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Jarawa Facts

The 300 odd - strong Jarawa, along with the other Andaman tribes the Sentinelese, the Onge and the Great Andamanese, were the sole inhabitants of the Andaman Islands until the British and then the Indians arrived. Their ancestors are thought to have been part of the first successful migrations out of Africa.

Your Nature Guide

The Oceanic Medley: Of the 25 modern phyla of groups of animals, only four are represented on land, and all 25 are represented in the oceans! However, there is one extremely important class of animals that is almost absent here: insects, which are so abundant on land. Why? No one really seems to know. Some scientist think that crustaceans (shrimps, lobsters, and crabs) may occupy in the sea the place that is occupied by the insects of land.

The Sunlight Zone: This zone is the oceans garden where sunlight streams through. Plants grow here, product food through photosynthesis, and supports animals life. This layer where air meets water is home to many species of animals important to us economically and ecologically. Here you find animals in various stages of their life cycles-eggs, larvae, juveniles, and adults.

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

People's Voice

Nicobar District mein APWD hai ki bhi nahi, ye samajhnaahi aa raha hai ... Kyon na Nicobar ko BRO ko soup de ?

- A Citizen



We should arrange blankets for the poor by April or May!

Member of Parliament Demands Helipad in Billyground for People of Harinagar, Swadesh Nagar, Betapur and Nimbudera Panchayats

Port Blair, Dec. 1: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has demanded for construction of a Helipad for people of Harinagar, Swadesh Nagar, Betapur and Nimbudera Panchayats for immediate evacuation of critical patients and other emergency needs.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament said that during his recent visit to Middle Andaman a large number of residents of Billiground and nearby regions contacted him and pointed out that for nearly four Panchayats of nearby

regions viz. Harinagar, Swadesh Nagar, Betapur and Nimbudera Panchayats, there is an urgent need to construct a Helipad for emergency cases.

He added that in case of any medical emergency, patients of these thickly populated regions are presently

evacuated either from Rangat or Mayabuder helipads, which not only kills precious time but also minimises the chances of survival of critical patients.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that Harinagar, Swadesh Nagar, Betapur and

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Jolly takes up the Burning Issues of Road and School Infrastructure in the Central Nicobars

Port Blair, Dec. 1: Shri Vishal Jolly National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP-ANI has written a letter to Chief Secretary, A&N Administration for issues pertaining to construction of village road, school infrastructure, footpath, etc. which are seriously affecting the lives of people belonging to Katchal, Teressa, Chowra & Nancowry group of Islands.

In his letter he raised the following genuine facts regarding

appalling condition of services rendered by the Andaman Public Works Department at Katchal, Terrasa, Chowra and Nancowry group of Islands, which requires immediate intervention. During his recently concluded tour to Nicobar District, he witnessed the following facts, which were indicated Island wise.

KATCHAL ISLAND

In the village namely Sola Tekri, there are around 60-70 families residing and in no house there is any toilets,

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ANACS Observes World AIDS Day 2022

Port Blair, Dec. 1: On 1st December 2022 (Thursday), the Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) organized rally and prize distribution function for the observance of World AIDS Day 2022.

Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration was the Chief Guest and flagged off the rally of school and college students.

Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Health), A&N Administration and Dr. Munni Singhania, DHS-Cum Vice



Chairperson, ANACS also graced the occasion. The Chief Guest Shri Keshav Chandra in his address congratulated the

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Two-Day Capacity Building Workshop on "Climate Change in Sustainable Development for School Teachers" Gets Underway in JNRM

Port Blair, Dec. 1: The Department of Home Science, JNRM, in association with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Andaman & Nicobar Islands is organising a Two-Day Capacity Building Workshop on "Climate Change in Sustainable Development for School Teachers" from 1st to 2nd December 2022.

