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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.

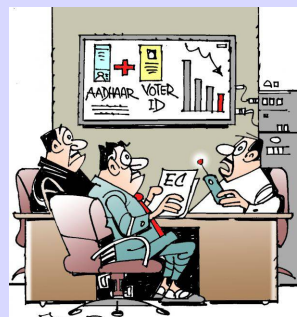
The oceans also have grasses growing in them. Eelgrass is a very common one found in our seas. It is grazed on by dugongs and green sea turtles.

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

## People's Voice

Maza ka baat ye hai ki LG Sahab ka News chapta hai jisme Information hote hue bhi kuch nahi hota ... Sahi hai ...

- A Citizen



Our computer says there will be a drastic fall in the percentage of voting!

## Member of Parliament Highlights Poor BSNL Mobile Network Connectivity at Guptapara and Manjery Villages

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief General Manager, BSNL, A&N Circle to increase the signal strength of BSNL towers erected at Guptapara and

Manjery areas for better coverage to the people living in these villages and adjoining areas.

In a letter addressed to the Chief General Manager, BSNL, A&N Circle the Member of Parliament said

that the villagers residing in the Guptapara and Manjery areas have raised the issue with his office that people of the area are not getting proper mobile network for which they are facing immense hardship for

contacting to others. He pointed out that students of these areas are facing huge difficulties because they are unable to attend online classes.

## Anticipating Municipal & Panchayat Elections, ANTCC President Reinstates Block Congress Committee of R.K. Pur

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** Anticipating election of Municipal and Panchayats in January, the ANTCC President, Shri. Rangalal Halder along with ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman Shri. TSG Bhasker and DCC President, Shri. V.K. Abdul Aziz on Tuesday visited R.K. Pur, Hutbay and held a meeting with Congress leaders and workers to map out the election strategy.



During the meeting, several Congress leaders and peoples of R.K. Pur requested the ANTCC President to reinstate their Block Congress Committee. Without any further delay, Shri. Rangalal Halder

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## LG Participates in 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebration



**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency along with senior officers of Administration participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of National Committee for Commemoration of 75th Anniversary of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) through Video Conference chaired by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

## Directorate of Shipping Services Opens Toll Free HELPLINE for Passengers

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The nation is celebrating the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to commemorate the monumental occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indian Independence. To be part of this grand celebration and a step in this direction, the Directorate of Shipping Services has opened a 'HELPLINE' (Toll Free Number 18003452714) with the objective to redress the Grievances of Commuters on priority. The helpline will remain operational on all working days (between 0900 Hrs to 1600 Hrs). The Commuters are requested while lodging their grievances to provide their name, address and Mobile number. The grievances so received shall be placed before the Grievance Redressal Committee and outcome will be informed to the complainant over telephone in the registered number.

## 'The Cause Travellers' Led by Rt. Bhal Shekhar Conduct Awareness Sessions on Organ Donation in Port Blair

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The president of The Cause Travellers social welfare organisations Navi Mumbai, Rtn Bhal Shekhar Chilana and his wife Namita Dutta are on a 131-days PAN India road trip for the cause of ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS campaign across India covering 131 cities of all 28 states and 8 UTs. Their mission is to educate and create awareness on the importance of ORGAN



DONATION by travelling by road 22500 kms. They target to collect 80,000 pledges

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## Islanders Shine at Muay-Thai Championship

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The Muay-Thai Association of India had recently conducted the Senior Muay-Thai Championship from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021 at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex. As many as 22 states including Andaman & Nicobar Islands had participated in the championship with 220 athletes and 20 officials.



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

## Thinking before linking

An unwillingness to allow meaningful debate and invite wider consultation can undo even the progressive aspects of problematic legislation. Ignoring protests, the Union government has managed to push through a Bill in Parliament to link electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem. On the face of it, the Bill's objective — to purify the rolls and weed out bogus voters — may appear laudable, and the seeding of Aadhaar data with voter identity particulars may seem to be a good way of achieving it. Indeed, this can also allow for remote voting, a measure that could help migrant voters. The four qualifying dates for revision of rolls will help in faster enrolment of those who turn 18. However, other aspects hold grave implications for electoral democracy. The Opposition underscored the possible disenfranchisement of legitimate voters unwilling or unable to submit Aadhaar details, the possible violation of privacy, and the possibility that demographic details may be misused for profiling of voters. Each is a valid concern that ought to be considered by a parliamentary committee. Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju has said the proposal has been unanimously approved by the Parliamentary Committee on Law and Justice. But, it is not clear if the specifics of the Bill had been discussed widely and public opinion sought.

