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## Jarawa Facts

In 1999 and 2006 the Jarawa suffered outbreaks of measles – a disease that has wiped out many tribes worldwide following contact with outsiders.

## Your Nature Guide

### What is a Coral?

Corals are tiny animals that have an outer stony skeleton and live in colonies in the sea. They belong to the same animals group as the sea anemones, and jelly fish. Each coral animal is called a polyp and lives inside a cup of carbonate (Limestone). It has a mouth at the top surrounded by tentacles. The tentacles help to capture food like plankton for the coral. While it is alive, a coral polyp's tentacles protrude from the cups for feeding. In times of danger, the polyp can withdraw into its cup. This is similar to a turtle withdrawing into its shell when disturbed. A coral polyp cannot move and remains fixed to its cup throughout its life. Coral polyps can be of several species - in A&N alone, 135 species are found.

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

## People's Voice

Andaman mein ek aad Officers ko chor ke, pata he nahi chalta ki baki log Tourists hai ya Officers ...

- A Citizen



Too bad. You got zero in parliamentary online quiz about the Constitution!

## Member of Parliament Demands Resuming of 6.00 AM Convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait Suggests Increasing the Number of Convoys

**Port Blair, Nov. 26:** The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman & Nicobar Administration to resume 6.00 AM convoy and also to increase the number of Convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait to four.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament today said that the unemployed youths associated with Tourism Industry in Baratang Island are suffering heavy loss because large numbers of Tourists are unable to reach

Baratang Island due to the limit of allowing only 90 vehicles in 8.30 AM convoy from Jirkatang.

He said that at least 20 to 30 tourist vehicles are not getting permission on daily basis to travel to Baratang from Jirkatang, which is not only causing loss to Tour Operators of Port Blair and Boat Operators of Baratang but also leaving a bad impression about Andaman on the visiting Tourists.

The MP pointed out that most of the Tour Operators of Port Blair and Boat Operators of Baratang are

unemployed youths, who have taken loan from Banks to run Tourism Activities in Andamans but due to the pandemic and lockdowns, they have already suffered a huge loss in recent past. Now when things have become normal, they are unable to reap the benefits because of these restrictions.

He mentioned that there are three convoys from Middle Strait for Jirkatang at 6.30 AM, 11.30 AM and 2.30 PM but there are only two convoys from Jirkatang to Middle Strait, even when there is more pressure of

passengers and tourists from Jirkatang side.

Sharma added that together with tourists, residents of the North Andaman region are also going through difficult times due to the availability of only two convoys from Jirkatang to the Middle Strait that too late in the morning.

For Islanders, especially those who are traveling to Diglipur and other parts of North Andaman, the early morning convoy at 6.00 AM is the best option as they can reach their destination

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## Lt Governor Felicitates Winners of National Level Kala Utsav 2020

**Port Blair, Nov. 26:** Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency felicitated the young talented students of A&N Islands for securing medals at the National Level Kala Utsav 2020.

Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Ministry of Education (MoE) under Samagra Shiksha, to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students at the secondary stage in the Country. As per the NCERT guidelines, in view of the

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## Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Provides Shelter for Stranded Passengers

**Port Blair, Nov. 26:** On 25<sup>th</sup> November when due to heavy rain flights got cancelled, many tourists (passengers) who were travelling back to mainland were stranded at Veer Savarkar International Airport.

The tourists were left out to find a shelter for the night as flights were rescheduled for the next day. Some were able to afford and few were left without any roof for the night. Considering the



situation, the CISF through Mr Mayur Manchal approached Shri Mandeep

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## Unclaimed Gold Chain Found Near Vivekanada Kendra Vidyalaya, Lambaline

**Port Blair, Nov. 26:** On 20/11/2021, Shri R. Ritesh Kumar and Shri T. Muraga Das came to Police Station Pahargaon and deposited a gold colour chain weighing around 10 grams, which was found near Vivekanada Vidyalaya, Lambaline. The chain is safely kept at Police Station Pahargaon. The owner of the chain can collect the above mentioned Chain from Police Station Pahargaon on production of proper photographs and ownership documents/proof related to chain. They can also contact PS Pahargaon on 03192-250525.