During the inauguration the Chief Guest, Ms. Veditha Reddy, IAS, Secretary



(Education), Andaman & Nicobar Administration appreciated the Department

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AnSI A&N Regional Centre Celebrates its Foundation Day



Port Blair, Dec. 1: Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Port Blair celebrated its Foundation Day to day 1st December 2022. The celebration began with lighting the traditional lamp by Shri, M E Jadwet, a renowned personality of the Jadwet family of Nicobar Islands. In this august gathering, Shri S Ramakrishnan, Assistant Director, India Tourism, Ministry of Tourism, Port Blair was the Guest of Honour and Ebrahim Jadwet, a family member of Jadwet family, Port Blair was the special guest.

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Mission Director UTHM along with Joint Mission Director on a Two Day Visit to Car Nicobar



Car Nicobar, Dec.1: The Mission Director, UTHM, A&N Administration, Dr. Anil Agarwal along with Joint Mission Director, Dr. Suja Anthony during their two-day visit to Car Nicobar held a meeting with the Chairman Tribal Council and other Tribal Leaders in the presence of Deputy Commissioner (N), Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Medical Superintendent, BJR Hospital to discuss health care need of the Tribal Population in Nicobar District.

The Mission Director, NHM also visited BJR Hospital and held a meeting with the Doctors in the presence of Deputy Commissioner (Nicobars) and Assistant Commissioner (HQ). A PPT presentation was made by the Health Department to apprise the Mission Director

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Cease and Desist

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's decision to cancel permission provided to an NGO, Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust, to conduct a house-to-house survey to enhance voter awareness, was a belated but necessary one. BBMP, the Bengaluru civic body, has claimed that the NGO had violated the conditions, which did not allow the collection of voter identification details. It is alleged that the NGO utilised BBMP identification cards to secure voter data through a door-to-door survey and stored the data in an app created for that purpose. The NGO's brazenness, whereby voters were deceived into believing that the collectors were with the BBMP, suggests the incompetence and the callousness of the municipal corporation of one of India's largest cities. The data collected, such as Aadhaar, phone number and voter ID, could be easily harvested for use by parties besides constructing the meta data and profiles of potential voters. Such data are especially coveted by political parties that thrive on exclusionary politics as it allows them to target specific communities and localities with diverse demographics. If the BBMP's purpose was to simply enhance voter awareness, there was no express need to outsource this to a non-governmental third party. The corporation must ensure that any data stored are immediately deleted and legal actions taken against the NGO.

The continued absence of a data protection law in India, and the fact that the Government's most recent draft Bill is light on protection from the misuse of data by the state, have added to the graveness of the situation. Recently, there have been several reports of block level officers of the Election Commission of India (ECI) asking individuals to link their Aadhaar with their voter IDs, and that a failure to do so could lead to their voter IDs being cancelled. Such mandatory linking would be incorrect as it has been legally established that Indian voters can use any of the prescribed identity documents to establish their eligibility to vote. While the use of Aadhaar numbers to ascertain proof of residence makes it easier for ECI officials to verify electoral rolls and to avoid duplication of the voter id, there is also the threat of disenfranchisement of genuine voters as Aadhaar biometric authentication has been known to be less than fool proof. The ECI is better off in doing door-to-door verification and in reminding voters to check and update their voter id by accessing the websites of its respective electoral officers. Instead, the search for easy technological fixes or outsourcing is sure to result in a failure to prevent the misuse of personal information.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



The Old Man on the Rocking Chair ..!

It was the silver wedding anniversary celebrations of a Punjabi couple I went for. As I watched them both, I realized how much the husband relied on his wife.

I walked to the bar and as usual the men folk were gathered around their drinks and there was laughter as a bearded gentleman slightly tipsy repeated a joke:

"A man had been in a public telephone booth for half an hour. He appeared to be very bored and though he held the receiver to his ear, he made no attempt to speak.

At last one of the crowd outside who were waiting to use the phone, opened the door and asked abruptly, "Are you speaking to anybody?"

"Yes," said the man, "I'm speaking to my wife!"

"Ha, ha, ha!" roared everyone with appreciative laughter, and I quietly moved away with a smile to another table where another old gent was also narrating a husband and wife story.

"The old Jewish couple ran a tiny, cluttered Mamma-Papa store near our house. The store was filled with a thousand and one items to excite the taste and smell-ox, halvah, pickles, strudel, and many other delicious things.