There are indeed complaints that some electors may be registered in more than one constituency and that non-citizens have been enrolled, but these can be addressed by other identification processes. In fact, the Aadhaar database may be irrelevant to verify voter identity because it is an identifier of residents and not citizens. And the complaints of wrongful enrolment have come up even against the unique identity number allotted to more than 90% of the population. Mr. Rijiju is confident that the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill satisfies the tests laid down by the Supreme Court — a permissible law, a legitimate state interest and proportionality. However, this has to be rigorously examined. Even though the Aadhaar requirement is said to be voluntary, in practice it can be made mandatory. The Bill says the election registration officer may require the submission of the Aadhaar number both for new enrolments and those already enrolled. The choice not to submit is linked to a "sufficient cause", which will be separately prescribed. Whether the few permissible reasons not to intimate one's Aadhaar number include an objection on principle is unknown. If an individual's refusal to submit the detail is deemed unacceptable, it may result in loss of franchise. Therefore, the measure may fail the test of proportionality. If the Government really has no ulterior motive in the form of triggering mass deletions from the electoral rolls, it must invite public opinion and allow deeper parliamentary scrutiny before implementing the new provisions that now have the approval of both Houses of Parliament.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Sniff Scents and Smells..!

As I sit on the porch of the old house, in the historic city of Charleston, where we are holidaying I sip my coffee and sniff the morning air. It is crisp, fresh and highly invigorating. Even though temperatures here do dip to below 0 the air only becomes more wonderful to breathe.

Even as I enjoy the air, and my soul and body slip into a relaxed state, my thoughts, mutinying against the relaxation push themselves into areas of stress and worry.

'How quickly,' I think, "'Our minds fight against enjoying the present, the now!'

An Italian journalist, Renato Giuntini, once visited the great pianist Arthur Rubinstein. When leaving, the musician gave the journalist a box of his favourite cigars. "I'll keep them all my life," said the newspaperman.

"Don't," replied Rubinstein. "You must smoke them my friend. These cigars are as exquisite as life. You don't conserve life. You enjoy it to the full. There's no joy without loving and enjoying the moment!"

Arthur Toscanini, the Italian conductor was celebrating his 80th birthday when a friend at the party asked his son, Walter, what his father considered as his most important achievement.

Walter replied, "For him there can be no such thing. Whatever he happens to be doing at the moment is the biggest thing in his life – whether it is conducting a symphony or peeling an orange!"

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And here's one for parents.

"The neighbours always buy their children solid 'unbreakable' toys," said a woman to her friend, "so when I went for my Christmas shopping I was wondering whether I should do the same."

"But my husband had other ideas; he wanted toys that our children could play with and even break. 'They'll love them,' he said. So we gave our children breakable toys."

"And to tell you the truth," the woman concluded, "I haven't seen happier children!"

Luigi Tarisio was found dead one morning with nothing of comfort in his home except 246 violins which he had been collecting all his life. They were crammed in an attic. The best of the lot were found in the bottom drawer of an old rickety cupboard. He deprived the world of all that music those instruments could have produced while he hoarded and treasured them in his cupboard!

What do you and I do with precious moments as I am going through right now here in Charleston?

Do we hoard them out of sight, keep them carefully like unbreakable toys or enjoy the moment by sniffing the air, enjoy the rustling wind, watching a child at play?

Do we watch a romping dog, exchange smiles with friends? Or sit worrying about tomorrow?

I settle back sip my coffee and smile at the scents and smells..!

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## Anticipating Municipal & Panchayat Elections, ANTCC President Reinstates Block Congress Committee of R.K. Pur

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appointed the new committee in which Shri. Atul Biswas was appointed as Block President. More prominence was given to active and younger leaders in the committee. A strategy was also chalked out for the

implementation of upcoming campaigns and programs of the party in R.K. Pur.