## ISMAT Launches Drug Awareness Campaign, Conducts Competitions for Students

**Port Blair, Nov. 26:** In an effort to eradicate the use and abuse of drugs among school and college children, ISMAT a women's initiative has launched a Drug awareness campaign. The first phase of the campaign was a "Survey on Drug abuse" among the students of XI, XII and Undergraduates. As a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the Campaign intercollege Poster Making, Collage Making and Elocution Competitions were organized on the theme of Use and Abuse of Drugs. The competitions were conducted in JNRM Campus between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2021. The event viewed enthusiastic participation of around 50 students of ANCOL, Andaman Law College, JNRM and TGCE. Dr. Hemant Kumar Sharma, Principal, JNRM was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Ms. Shahnaz Jadwet,, Ex-

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

## Raiding party

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's national ambitions are intriguing and daring. Soon after she led the Trinamool Congress (TMC) to a stellar victory in the Assembly election earlier this year — third time in a row — she set out on an extension scheme, though no coherent strategy is apparent. There is indeed a personal factor — she was savagely targeted by the BJP during the election. She triumphed over the BJP, still struggling to evolve a suitable politics for its Bengal foray, but it appears that the score was not settled. Ms. Banerjee had sensed the emerging confrontation between her politics and the BJP's early on. In January 2019, she assembled leaders of 23 Opposition parties at a public meeting at Brigade Parade Grounds in Kolkata, where they pledged to defeat the BJP. Her victory over the BJP was conclusive, but the BJP is waiting in the wings to unseat her, having grown to about 70 seats in the Assembly from three in 2016. The Trinamool leader claims she is trying to take the fight to the enemy, her focus right now being Tripura and Goa, where the BJP is in power. There is a large Bengali population in Tripura, and the BJP is unnerved. In both States and beyond, the TMC is recruiting disgruntled leaders from other parties and free-floaters.

The party is driven by Ms. Banerjee's charisma rather than an ideology. The TMC has swung both ways — alternating between the BJP and the Congress in the past. The Bengal government run by the party does not shy away from celebrating the anniversary of Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, the founder of Jana Sangha, as a proud son of Bengal. Though the edge of her politics is anti-BJP at the moment for strategic considerations, it is the Opposition parties, particularly the Congress that is paying for her expansion spree. Between 2011 and 2021, the entire rank and file of the Congress shifted to the TMC in West Bengal, and the story is being repeated now in other States. On Wednesday, 12 of the 17 Congress MLAs in Meghalaya joined the TMC. Sushmita Dev and Luizinho Faleiro, defectors from the Congress, are central to the TMC plans in Tripura and Goa, respectively. The induction of Ashok Tanwar, a former Congress MP from Haryana, and a Dalit, may signify a broader plan for the Hindi States. Dalit politics is at a crossroads in the heartland as the BSP is facing extinction, and there is vacuum to be filled. Ms. Banerjee has been outspoken on questions regarding federalism, and the Centre's unilateralism that undermines it. Whether all this is sufficient to catapult the TMC as the axis of anti-BJP politics nationally is an open question. At the moment, the TMC challenge is less to the BJP and more to the Congress.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



## Politician Down a Hole..!

Quite often I hear of children tragically falling into a deep borewell!! I mischievously wonder what would happen if a politician falls into a deep hole: "There's somebody fallen in to the hole?" shouts the politician's PA to the TV station.

"Who?"

"A minister!"

"Oh! Let him be, we have other events to cover than rescue operations of a minister!"

However on instructions of higher ups Doordarshan is called: "I want you to cover the event!" shrieks the head, "I want the nation to see how my ministers react when there is a crisis!" A cameraman is sent to the village of Kurukshetra and walks to the hole where he lowers his sound equipment to where the minister is.

"The minister is weeping! He wants food!" says the TV man

"I have sent down tea and glucose biscuits!"

"Then what is he crying for?"

"He wants tandoori chicken with Hyderabad biriyani, and he wants the waiter to knock before entering the hole as he might be in the midst of some private activity!"