On balmy summer days Mama and Papa sometimes sat outside of the store – side by side, in two old rockers – Papa, with his hands folded and head bowed on his gray white whiskers. Snoring softly.

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And Mama – always sitting on the side nearest his heart, with her small, thin hand resting on his shoulder. From time to time she would look at him tenderly, her smile and the snowy whiteness of her hair making her look like an angel. And she would say; "Papa – he is such a child."

When awake, Papa would hold Mama's hand – the one she rested on his shoulder.

And so the peaceful days passed along with these gentle people, and the years melted, one into the other. Then one day I heard the news that is so hard for the very young to comprehend – Mama was gone.

Papa joined her soon afterward, but the day before he died he was sitting outside the store in his old rocker, his hand on his left shoulder – patting it – just as he'd always done when the chair beside him wasn't vacant.

Papa didn't hear the person who came up softly behind him but who left quietly upon hearing Papa say:

"You didn't want me to be afraid, Mama As a small child might be afraidso you went first....."

"How strange" I thought, "two totally different kinds of stories in the space of one evening.

I looked at my friend again, the one who's silver anniversary it was today; flamboyant, pushy and driven, the woman, steady, rock like behind him and I knew that he had the kind of woman the old man on the rocking chair had had...!

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Member of Parliament Demands Helipad in Billyground for People of Harinagar, Swadesh Nagar, Betapur and Nimbudera Panchayats

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Nimbudera Panchayats are situated in cut off areas and hence construction of a Helipad will be immensely

helpful in evacuating critical patients and also other emergency operations during any natural disaster.

He pointed out that a piece of land has already been allotted for construction of a helipad in the region long back.

Additional Chances to Clear Exams for UG Students

Mayabunder, Dec. 1: Pondicherry University has decided to grant two additional chances in the examinations to be held for November/December 2022 and April/May 2023 session to UG (Arts /B.com & Science) for the students who were

admitted from the Academic Year 2006-2007 to 2015-16. The registering students have to pay a fee of Rs.3000/- as Registration fee and Rs.1000 as fee for each theory/practical paper. The students who would like to avail this opportunity may

approach the Academic In charge, Admission & Examination Wing of the college during working hours. They may contact over phone no.9679558544 / 9531894209.

Two-Day Capacity Building Workshop on “Climate Change in Sustainable Development

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of Home Science for bringing the teachers from various schools for this workshop. Ms. Reddy said India is among the countries most vulnerable to climate change. It has one of the highest densities of economic activity in the world, and very large numbers of poor people who rely on the natural resource base for their livelihoods, with a high dependence on rainfall.

The conservation of water, electricity and other resources is important at family level will give a community level change bringing transformation in the mindset of the people, she added.

She further highlighted that the teachers are the master trainer to the students and must exhort the children to utilise the resources in an optimal way. The learning through this workshop on saving the nature and environment will have the impact in the minds of young generation through teachers' community for preserving the flora and fauna of these pristine islands, she opined.

The Guest of Honour, Shri.H.Manoj, General Manager,

NABARD informed the gathering that this workshop is conceptualised in such a way that how the teachers can be the trainer to train the student for saving the nature and environment. He spoke on the rainfall pattern of the current year and also scenario of agriculture in the islands. There are two important ways through which we can tackle the climate change which is mitigation and adaptation.

He said that the consequences of climate change on the social systems are expected to vary in different regions of the world on account of several regional and other local factors. Further, there are many uncertainties in disaggregating the effects of global warming on different agro climatic regions due to still inadequate scientific understanding of the processes involved in the climate change, he added.

Dr. H.K. Sharma, Principal, JNRM spoke on the importance of tree plantation

and its care through students at school and village level since the trees will give balance in the nature. Further he told different modeling studies, adaptation strategies and technology systems would be required for mitigation.

Dr. K. Venkatesan, HOD, Home Science and Convener of the programme spoke on the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) by outlining the existing and future policies and programs addressing climate mitigation and adaptation and welcomed the gathering.

