imposing a ban, should have taken the more considered step of screening passengers and followed the usual protocols of isolation and treatment. India has done well so far to adhere to this system and observing caution. Detecting a variant in a country does not imply it originated there. Travel bans punish South Africa for its transparency and forthrightness in alerting the world to this variant. South Africa's number of daily infections — 2,828 on Friday — pales in comparison to daily numbers in the United States, Germany and Britain. However, a little over 10% in Africa have received one dose of a vaccine, compared with 64% in North America and 62% in Europe. The panic over the variant shifts blame away from the world's colossal failure in not making more vaccines available in Africa even as many countries roll out third doses. From day one, the science was clear cut that the pandemic cannot end unless the whole world is protected. India must scale up supplies to COVAX, the international consortium seeking to vaccinate countries with limited access, as well as coax countries with surplus stocks to do so.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Your Silver Lining..!

This happened many years ago!

The skies were dark and a heavy cloud hung over us as we drove on roads that echoed the darkness above. We were two writers in the car, my friend, whose first book published by a renowned publisher, which had been a runaway success, was now stuck with no offers for his second, and I, a newspaper columnist who had just lost a lucrative foreign newspaper.

Suddenly we both looked up from the dismal black road and exclaimed at a glorious sight above: The dark cloud above had a beautiful silver lining.

A sparkling line of hope!

Wasn't it Jean Kerr who said, 'Hope is the feeling you have, that the feeling you have, isn't permanent.' Ah! What lovely lines; It means we know we WILL eventually survive the night and bask in sunshine once again. It does not deny the present darkness, but reminds us a beautiful bright morning is just round the corner.

Brigadier General Robinson Risner spent seven years as a Prisoner of War in Vietnam and there he discovered the power of hope. He spent four and a half years of that time in isolation and endured ten months of total darkness.

Those months were the longest of his life.

One day his Vietnamese captors boarded up his little seven-by-seven foot cell, shutting out the light, making him wonder if he was ever going to make it. He had



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already been under intense physical and mental duress after years of confinement. And now, not a glimmer of light shone into his cell — or into his soul.

The Brigadier spent many hours each day exercising and praying. But at times he felt he could do nothing but scream.

One day he crawled under his bunk and located a vent that let in outside air. As he pressed against the vent, he saw a faint glimmer of light reflected on the inside wall of the opening. The Brigadier put his eye next to the cement wall and discovered a minute crack in the construction. It allowed him to glimpse outside, but was so small that all he could see was one blade of grass.

A single blade of grass and a faint ray of light!

But when he stared at the sight, he felt a surge of joy, excitement and gratitude like he hadn't known in years. 'It represented life, growth, and freedom,' he later said, 'and I knew God had not forgotten me.'

It was that tiny glimmer of hope that sustained the Brigadier through an unbearable

That dismal day in the car two writers also saw the same hope and clung on to it; a silver lining that told us we were not forgotten. Likewise dear reader, if a political scenario, pandemic or stock market crash or some family problem depresses you, look around for your own silver lining, your blade of grass, then let peace fill your heart that a beautiful change is just around the corner..!

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Vaccination Drive

data available, a total of 5,51,167 doses of vaccines have been administered so farin A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of

Port Blair, Nov. 29: As per have been vaccinated till 44 years. Similarly, 345 date. A total of 2046 people beneficiaries A&N Islands.

age group of 18 to 44 years were in the age group of 18- District.

were vaccinated today in vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District 1683 beneficiaries were out of which 13 beneficiaries vaccinated in South were in the age group of 18-Andaman District, out of 44. 18 beneficiaries were 1,75,637 eligible people in the which 100 beneficiaries vaccinated in Nicobar

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encroachers in South Andaman District.

The general public have been once again cautioned to refrain from encroaching Government land. In case

from of any inquiries, the general public can communicate with the District Control Room at phone numbers 03192 -240127/1077.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saif's Charmed Life

The actor, who recently started filming his movie Vikram Vedha with Hrithik Roshan, has several projects up his sleeve — from Adipurush and Vikram Vedha to the Rahul-Dholakia film, Fire. While he's had his share of fun and controversies over the past few years, he's certainly enjoying the accolades as they come even as he remains modest.

"Cinema is so much about teamwork. It's about everyone from the costume designer to the guy doing the background music — the director and the editing the scriptwriter who writes great lines that contribute to how an actor is perceived," explains Saif, who was seen earlier this year in Tanday, Bhoot Police and Bunty Aur Babli 2. "As actors, we're supported by many people around us. We cannot pull it off if we don't have a great setup and a good director who envisages the scene with over a 100 people."

The characters keep rolling The actor admits that after playing the funny guy and fool earlier, he's enjoying multiple kinds of roles from comedy to dark films and negative roles as well.