The newly appointed party men expressed their gratitude towards Shri. Rangalal Halder, Shri. TSG Bhasker and Shri. V.K.

Abdul Aziz for entrusting them and expressed confidence that they would strengthen the party base under the dynamic leadership of Shri. Rangalal Halder.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Koffee Shots with Karan: Dhanush would like to play Rajinikanth in Superstar's biopic

**Mumbai, Dec. 22:** Koffee with Karan is back! Well, not quite. But a version of it, with a special Koffee Shots With Karan episode featuring Atrangi Re stars Dhanush and Sara Ali Khan, and of course, host Karan Johar.

Karan begins the show by praising Dhanush for his National Award-winning performance in Asuran, and then the conversation moves on to the making of Atrangi Re, director Aanand L Rai, and even what Sara feels about the massive age gap between her and her male co-stars Dhanush and Akshay Kumar. A quintessential



Rapid Fire round followed as well, in which both stars seemed to have a lot of fun, with Dhanush mentioning he would like to play his father-in-law Rajinikanth in the Superstar's biopic,

and also star in that of music legend Ilaiyaraaja's! He also revealed he would like to remake his 2007 Tamil hit film Polladhavan, directed by Vetrimaaran, in Hindi, if given the chance.

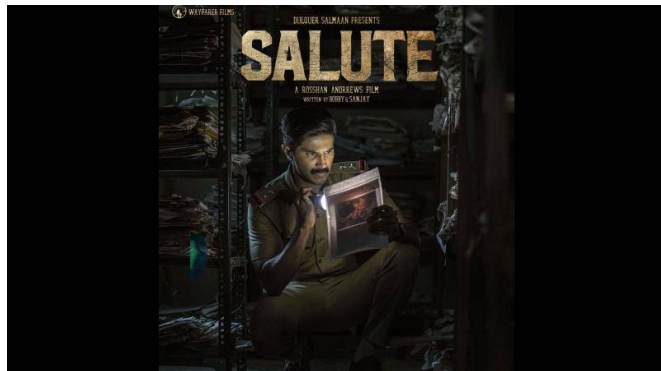
### Dulquer Salmaan's 'Salute' to Release on January 14

**Mumbai:** Dulquer Salmaan-starrer 'Salute' has got a release date. On Wednesday, the Malayalam star announced that the film will arrive in theatres on January 14, 2022.

"Another one! Aravind Karunakaran is on a mission!! Salute...releasing in theaters worldwide on January 14, 2022," he posted on Instagram.

Dulquer also unveiled a new poster of the film, which shows him as an intense cop who is on a mission.

Rosshan Andrews has directed the project. 'Salute' also features Diana Penty, Manoj K. Jayan, Saniya Iyappan, Lakshmi Gopalaswamy, Saikumar and Ganapathi S Poduval.



### 'Harry Potter' Reunion Episode to Stream on Amazon Prime Video in India

**Mumbai:** Get ready to be super nostalgic on January 1 as your favourite 'Harry Potter' stars Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and Emma Watson, along with other cast members, and filmmakers are coming together to celebrate 20 years of the iconic franchise.

They all will be seen interacting in a special reunion episode titled 'Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts', which will stream in India on Amazon Prime Video.

The particular episode is produced by Warner Bros. Unscripted Television in association with Warner Horizon at the iconic Warner Bros. Studio Tour London—The Making of Harry Potter. The special is executive produced by Casey Patterson



of Casey Patterson Entertainment (A West Wing Special to Benefit When We All Vote) and Pulse Films (Beastie Boys Story).

A day ago, the makers even unveiled the trailer of the episode. The trailer features the cast reminiscing about the movies, as well as festivities in the Great Hall.

Watson said, "It feels like no time has passed and loads of time has passed." Radcliffe said that something that had scared him was "the implication that the most meaningful thing in our life was done," and that seeing everyone is "joyous" because he realizes "it wasn't though."

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## Health, Science /Tech

### Israel to administer fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccine for medical personnel, senior citizens



**Jerusalem, Dec. 22:** Israel is poised to begin administering the fourth dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for medical personnel and people aged 60 and above in a bid to curb the spread of Omicron infections in the country, the Prime Minister's Office said on Wednesday.