Earlier Smt. Nidhi Shekhawat, Assistant Professor proposed vote of thanks. Smt. Poonam Ajay Singh, Resource Person, Department of Home Science moderated the entire programme and Dr Shilpa Kaushal, Resource Person Ms. P. Bhuvaneshwari, Resource Person were served as Rapporteur.

AnSI A&N Regional Centre Celebrates

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On this occasion the dignitaries and staff members of Anthropological Survey of India paid their floral tribute to the Late Dr. Biraja Shankar Guha, the founder Director, Anthropological Survey of India. It is important to note here that this regional centre was established as first station at Port Blair in December 1951 as Andaman Nicobar Regional Station (which was renamed-Regional Office in 1979 and renamed -Regional Centre in 1989). Thus Regional Station was established and housed at the Cellular Jail. The present building of this regional Centre was constructed in the year 2002.

Dr Nilanjan Khatua, Head of this Regional Centre delivered his welcome address and gave a brief on the history of the Centre since its establishment in the year 1951 and the research contribution made by this organization. He also emphasized and acknowledged the contribution of the first Director Late Dr B S Guha.

Dr B S Guha was deeply committed to the development of the discipline of Anthropology in India. He was born on 15 August, 1894 and died in 1961. He first visited the Islands in 1948 along with S.S. Sarkar. On the advice of the Chief Commissioner to send a small party instead for a preliminary survey, Dr. B S Guha embarked for Port Blair with Dr. Sarkar, a class I officer of his department and three Scientific Assistants on February 17, 1948.

The party stayed in the Islands till April 15 i.e. a period of one month and 23 days. During this time, they visited the Onge settlements on the Bumila and Dugong Creeks of the North-eastern parts of the Little Andaman. They made some observations on the Onge in Little Andaman and the Great Andamanese.

Shri M E Jadwet delivered his lecture about the history

of the interaction with the Nicobarese and Jadwet Family through visuals and historical records of 1950s and 1960s.

Shri Ramakrishnan delivered his speech by linking the role of tourism in Andaman and how the museum of AnSI playing a great role to cater the tourist by disseminating the information about the culture and tradition of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Dr. Sumitabha Chakraborty, Assistant Anthropologist introduced the august gatherings about the Dr. Biraja Shankar Guha, the first and founder Director, of Anthropological Survey of India and his contribution in establishing the is Regional Centre in the year 1951.

Sahri Gitu Yaikhom, Officer-in-charge of Zonal Anthropological Museum delivered his vote of thanks.

Mission Director UTHM along with Joint Mission Director on a Two Day Visit to Car Nicobar

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about ongoing health programmes and activities at Nicobar District. The Mission Director encouraged the Doctors and staff to continue the good work and also gave valuable suggestion for better patient care services.

The team also inspected the Health and Wellness Centre at Mus village, Car Nicobar. It was informed by Dr. Arun Pal Singh, Medical Officer, BJR Hospital, Car Nicobar that nearly 70 patients are awaiting cataract surgery due to non-availability

an Ophthalmic Surgeon at the District. In this regard, the Mission Director, NHM has requested the Director, ANIIMS to organize such surgeries at ANIIMS, Port Blair in a scheduled manner. The Deputy Commissioner, (N) has agreed to facilitate necessary logistics at Car Nicobar while the Mission Director NHM in consultation with DHS has agreed to facilitate these patients at Port Blair.

The Mission Director, NHM has requested the

Deputy Commissioner (N) to make available Specialists especially Gynecologists & Pediatrician at Campbell Bay PHC at least once or twice on monthly basis, so that patients in these remote areas are duly attended to.

The Mission Director NHM also laid emphasis on thorough screening of TB suspects & contacts to achieve the National target of elimination of TB before 2025. For the purpose/ additional funds will be provided to the District under NTEP.

Health, Science /Tech

OnePlus Phones to Get Four Android Updates: Which Phones May be Supported



December 1: OnePlus: It looks like Android smartphone makers are finally taking software updates seriously. While Android still falls behind Apple when it comes to software updates, brands like Samsung have begun stepping up their update game to remain competitive, by supporting their top devices for longer. OnePlus is now the latest brand to follow suit, matching Samsung's 4 years of Android OS updates and 5 years of security patch updates.