The camera man inserts a long chord into the hole which has a camera at the other end, there is a roar from inside the hole and the livid face of the minister is flashed on the screen, "He is angry!" says the cameraman.

"He thinks it is a spy cam," says the PA.



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"Tell him it's not or he may damage my camera!"

"This is not a secret camera, you are on TV!" shouts the PA into the two way mike and immediately a pleased look comes on the minister's face as he also whispers something, "He is asking for a make up man!"

"Is this going live to the nation?" asks the PA after a few hours.

"No!"

"So who will see it?"

"Only you and I, nobody else is interested! When is the rescue team coming?"

"They said the same thing!"

"What?"

"That they are not interested!"

"So who will rescue the minister?" asks the cameraman.

"I don't know!" says the PA, "and it is getting late and my family are waiting to be taken out for dinner and I have promised them..."

"Tandoori chicken with Hyderabad biriyani!" smiles the cameraman as he pulls the audio and video wires out of the hole, "come my duty ends now, I'll give you a lift to the main road..!"

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## Member of Parliament Demands Resuming of 6.00 AM Convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait

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before evening. Presently in 8.30 AM convoy, often because of vehicle breakdowns, adverse weather conditions, or delay in vehicle ferry movements, the ATR passengers reach

Diglipur by late-night, which is both risky and troublesome.

The Member of Parliament said that when normalcy has returned in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the number of

flights has increased there is also a need to increase the number of Convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait to four, as it was before the lockdowns.

## Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Provides Shelter for Stranded Passengers

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Grewal, President, Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi to seek some help. Responding to the call Grewal committed to provide Rooms for 35

passengers. The cost for the stay was borne by PBGKR.

Grewal said, "We would always be on our toes to help any stranded passengers, as they have

come to visit our emerald islands and they must take only good memories of our islands."



## ENTERTAINMENT

### 'Encanto' Movie Review: No Sign of Disney Magic Wearing Off

Encanto, Disney's 60th feature film, proves there is no sign of the Disney magic wearing off. Encanto tells the story of the Madrigals, living in the mountains of Colombia. Long ago, Abuela Alma (Maria Cecilia Botero), her husband, Pedro, and their three infant children - Bruno (John Leguizamo), Julieta (Angie Cepeda) and Pepa (Carolina Gaitán) - flee the conquerors. Pedro gives up his life for his family and the grief-stricken Alma finds a magic candle.

The candle helps build an enchanted house. A community is created around the Madrigals in a magical land called Encanto. Every member of the Madrigal family, when they come of age, is bestowed with a gift — Julieta can heal with her cooking while Pepa controls the weather. Bruno, who can foresee the future has left the family after a terrible prediction.

Julieta has three daughters, the perfect Isabela (Diane Guerrero) who can control plants especially flowers, the super-strong Luisa (Jessica Darrow), who thinks nothing of carrying six donkeys to their barn or moving a church



and Mirabel (Stephanie Beatriz), who despite not getting a gift, is sensitive, warm-hearted and wishes the best for her family.

On the day her cousin, Antonio (Ravi-Cabot Conyers), receives his gift (the ability to talk to animals), Mirabel notices cracks in the house and the magic candle flickering. When Luisa admits being under pressure for her gift and feel weak when the cracks appeared, Mirabel realises there is something seriously wrong and sets off on an adventure to make things right.

Mirabel is yet another mop-topped new age Disney princess as are her sisters —

Louisa with the bulging biceps and Isabella who is tired of flowers and discovers herself by creating carnivorous plants and cacti. The simple yet moving life lessons are packaged in an irresistible Disney package of dizzying colours, wondrous execution, soaring music and on-point lyrics. Written by Lin-Manuel Miranda and scored by Germaine Franco, the music is a glorious takeaway from this heart-warming exercise. And then there is that lovely short, Far From the Tree, which looks at parenting that is the cherry on the top of the jolly confection.

Encanto is currently running in theatres.

### Samantha to Play a Bisexual Woman

There's no stopping Samantha! The actress has now signed an international film based on the novel Arrangements of Love by Timmeri N. Murari. Sam plays a progressive bisexual Tamil woman who runs a detective agency. BAFTA-winning Welsh director Philip John will wield the baton for the film, which is being bankrolled by Sunitha Tati.