Having said that, the actor moved on from the dark zone to more serious roles, like playing Cyrus Mistry in Being Cyrus (2005) and Langda Tyagi in Omkara



(2006) or playing Boris in Go Goa Gone (2013) and lately Udaybhan Singh Unsung Warrior (2020), Gossain in Laal Kaptan (2019), Samar Pratap Singh in the series Tandav (2021) upcoming Adipurush.

and I want to get better. I have quite a humble approach to it and I think I've much to learn. I'm in a great profession and I'm happy that I'm getting chances to improve and entertain people," he says.

Letting his instincts take Saif's reasons behind

choosing a script are instinct, checking if the story speaks to him.

"There are times when a story feels cool but it's the instinct that tells you to do the film or not," says the actor who found lots of praise for playing the bad guy in Tanhaji last year.

The actor believes the choices of roles have to be a good mix. "Now that I've Rathod in Tanhaji; The played a few negative roles I want to avoid being repetitive for some time so I'm not bored. Now, I desire to play the quintessential, and Lankesh in the classic hero and do some typical things that a hero "I'm having lots of fun does," adds Saif, who, in two of his upcoming films, Vikram Vedha and Fire, is playing a mainstream hero again. "Even the role of Sartaj Singh in the web series Sacred Games was good, but I want to be a good-looking cop and a tough-looking fireman as well." All said and done, the actor asserts he doesn't wander off in search of variety.

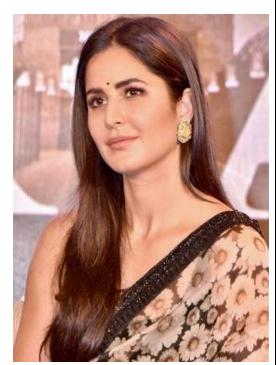
> "But as an actor, I need to keep my firealive. I enjoy that as an actor and really hope that my audiences are doing so as well," he says, signing

'Roads like Katrina Kaif's Cheeks'

A few years ago, an MP had talked about making roads as smooth as then MP Hema Malini's cheeks and the rest of his colleagues in Rajya Sabha, including Hema Malini, had laughed it off. Perhaps using that as an example, a newly inducted minister in the Rajasthan council of ministers equated the state of roads to actor Katrina Kaif and actorturned-politician Hema Malini. However, this time, the matter wasn't laughed off!

Rajendra Singh Gudha, the new Minister of State for Soldier Welfare, Home Guard and Civil Defence and Panchayati Raj and Rural Development in Rajasthan, has landed in a controversy after a video of him making the comment went viral. In the video, Rajendra Singh Gudha is heard saying Katrina Kaif ka gaalan jaayan ki sadak banni chayej [Roads should be made like the cheeks of Katrina Kaif]."

An MLA from Udaipurwati in Jhunjhunu District, Rajendra Singh



Gudha is among six MLAs who won the 2018 Assembly elections .on a BSP ticket before switching to Congress.



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Australia challenges Facebook to back anti-troll defamation law



Facebook Inc will show it has no interest in making the online world safe if it quits Australia over laws holding it liable for defamation on its platform, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said on Monday.

In the latest of several attempts to hold global internet companies to greater account for content on their platforms, Australia plans to make them share the identities of people with anonymous accounts if another person accuses them of defamation.

If the social media company fails to give that information, it must assume legal liability. The proposed law would also make social media operators legally responsible for defamatory comments beneath publishers' posts on their

Asked on TV station Nine News if he was worried Facebook might quit Australia over the new law, Morrison said doing that "would be an admission that they have no interest in making the onlineworld

It was not free speech "to hide in your basement as a masked troll and abuse and harass and stalk people," Morrison said.

"If you want to say something, then you should say who you are, and if the social media company lets you do that with a mask on, then we'll hold them to account."

A Facebook spokesperson declined to comment. The company, which has renamed its parent entity Meta, has previously said it could not reasonably be expected to monitor all comments on its website for defamation, and that it often has less access to users' pages than the users themselves.

Representatives for Twitter Inc and YouTube which is owned by Alphabet Inc's Google, declined to comment.

Twitter has said it routinely cooperates with legal requests for user identities, but that it values the importance of protecting whistleblowers.

In February, global social media companies threatened to guit Australia over laws making them pay media outlets for content appearing on their websites.

That standoff culminated in Facebook cutting all third-party content from Australian accounts for more than a week, before it resumed its service and struck deals to pay media providers.



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Twitter Co-founder Jack Dorsey will Step Down as CEO

Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey will step down as CEO of the social media platform, the company announced. He will be succeeded by Twitter's current Chief Technology Officer Parag Agrawal.

In a letter posted on his Twitter account. Mr Dorsev said he was "really sad...yet really happy" about leaving the company and that it was his decision.

Mr Dorsey has faced several distractions as CEO, starting with the fact that he's also founder and CEO of the payments company Square. Critics have long complained that the arrangement has divided his attention to Twitter's detriment.