OnePlus has confirmed that the Android OS updates will come as OxygenOS updates, which is the brand's signature custom skin. While the company has noted that the extended update programme will kick off next year in 2023, it has not mentioned which smartphones or which of its multiple series will support the same.

Though the company has now confirmed the list of smartphones that are eligible to receive four major OxygenOS updates, it is likely to be limited to the the brand's flagship smartphones.

Given the company has mentioned that the new software delivery system will be applicable starting in 2023, the upcoming OnePlus 11 series devices could be one of the first smartphones that will receive four major OxygenOS updates. With a likely inclusion of Android 13 at launch, the phone could see its last major OxygenOS update take the device to Android 17.

The brand's Nord series of affordable devices may not get the same treatment as the flagships when it comes to updates. The Nord smartphones are likely to receive either two or three generations of OxygenOS updates from the date of release. If we look at the OxygenOS 13 rollout, it is only the flagship models like the OnePlus 10 Pro, OnePlus 10T, and the OnePlus 9 Pro are the smartphones that have received the Android 13-based OS update and the company is yet to deliver the same for the Nord series of smartphones.

Note that these details are speculations on our part for now. OnePlus is yet to officially confirm which of its existing/upcoming phones will support the four-year Android update programme and we must wait a little longer to know for sure. With two major Android phone-makers now offering four years of system updates, it remains to be seen if other brands like Xiaomi, Oppo and Vivo will follow suit.

Jolly takes up the Burning Issues of Road and School Infrastructure in the Central Nicobars

Continued from Page 1 bathroom etc. The GOI under the Swachh Bharat Mission is pressing hard to ensure that all households do have toilet & bathroom facilities. As such, this issue may kindly be taken up on priority basis.

There is no footpath connecting this 60-70 families within this village.

Likewise, in Meenakshi Ram Nagar village as well as E-Wall village the road & footpath is in extremely bad condition. There is no compound wall for the playground and as such Pigs in large numbers usually found entered into that playground and as a result of which the playground has now become a hub of large number of Pigs.

There is no Bus stand anywhere in the entire Katchal Island.

In Mil Dera area where the Sri Lankan Tamil Settlers were settled, also the playground needs major maintenance works and the football Goal post needs to be permanently fixed.

In Japan Tekri area, the school footpath from main road to the school needs to be constructed.

The Classrooms in the Japan Tekri school required major repair works, bench and tables are in a dilapidated condition.

Kapanga School requires a playground.

Jhoolavillage to Jamsin (W/ Bay) Road requires major repair.

The Anganwadi needs to be re-opened after proper construction at the earliest as the same was closed after Tsunami and never reopened thereafter.

TERESSA ISLAND

In the entire Teressa Island, all the 7 village roads and all main roads are in a very bad condition as there was no maintenance works carried out since past 12 yrs.

The available water here is not at all potable, as such RO may kindly be installed at Minyuk, Chukmajhi, Kalasi, Bangali villages.

The Office Building of the Tribal Council requires major repair and renovation works.

CHOWRA ISLAND

In this Island, the medical facilities are in a bad shape, the medical building as well as dispensary are in a dilapidated condition, requires major repairs.

The machine installed for converting salty water into potable water is under repair

since long and it is yet to be repaired.

The width of the Footpath connecting villages need to be widened by at least 2 meters in order to ensure that the Ambulance and other four wheeler vehicles gets sufficient space to drive.

The Government employees are forced to reside in absolutely dilapidated Govt Quarters and this is one reason for most of the Govt Servants avoiding transfer to these Islands. Need to repair and renovate all the Govt. accommodation buildings.

The Govt. Quarter meant for staffs and officers of Civil Supplies Department is in completely damaged condition as the roofs are fully rusted and waterspours in heavily during rainy season.

The Chowra Power House also requires major repair and renovation as the roofing is completely rusted and damaged, allowing rain water to pour in heavily.

CHAMPION ISLAND (NANCOWRY)

The main road is fully damaged and not motorable (approximately 4.4 Kms).