"I am excited to work with Philip John, and I am a big fan of Downton Abbey series (also directed by John)," says Samantha.

"This project will open a whole new world as I start this journey with Arrangements of Love," She says her role will be exciting and challenging too. Sunitha, who had worked with Samantha in the 2019 film Oh Baby, says she always had the actress in mind for the role.

"I needed a performer from the South who can pull this off. I was wondering whether she would agree to do the film, given the high acclaim she won for The Family Man. However, when I narrated the story to her, she was curious to know more about her character arc and layers of the plot," Sunitha shares.

When she met John in Chennai recently for a detailed narration, Samantha

was very excited about the nuances of her role and the preparation that was required, the filmmaker reveals.

"Sam was very keen to thoroughly understand her role. She did a lot of homework. John was impressed with her prep and was glad to have

someone like her on board," says Sunitha, adding that the director was keen to have an actor from the south, who was fluent in Tamil, for the part.

When we ask Sunitha why she zeroed in on Philip John and not an Indian filmmaker, she says that the story is that of a person who sees India for the first time in his life.

"Someone who grew up in another country can see India in that perspective and romanticise our culture, which an Indian director would not have been able to achieve," she explains.



Sunitha also reveals that she's tweaking the novel for the onscreen adaptation. "The film will be made in English and Tamil, so we are tweaking it a bit to suit the different sensibilities without diluting the essence of the plot; we are trying to make the story appeal to an international audience," she says.

The filmmakers are now looking for a male lead who, as per the script, hails from the UK. "Auditions are currently going on, and we are also looking for a south Indian actor to play the hero's father, another important character," Sunitha adds.

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### Health, Science /Tech

### Apple Reportedly Switching to iPhone Modem Design in 2023



**Washington:** Apple is reportedly planning to partner with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. for the production of its own 5G modems for future iPhones.

According to The Verge, Apple is said to be planning to use TSMC's 4nm process node, which hasn't yet been deployed for any commercial product; the modem is apparently being designed and tested at 5nm before moving to mass production in 2023 at 4nm.

Apple's switch to modems of its own design is widely expected to happen in 2023, and TSMC is the natural manufacturing partner.

Qualcomm, which is the dominant player in the industry and produces modem components for the entire iPhone 13 lineup, recently said that it expects to account for just 20 per cent of iPhone modem orders in two years' time.

Apple bought Intel's 5G modem division in 2019, foreshadowing the eventual switch. Earlier that year Qualcomm and Apple agreed to end a costly modem technology patent dispute, with Qualcomm receiving more than USD 4 billion as part of the settlement.

TSMC is the manufacturer of all iPhone A-series processors and M1 systems-on-chip for Mac computers.

As per The Verge, there are hundreds of TSMC engineers based in Cupertino to work with Apple's chip development team.

2022 iPhone SoCs will reportedly use TSMC's 4nm process, and some iPad models are said to be adopting 3nm processors in 2023.

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Lt Governor Felicitates Winners of National Level Kala Utsav 2020

Continued from Page 1 pandemic situation, Kala Utsav competitions 2020 were organised through online mode. In the State level competition, 83 participants from 9 artforms from 9 educational blocks have participated. Among them, 15 participants have been selected for representing the UT at National level competition. The National Level competition was conducted through online mode from 11th January to 22nd January, 2021 by NCERT New Delhi, in which Ms.

Diya Rajbanshi of Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School Port Blair bagged Second Position in the Visual Art 3D category mentored by Smti. Shampa Ray, PGT(Fine Arts) and Ms. Jasmine Toppo of Govt. Senior Secondary School Rangat bagged Third Position in Visual Art 2D category mentored by Shri Krishnendu Chakroborthy, GTT (Fine Arts). Hon'ble Lt Governor congratulated and blessed the students for their unparalleled achievements and bringing laurels to the

UT. A cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- alongwith medal, certificate and trophy was awarded to Ms. Diya Rajbanshi and a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/- alongwith medal, certificate and trophy was awarded to the father of Ms. Jasmine Toppo by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor. Commissioner -cum - Secretary (Education), Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Director (Education), Mentors and parents were also present during the function.