The announcement comes after a top panel of medical experts had recommended on Tuesday to begin administering the fourth dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Those eligible for the fourth dose can administer only if four months have passed since the third dose, the panel said.

Most of the vaccinated in Israel have received the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

Israel Prime Minister Naftali Bennett welcomed the decision, terming it "wonderful news that will assist us in getting through the Omicron wave that is engulfing the world".

"The State of Israel is continuing to stand at the forefront of the global efforts to deal with the pandemic. The citizens of Israel were the first in the world to receive the third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and we are continuing to pioneer with the fourth dose as well", Prime Minister Bennett said in a statement.

"I call on everyone who meets the criteria that the members of the committee have set: Go and get vaccinated. Take responsibility for the health and livelihoods of all of us. The vaccines save lives," he explained.

The decision by the Health Ministry panel is pending approval of the Ministry's director general.

The nod is likely in a few days when the Ministry releases clearer guidelines on a fourth shot.

Israel has reported a total of 341 cases of the Omicron variant, and one death so far.

The country has reported around 1.36 million COVID-19 cases and 8,232 coronavirus-related deaths, according to the Health Ministry.

The ministerial committee formed to fight the coronavirus, also known as the Corona Cabinet, convened on Tuesday to discuss the continued handling of the Omicron strain.

Updated national and global morbidity data was presented by Health Ministry professionals during the meeting and an action plan was chalked out to deal with the rising cases, an official release said.

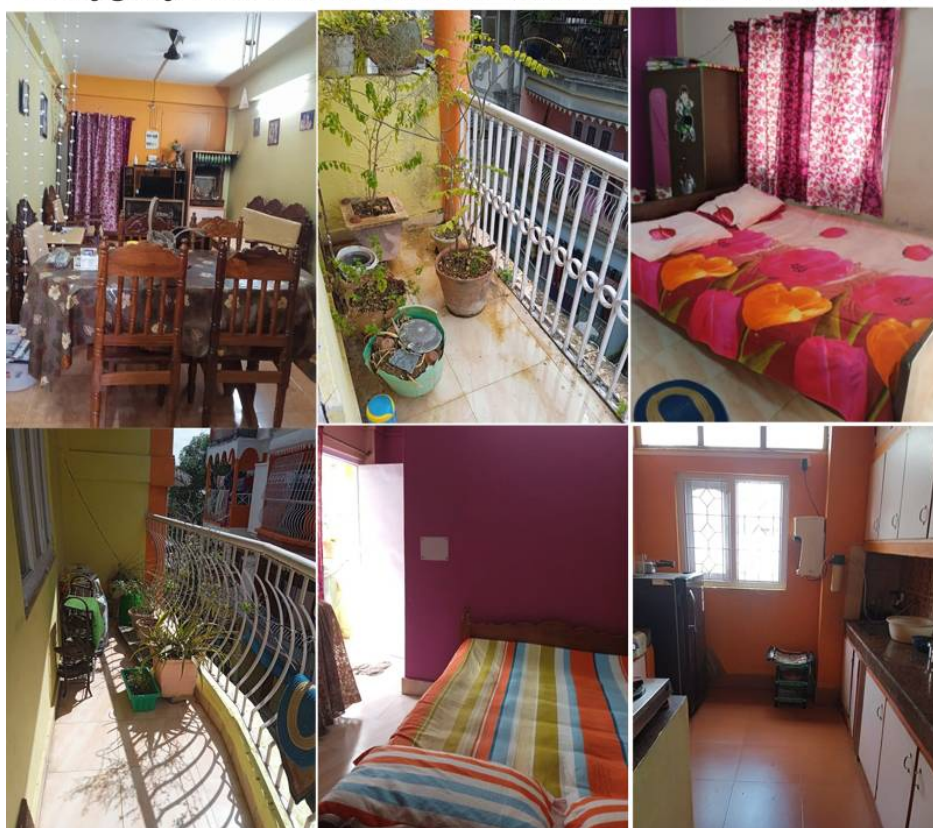
Israel was one of the first countries to vaccinate its population of over nine million early this year and then carried out the world's first booster campaign over the summer.