Twitter shares rose 5% to \$49.47 in morning trading after the announcement.

Mr Dorsey became Twitter CEO in 2007, but was forced



out the next year. He returned to the role in 2015. In his good-bye letter, he said that he has "worked hard to ensure this company can break away from its founding and founders" and that to focus too much on whether companies are led by their founders is "severely limiting."

While Twitter has highprofile users like politicians

favorite of journalists, its user base lags far behind old rivals like Facebook and YouTube and newer ones like TikTok. It has just over 200 million daily active users, a common industry metric.

Twitter also announced on Monday a new board chairman, Bret Taylor, to replace its existing chair. Patrick Pichette. Mr Pichette and celebrities and is a will remain on the board.



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Taylor has been on Twitter's board since 2016 and is the president and

COO of business software company Salesforce.

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Omicron Variant: States Gear up to Implement New Airport Protocols

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from these 'at risk' countries, have to undergo an RT-PCR test on arrival. If they test negative, they must quarantine themselves at home for seven days, and a repeat test will have to be done on the eighth day.

However, the samples of those passengers testing positive will be sent for genomic testing **INSACOG** laboratories and theywould be admitted in an isolation facility as notified by the State government. This compulsory testing of passengers is only for those countries which have been notified as 'atrisk', whereas for travellers coming from countries which are not designated 'at risk', a random sample for RT-PCR of 5% of travellers is to be carried out on arrival.

Sources said, since November 10, nearly 1,000 passengers from South Africa have arrived at the Mumbai International Airport. The BMC's guidelines state that passengers arriving at the Mumbai airport will have to get their passport scrutinised at immigration counter for travel history of the last two weeks. The Maharashtra government is likely to make a negative RT-PCR test mandatory for entry of domestic travelers.

A senior official of the Chennai Airport said the idea is to work out a system that will not inconvenience international passengers too much. The airport had ceased testing of international passengers two months ago, but will restart from December 15, when full fledged commercial operations were scheduled to resume. Tamil Nadu has three labs that can do genetic testing, sources said.

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority had decided to conduct 100% RT-PCR testing of passengers from High Risk Countries, followed by genome sequencing of the positive cases & mandatory isolation/quarantine as per the guidelines laid down by the Central Government, according to Raj Niwas sources.

Andhra Pradesh Health, Medical and Family Welfare Minister Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas said all international passengers arriving at airports in the State have to undergo Rt-PCR test starting from Tuesday, in tune with the Union government's guidelines regarding Omicron variant.

COVID-19 tests on passengers coming from 'countries at-risk' and who land at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Shamshabad, Telangana, has begun. However, there are no direct flights from the countries at-risk to the airport yet, officials

If any of the passengers test positive, they will be isolated at Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS), Gachibowli, Hyderabad.

In Kerala, authorities said travellers from 'at risk' countries will be under special surveillance at the State's airports, and the testing and quarantine protocols will be followed. Health Minister Veena George said that more health staff have been deployed in airports as part of enhancing testing and surveillance. Separate hospital wards would be readied for those international travellers who test positive for COVID-19.

The health department of Karnataka has announced that people who arrived from Botswana, South Africa and Hong Kong, in the last 15 days will be tracked and subject to RT-PCR tests, apart from testing those who come from 'at risk' nations.

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Parliament proceedings | 12 RS MPs suspended for protests in Monsoon Session

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New Delhi, Nov. 29: Twelve Opposition members of the Rajya Sabha were suspended for the entire winter session on Monday for "unprecedented acts of misconduct", "unruly and violent behaviour" and "intentional attacks on security personnel" on August 11, the last day of the previous monsoon session.

Following the decision, the Opposition was mulling several options including boycotting the entire winter session of Parliament.

This is the first time members of Rajya Sabha have been suspended for misconduct during the previous session. Opposition parties described the move as "authoritarian", "unwarranted" and "undemocratic".

The suspension was announced after the Bill to repeal the farm laws was passed in the Upper House. The House was adjourned for the day soon after the announcement.

Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge held a hurried meeting of opposition parties to frame their reaction to the unprecedented suspension. According to sources, some parties felt that Mr. Kharge should convey the collective anguish of the Opposition to this absolutely condemnable onslaught on democracy. If the government refuses to open a dialogue for revoking the suspension of 12 MPs, the Opposition should consider boycotting the entire session, they said, though there were some reservations on the idea of boycotting the Parliament.

Mr. Kharge has called a meeting of the floor leaders of the opposition parties on Tuesday to decide the future course.

"The leaders of the opposition parties unitedly condemn the unwarranted and undemocratic suspension of the 12 members in violation of all the Rules of Procedure of Rajya Sabha pertaining to suspension of members for the entire duration of the winter session," a joint statement from 14 opposition parties said.