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ISMAT Launches Drug Awareness Campaign, Conducts Competitions for Students

Continued from Page 1 President, Ismat welcomed the Chief Guest with a plant and Dr. Shirin Jadwet, President ISMAT gave the Welcome address.

Dr. Mitesh Behari, Consultant Neuro-psychiatrist & de-addiction specialist, from the Health4U MultiSpecialty Clinic gave a talk on "Drug Abuse, its repercussion on the youth of the Islands". The session was interactive and very informative. Dr. Mitesh emphasized the fact that drug addiction is a disease. The longer the addiction the longer it takes to cure. He stressed on the importance of awareness amongst the youth in curbing this growing menace. The Chief Guest and Dr. Venkatesh, HOD, JNRM also encouraged the students to say no to drugs and stop others from taking it. The winners of the competitions held were:

- Poster Making Competition
1. Kumari Jyotica from TGCE - First Prize  
2. Ms. Puja Halder from Andaman Law College - Second Prize  
3. Ms. T. Sandhya from TGCE - Third Prize
- Collage Making Competition
1. Ms. Ayesha Hassan from TGCE - First Prize  
2. Ms. Saily Dung Dung from JNRM - Second Prize  
3. Ms. T. Tanujha from TGCE - Third Prize
- Elocution Competition
1. Ms. Rachna Devi from TGCE - First Prize  
2. Ms. Suparna Debnath from TGCE - Second Prize  
3. Ms. T. Sandhya from TGCE - Third Prize
- The winners were commemorated by the Chief Guest and other guests. The event concluded by Ms. Rasheeda Peer, General Secretary, giving away the vote of thanks.

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## DCPU (SA) Conducts Awareness Campaign on Divyangjan

**Port Blair, Nov. 26:** The District Child Protection Unit (SA) under District Administration organised an Awareness Campaign on Divyangjan at Beodnabad Panchayat commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The purpose of the campaign was to raise awareness of different types of disabilities and how they impact lives of Divyangjan.

Shri Jeo Paul, Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychology and In Charge of Composite Regional Centre, Brookshabad was the Resource Person for the programme. In his address, he explained in brief about the 21 different types of disabilities under RPWD Act. The gathering was sensitized on the functions of Composite Regional Centre rendering services of



Rehabilitation, Skill development and Empowerment through various means.

All the participants were encouraged to disseminate the information to the general public so that the needy people may access the

Services of CRC, Brookshabad.

The District Administration ensures to conduct such awareness on Divyangjan so as to educate the society to treat them equally without any discrimination.

## IGNOU Regional Centre Celebrates Constitution Day

**Port Blair, Nov. 26:** IGNOU Regional Centre Port Blair has celebrated the Constitution Day today in its premises. Floral tributes are paid to the portrait of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee. Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre-Port Blair Dr. S. Raja Rao conveyed the greetings to all the staff and addressed

the RC Staff. In his address Dr. Raja Rao recollected the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar and the time taken for preparing the world's longest and most exhaustive written Constitution and explained the salient features of the Constitution. Dr. Raja Rao administered the

Preamble of the Constitution to the Members of the Staff and Students. He urged them for upholding of the values enshrined in the Constitution. Dr. Nurul Hasan, Assistant Regional Director and all the Staff have participated in the Constitution Day programme at Port Blair.



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# SPORTS

## Concerns About India's Tour of South Africa Amid New COVID-19 Variant's Rise

The new COVID-19 variant, which threatens to wreak havoc in South Africa, has led to considerable concerns about India's tour of the Rainbow Nation next month with BCCI sources saying that any decision on the matter will be based on the government's advice.

The ongoing India A tour of South Africa, featuring three unofficial Tests in Bloemfontein, could also be called off midway given the uncertain situation which has prompted several visiting sportspersons to seek a way out of the country.

The first game ended in a draw due to inclement weather on Friday and the second match starts on November 29. The team is currently in a bio-bubble and the matches are being played without spectators.