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## 'The Cause Travellers' Led by Rt. Bhal Shekhar Conduct Awareness Sessions on Organ Donation in Port Blair

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by conducting programs for public communities, Rotary clubs, NGOs, hospitals, schools, colleges amongst others.

The two started their journey on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from Kharghar Navi Mumbai and have been holding these meetings in collaboration with Rotary District 3142 & Rotary club Navi Mumbai Sunrise, MOHAN Foundation, Bharat Petroleum and Morrison Garrage (M G Motor).

In Port Blair, along with the help of Rotary Club of Port Blair & Rotary Club of Port Blair NextGen they participated in an awareness talk was conducted at Naval

Children School on 20<sup>th</sup> December with more than 100 school children, along with the principal Ms. Anitha and coordinator Ms Sandhya and teaching staff. The two also interacted with young minds and to introduce the idea of organ donation to them.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> December Rtn Bhal Shekhar Chilana and Namita Dutta conducted a session at Fire Brigade Head Quarters, Port Blair where 100 personnel attended and at the Coast Guard District Headquarters, Port Blair for 50 Officers and Defence personnel.

In the evening, a session was organized for the members of Rotary club Port Blair, Rotary Club of Port Blair NextGen, Inner Wheel Club Port Blair which was attended by more than 40 members.

The couple have thanked Mr. Diwakar Moorthy, President, Rotary Club Port Blair and his team— Rtn. Damodaran, Rtn. Abhijeet Agarwal, Rtn. Mandeep Grewal and Rtn. Ms. Jyoshita.

Rtn Dhinakar donated Rs 11,000/- on behalf of both the clubs towards their cause in creating awareness on organ donation.

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## DCPU in Association with PBGKR Celebrates Christmas in Child Care Institutions

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The District Child Protection Unit (SA) under District Administration in collaboration with Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi celebrated Christmas at Capstone Children Home (Child Care Institution) on 22nd December 2021.

Shri Hari Kalikkat, Additional District Magistrate graced the occasion as the guest of Honour. Children of Capstone Home presented a colourful cultural program. The program culminated with presenting Christmas gift and sweets to children sponsored by Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi.

Similar program was conducted at Abhudaya Complex, Ferrargunj by District Child Protection



Unit, South Andaman with the specially abled children wherein children decorated Christmas tree and actively participated in the games. The programme ended with

distribution of sweets and refreshments to the children.

The District Administration ensures to conduct special events time to time so as to bring smile on the faces of children.

## ANTCC Leaders to Provide Free Wi-Fi for Residents of Harminder Bay

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** A public meeting was organized by the Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee on Tuesday at Harminder Bay. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of ANTCC President Shri Rangalal Halder, ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman, Shri. T.S.G. Bhaskar and DCC President Shri. V.K. Abdul Aziz.

During the public meeting, the people had raised many issues to the ANTCC President in which the main issue was poor internet connectivity due to which



the future of students are at stake. After patiently hearing the issues, Shri. Halder and Shri. Bhaskar assured to provide Wi-Fi Connection free of cost. Shri. Bhaskar said the Wi-Fi will start working within 2 days and that the advance payment of 6

months has already been done.

Their generosity was highly appreciated by the public and they wholeheartedly thanked the leaders and the Congress party for immediate redressal of their issue.

## Volunteers Invited for Participation in waterbirds Count in A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The Asian Waterbird Census, Wetland International South Asia and Bombay Natural History Society has appointed Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge, Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair as a State Coordinator for A & N Islands to conduct & coordinate the waterbird census.

The Asian waterbird Census (AWC) is a citizen-science initiative providing information on the status of waterbirds and wetlands. AWC forms a part of the International Waterbird Census (IWC), a global programme coordination by

Wetland International since 1967. The AWC is jointly coordinated in India by the Wetland International South Asia and Bombay Natural History Society and supported by the Wetlands International Global Office. Interested personal with experience in birding are invited to register for participation in the waterbird census to be held during 29th

December 2021 - 7th January 2022 in various parts of A & N Islands.