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SPORTS

Ind vs NZ 1st Test, Day 5 | Rachin Ravindra, Ajaz Patel Deny India a Win

Kanpur, Nov. 29: A wicket-less pre-lunch session, a flurry of wickets on either side of the tea interval and the incredible defiance from New Zealand's lastwicket pair, India saw it all unfold with mixed emotions at the Green Park Stadium in Kanpur.

Eventually, two cricketers of Indian origin — debutant Rachin Ravindra and Ajaz Patel — kept New Zealand's pride intact. They walked away after denying the dreaded spin trio of R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel for 52 deliveries on a deteriorating pitch to pull off a thrilling draw on Monday.

Rachin and Ajaz, the two leftarm spinners were required to bring out their batting skills to save New Zealand from going one-downin the two-match series. What made Rachin's debut so memorable was the way he batted for 91 deliveries. Rachin's batting sessions in spin-friendly conditions in Bengaluru during his India visits could not have paid off at a better time.

Last-man Ajaz, who was not very impressive with the ball, played his part to perfection by playing out 23 balls and contributed significantly to the eventual result. Though light was in question, India bowled its quota of 94 overs but could not find the final wicket.

For forcing a draw, New Zealand gained four points in the World Test Championship race. India, too, gained four but, more significantly, lost eight for drawing as host.

Latham, Somervile bat out first session

For the better part of the day, draw looked the most probable



result after Tom Latham and night-watchman William Somerville batted out the first session by adding 75 runs.

Latham, the mainstay of the first innings, re-played the role by displaying hisskills in dealing with the spinning deliveries. Somerville surprised the Indians with the ease with which he stayed firm. In fact, Somerville found the ropes five times-two morethan what Latham managed.

Somerville's departure to the first ball after lunch brought in Kane Williamson and the second-wicket stand produced 41 runs but more importantly, consumed 19.1

India makes an expected comeback, but falls short

Notwithstanding the steady third-wicket stand, India went on to collect eight wickets in the space of 76 runs. This did not come as a surprise since India scalped nine wickets for 99 runs in the first innings. However, despite flattering bowling figures, the spin trio fell just short of finding the match-winning wicket.

Showing the kind of intensity associated with him, Ashwin threw everything at the Kiwi batters and struck vital blows. With Latham's wicket, Ashwin (418 wickets) displaced Harbhajan Singh (417) as the third highest Indian wicket-taker of Tests behind Anil Kumble (619) and Kapil Dev (434).

Jadeja bowled more effectively than Axar on this day. Jadeja troubled the batters with his faster deliveries that skidded through. Axar, unlike in the first innings, could not find the desired angle when bowling to the right-handers from the edge of the crease.

A disappointed India and a delighted New Zealand now travel to Mumbai. It remains to be seen how India, notwithstanding the impending return of skipper Virat Kohli, deals with the poor form of its top-order batters.

Satwik-Chirag pair qualifies for BWF World Tour Finals

Bali, Nov. 29: World no 11 duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty has become the first Indian men's doubles pair to qualify for the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals starting here on December 1.

Satwik and Chirag had finished at the semifinals of the Indonesia Open last week but made the cut after Japanese pairing of Akira Koga and Taichi Saito also lost in the last four at the Super 1000 tournament.

The Indian pair thus leapfrogged the Japanese pair in the Road to Bali to book the berth at the yearending event.

Satwik and Chirag needed to beat World No. 1 pair of Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sukamuljo in the semifinals to make the cut but they ended up losing 16-21 18-21.

Akira and Taichi had lost to fellow Japanese duo of Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi 22-20 21-14 to pave the way for the Indian pair.

"Fell short in the end against Kevin/Marcus today. But nevertheless happy with the way we played this week. On the positive side we have qualified for the World Tour Finals!" Chirag wrote on his instagram page.

"It's the first time we'll be part of the WTF and I can't wait to play against the top 8 pairs on tour this year! Also thank you for all the support. Appreciate it." Earlier, Lakshya Sen had become the youngest Indian to qualify for the USD 1,500,000 tournament, which will also see the participating of Kidambi Srikanth, two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu and women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N. Sikki Reddy.

Srikanth, Sameer Verma, Sindhu and London bronze- medallist Saina Nehwal have competed in the year-ending tournament in the past.

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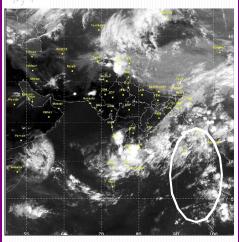
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 Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 70%
 1730 Hrs: 80%

 Sunrise: 0523 Hrs.
 Sunset: 1653 Hrs.

 Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): 075.0 mm

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Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): 000.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date): 3363.1 mm

Forecast

Mainly dry w eather likely over Port Blair. Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 30/11/2021

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