The India seniors, during a nearly seven-week assignment starting December 17, are scheduled to play three Tests, three ODIs and four T20 Internationals across four venues — Johannesburg, Centurion, Paarl, and Cape Town.

"Let's wait and watch, we will go by government's advisory. It is an evolving situation," a top BCCI source told PTI on Friday.

The Ministry of External Affairs, when asked about the tour and the rise of the new variant, on Friday said, "...this is an issue more for our health authorities and civil aviation authorities. It is a developing story." The cases are on the rise in the northern part of the country and at least two venues for the Test series — Johannesburg and Pretoria (near Centurion) — could become vulnerable to the spread of the new variant.

"Look, till we get a detailed picture of the ground situation from Cricket South Africa (CSA), we will not be able to tell our next step. As per the current plan, the Indian team is supposed to leave either on December 8 or 9 just after the New Zealand series gets over in Mumbai," the source said.



As of now, the tour is on but it is understood that the BCCI, in the next few days, will be talking to Cricket South Africa on the detection of the new variant — B.1.1.529 — which has set alarm bells ringing across the globe.

Scientists believe that the high number of spike mutations could make the new variant more resistant to vaccines, make it more transmissible and cause an increase in the severity of COVID-19 symptoms.

On Friday, it was reported that the Netherlands have withdrawn from their ongoing tour of South Africa while the first ODI between the two sides was being played in Centurion, the venue for the other two matches as well.

Cricket South Africa said a decision would be made only in the next two days as flight options for the travellers have been affected by the travel bans that have come into the effect due to the new variant.

"A decision on the continuation of the series will follow in the next 24 to 48 hours, while all flight options are being considered," stated Cricket South Africa as speculation swirled.

"Both boards can confirm that following updated information, it is highly unlikely that the visiting team will be able to fly out of South Africa over the weekend," it added.

The BCCI official indicated that even though players will be sent on a charter flight from Mumbai to Johannesburg, there is a

possibility of putting them through three-four days of hard quarantine upon reaching given the changed circumstances, which the Board hoped won't deteriorate further.

"Initially, there was no provision for hard quarantine but obviously the players will remain in a bio-bubble. Now with cases rising in South Africa and European Union also cancelling flights temporarily, we need to factor in these aspects," a senior BCCI source said.

PTI also got in touch with a member of the administrative staff who is currently in Bloemfontein with the India A team.

"We didn't undergo any hard quarantine on arrival over here since we came by charter flight and are staying in a bio-bubble. After the outbreak, a medical team from Cricket South Africa had a meeting with our representatives over here.

"We were told that there is nothing to worry since the spike in cases is far away from Bloemfontein where we would be playing our next match too," the official said over phone.

"We were told specifically that Bloemfontein is unaffected by the spike in COVID-19 cases and also it's happening in the northern part of the country," he added.

He also informed that as on Friday, the A team hasn't received any instruction from the BCCI.

"As of now, we haven't been intimated by the BCCI about aborting the tour midway. We will do as we are told. Right now players are going for their gym session," he said.

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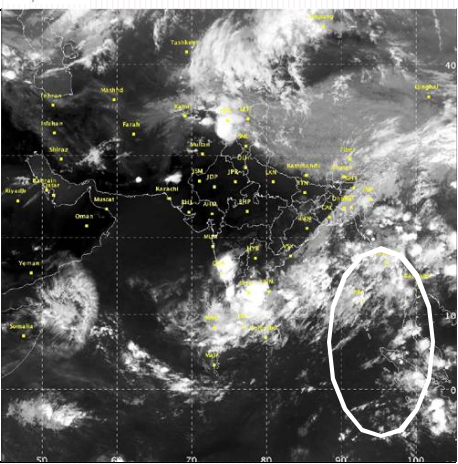
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EOC (Kamorta):	03193-263222
EOC (N&M):	03192-262960
EOC (Hut Bay):	03192-284014



### Weather



Max. Temp: 30.6 °C	Min.: 23.0 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 78%	1730 Hrs: 82%
Sunrise: 0522 Hrs.	Sunset: 1652 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	075.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3363.1 mm

### Forecast

Light rainfall likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31 °C and 25 °C respectively on Saturday 27/11/2021

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