Contact details: The Officer-in-Charge, Zoological Survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Haddo, Port Blair - 744 102, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Phone: 233148 / 231972; Email: [anrszsi@gmail.com](mailto:anrszsi@gmail.com) / [anrc@zsi.gov.in](mailto:anrc@zsi.gov.in)

### Sindhu to Sail for Campbell Bay Today

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The vessel Sindhu will now sail directly for Campbell Bay on 23.12.2021 (Thus) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Port Blair on 25.12.2021 (Sat) at 0800 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry.

## Islanders Shine at Muay-Thai Championship

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In the championship, two sportspersons from Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri Rengarajan S and Shri Aniruddh Khedla had represented the islands in the 63.5 Kgs Elite men and 57 category senior men respectively. Rengarajan has secured

Silver while Aniruddh successfully clinched the bronze for A&N Islands.

The two sportspersons have trained at the Champions Zone Muay-Thai and MMA Club at Dairy Farm under Shri N Jagadeka Varma, State President and Head Coach, A&N Islands.

## Vaccination Drive Updates for A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,88,626 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,86,600 (approx.). A total of 612 people were vaccinated in South Andaman District today. 508 beneficiaries

were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 53 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 57 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 5 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 47 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 3 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

## COVID-19 Status in A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** During the RT-PCR test conducted on 464 passengers who arrived here yesterday, no positive case has been detected. Today, 12 flights with 2102 passengers arrived, out of which, 1629 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 473 passengers (includes 34 international travellers) and the reports are awaited.

During RAT conducted on 131 passengers bound for

North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 86 passengers and all were found negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 80 passengers were tested with RAT and all were found negative. During RAT conducted on 7 passengers at Helipad, no positive case has been detected.

Today, till 3 pm 228 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated, out of which 197 were of 18 plus age group.

## Provisional Merit List for TGCE Admission Published

**Port Blair, Dec. 22:** The category-wise and subject-wise provisional list of candidates applied for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the session 2021-22 in Tagore Govt. College of Education, Port Blair has been published online on 21st December 2021 and is available at <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in> under "Announcements" for inspection and verification.

Since many candidates have received their results only after closing of the admission portal and could not apply online for admission to B.Ed course, the portal has been opened again to facilitate these students to apply for admission from 22nd December 2021 and will remain open till 24th December 2021.

All those candidates who could not apply earlier are requested to submit their online application forms by 24th of Dec. 2021. A provisional list showing the

merit position of all candidates will be published online on 25th Dec 2021. claims and objections if any can be submitted by 2 pm on 26th Dec 2021 (Sunday). No claims and objections will be attended thereafter.

After attending claims and objections, final merit list will be published on 26th December 2021 at 5 pm and will be available online at <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in> under "Announcements". Counselling for admission to the course will be held on 27th December 2021 from 9:30 am at Tagore Auditorium.

Candidates selected for admission shall be given admission on the same day and classes shall begin immediately from the next day. The selected candidates should deposit fees and all required original certificates on the day of admission. Those who fail to attend the counselling session, on time, will not be considered for admission to the course and next eligible candidate in the merit list will be considered for admission.





# SPORTS

## U Mumba Tames the Bulls

**Bengaluru, Dec. 22:** Abhishek Singh was the star for U Mumba as it beat Bengaluru Bulls 46-30 in the Pro Kabaddi League season opener here on Wednesday.

The U Mumba raider clinched a Super 10 (19 points) and was ably supported by the team's defence in a statement victory by the season 2 champion.

Pawan Sehrawat had an off-day for Bengaluru Bulls, which missed a quality third raider to support Chandran Ranjit and Pawan.

At half-time, U Mumba had a seven-point lead (24-17) before pulling away further and finishing a 46-30 win.

In the second match, Telugu Titans made an incredible comeback to tie 40-40 with Tamil Thalaivas. Manjeet was the star raider for the Thalaivas with a Super 10 (12 raid points) while Siddharth Desai, despite spending a lot of time away from the mat, clinched a crucial Super



10 (11 points) for the Titans. The lack of do-or-die raids in the first half was testimony to the high pace with which the contest was played.

A 3-point super raid with four minutes remaining for half-time by Manjeet gave Thalaivas an opportunity to inflict an all out and it did so in the 18th minute to make it 20-20.

The momentum helped Thalaivas end the half 23-21. Captain Rohit Kumar's absence meant Titans looked rudderless. However, it had enough in the tank to snatch a tie.

The results: U Mumba bt Bengaluru Bulls 46-30; Telugu Titans tied with Tamil Thalaivas 40-40; Bengal Warriors bt UP Yoddha 38-33.

## ITF Women's Tennis | Karman Rattles Nefisa Before Retiring with Injury

**Pune, Dec 22:** Karman Kaur Thandi raised hopes of a knock out punch to top seed Nefisa Berberovic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, but was undone by a wrist injury that saw her retire in the third set in the pre-quarterfinals of the NECC \$25,000 ITF women's tennis tournament at the Deccan Gymkhana on Wednesday.

Nefisa led 4-6, 6-4, 2-0, having survived five break points in the first game of the decider, when the tall Karman retired after medical attention, unable to cope with a painful wrist.

National champion Shrivalli Bhamidipaty fought hard but was beaten in three sets by Nigina Abduraimova of Uzbekistan.

Vaidehi Chaudhari also put up a good performance against Valeriya Strakhova of Ukraine before losing in straight sets.

The Indian challenge ended in singles, but the home players kept their hopes alive by progressing to the doubles quarterfinals.

The results (pre-quarterfinals): Singles: Nefisa Berberovic (BIH) bt Karman Kaur Thandi 4-6, 6-4, 2-0 (ret.); Ekaterina



Reyngold (Rus) bt Akiko Omae (Jpn) 6-1, 6-1; Diana Marcinkevica (Lat) bt Zhibek Kulambayeva (Kaz) 6-2, 6-3.

Valeriya Strakhova (Ukr) bt Vaidehi Chaudhari 7-5, 6-4; Moyuka Uchijima (Jpn) bt Ekaterina Yashina (Rus) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; Chihiro Muramatsu (Jpn) bt Farhat Aleen Qamar 6-2, 6-0; Nigina Abduraimova (Uzb) bt Shrivalli Bhamidipaty 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Anna Danilina (Kaz) bt Misaki Matsuda (Jpn) 6-3, 7-6(7).

Doubles: Anna Danilina (Kaz) & Valeriya Strakhova (Ukr) bt

Pooja Ingale & Ramya Natarajan 6-0, 6-4.

Sathwika Sama & Saumya Vig bt Sarah Pang (Sgp) & Arthi Muniyan 6-3, 6-0; Hiroko Kuwata (Jpn) & Rutuja Bhosale bt Vaidehi Chaudhari & Zeel Desai 7-6(3), 6-3.

Diana Marcinkevica (Lat) & Sowjanya Bavisetti bt Nidhi Chilumula & Snehal Mane 6-1, 6-2; Funa Kozaki & Misaki Matsuda (Jpn) bt Weronika Baszak (Pol) & Clara Vlasselaer (Bel) 6-1, 6-3; Akiko Omae & Moyuka Uchijima (Jpn) bt Naho Sato (Jpn) & Prarthana Thombare 6-7(1), 6-3, [10-2].

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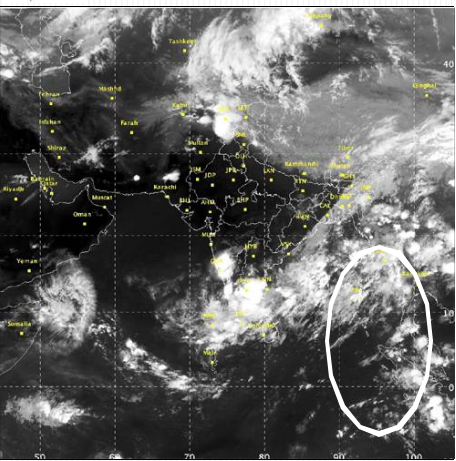
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EOC (Hut Bay):	03192-284014



### Weather



Max. Temp: 30.0 °C	Min.: 22.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 76%	1730 Hrs: 75%
Sunrise: 0535 Hrs.	Sunset: 1702 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	003.4 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3456.6 mm

### Forecast

Dry weather likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Thursday 23/12/2021

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