One number of Sintex or any other Water Tank having capacity of 2000 liters may kindly be provided for using the same for drinking purpose especially during summer season.

Construction of 3 meters width Footpath, shelter to shelter and from main road to permanent shelter is an absolute necessity.

Graveyard road, Sea Shore road needs to be repaired.

A new Powerhouse is required to be constructed.

A new Sub-Centre is required to be constructed.

The playground requires RCC fencing.

New Anganwadi centre with toilet, store room, water tank and RO is required.

Residential Govt Quarters meant for Teachers requires major renovation.

Govt. Sr.Sec. School building maintenance work is to be regularly carried out.

Desk and Bench in Schools are in completely damaged condition and they are also short in numbers.

Water harvesting Tank needs to be constructed for securing drinking water.

KAMORTA ISLANDS

Chota Enaka to Bada Enaka, Vikas Nagar, Kakana, Pilpillow village road are in

a very bad condition. These are the main roads that connect the villages.

In Chota Enaka school, RO plant is required to be installed.

In Gol Tekry area, the students studying in 08th, 09th, 10th and 12th Classes of Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School requires Tables, Benches, as it is not available. Furthermore, surprisingly there is no Post Graduate Teacher of Physics in this school since past several months and the academic year is coming to end soon. Therefore, a PGT-Physics may kindly be immediately posted in the said school.

In Kamorta Fishermen Village, the footpath of 1.5 meter already exists but the same is not motorable and therefore in order to ply ambulance and fire service vehicles, the width of the same is required to be extended by at least 2 meters more.

The drainage Nallah near shops opposite to Krishna Temple Road is too small and therefore drain water gets logged. As such a culvert is required to be constructed and the said Nallah needs to be widened.

PILPILLOW

In this village, the drinking water in schools, wells of villages are absolutely unfit and unhygienic for human consumption.

At least 06 numbers of RCC Ring Wells are required to be constructed.

3 meter wide CC footpath of about 1000 meters length from main road to Church and various residential shelters are required to be constructed.

In Kakana village, RO plant is not available for school and villagers and therefore an RO plant may be installed.

Further he mentioned that the vision and mission of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Mananiya Narendra Modi Ji that Water, Electricity, Road, Health facilities and every other basic amenities of life reaches every villages and connects with every citizen of our country may kindly be ensured in these isolated tribal populated Islands.

Accordingly, he requested to sort out these issues at the earliest, in the interest of welfare of people and to ensure that people residing in these isolated Islands resides conveniently and without any struggle.

ANACS Observes World AIDS Day 2022

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participants of the rally for participating in this awareness campaign. He said that since this disease depends on the lifestyle which we follow, we need to refrain from certain habits and behaviours. Our behaviour should be in congruence with the prescribed behaviour. There are certain groups that are more prone to this disease because of their lifestyle and they must be made aware of that. We also need to help people living with HIV and give them opportunity to live life like all of us. I hope that the positive numbers remain static and we should work to have zero new HIV cases.

More than 500 students from schools and colleges participated in the rally carrying banners and placards.

The rally started from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Stadium to Clock Tower, Model School, Bengali club, Co-operative Bank to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Auditorium, PBMC.

'Equalize', is the theme to observe World AIDS Day 2022. "To keep everyone safe, to protect everyone's health, we need to Equalize." This World AIDS Day, UNAIDS is urging each of us to address the inequalities which are holding back progress in ending AIDS. The "Equalize" slogan is a call to action

At Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Auditorium, PBMC, Port Blair a prize distribution function was organized wherein Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health), A&N Administration was the Chief Guest and Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Health), A&N Administration was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Munni Singhania, DHS-Cum Vice Chairperson, ANACS was also present.

Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health), A&N Administration highlighted the global scenario of HIV and AIDS and said that

World AIDS Day is the first health day recognized globally which shows how dangerous it is for mankind and it needs to be addressed. He said that we are lucky that the prevalence in A & N Islands is low compared to the National level and we should all work towards bringing the numbers down to zero. He appreciated for the wonderful performance of the folk troupe and suggested to conduct more of such programs at school and college level. He said that as this disease does not have treatment or cure more focus should be on the awareness of prevention measures. He also appreciated ANACS for conducting this event and this should not stop here for just one day but should continue throughout the year.

Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Health), A&N Administration also appreciated the folk performance with messages on HIV & AIDS. He said that these kinds of programs can be a good way to disseminate information and create awareness among the youths.

Earlier Dr. Munni Singhania, DHS-Cum Vice Chairperson, ANACS welcomed the guests and the gathering and highlighted on this year's theme Equalize. She said that as the theme highlights, we need to ensure that comprehensive HIV & AIDS treatment and services should be availed by all. The event was conducted under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Munni Singhania, DHS-Cum Vice Chairperson, ANACS.

Fusion performance of folk dance, nukkad natak with awareness messages was done by Balakrishna Nritya Academy and Dance Nritya Academy which was very impressive and liked by all. Awareness videos on HIV & AIDS was also played for the Participants.

Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health), A&N Administration distributed the prizes to the winners of Inter College RRC Quiz Competition winners, Inter Youth Club RRC Quiz Competition winners, State Level Quiz Competition winners and interschool painting competition.

The programme was concluded with vote of thanks offered by DD (IEC), ANACS.

Mock Drill on Disaster Preparedness Conducted at VKZPV Port Mout

Port Blair, Dec. 1: A mock drill on disaster preparedness was conducted in the premises of VKZPV, Port Mout yesterday under the supervision of Indian Reserve Battalion (IRBn) team. The drill was monitored by a team of 18 Disaster Management Experts of IRBn and four trained teachers of VKZPV. The students and staff actively participated in the

drill. IRBn Inspector, Shri Yogesh Kumar while speaking lauded the Disaster Management team members of various categories for carrying out the drill efficiently.

The IRBn team of Disaster Management demonstrated various rescue techniques during earthquake or any natural calamities which were noted by the students and staff. Earlier, the Principal, Shri S. Rajkumar welcomed the gathering and briefed about the event.

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Nicobar Administration to Conduct Regular Telemedicine Clinic for the District

Campbell Bay, Dec. 1: The District Administration (Nicobar) has planned to conduct regular telemedicine clinic by utilizing the services of Doctors from AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital and other Government,

Prominent Private Hospital from Delhi in Cardiology, Gynaecology, Pediatrician, Dermatology, Neurology etc.

As part of this initiative, a telemedicine clinic will be organized at PHC Campbell Bay on Dec.3 at 3pm. Dr. Vivek Yadav, Associate Professor

from Vardhman Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi will be examining patients of neurological related ailments such as brain tumors, caesarean section, stroke, lower back ache, spinal cord disease etc.

CRC Organises Recreational and Sports Activities for Children with Special Needs

Port Blair, Nov. 30: As a part of 'World Disability Day celebrations 2022', CRC- A&N Islands organised Recreational and Sports activities for Children with Special Needs at CRC, Brookshabad. The main objective of this event was empowering CwSN by

creating inclusive society. About 48 Divyangjans and parents participated. The Divyanjans were grouped according to their ability level and participated in outdoor and indoor sports activities. Smti. Sumithamol, Resident Nodal Officer inaugurated the event. The children with special needs competed in

100mt Race, Shot Put, Relay Race, Ball throwing, Musical Chair, Balloon Race and Biscuit Biting, etc.

During the event, the parents of CwSN and the special educators, professionals & other staff of CRC, A&N-Islands assisted and gave their full support to Divyanjans.

Model Career Centre to Conduct Placement Drive

Port Blair, Dec. 1: The Model Career Centre (Employment Exchange), Directorate of Employment, Port Blair will be conducting placement drive on Dec. 6 from 10.30 am onwards in coordination with Munjoh Island Resort for the post of

marketing executive for the aspiring youth in hospitality sector. Around 20 vacancies in marketing executive fields will be filled by the firm. All the job seekers looking to avail the opportunity have been requested to walk in for an interview along with the

copy of the certificate on Dec.6 at Munjoh Island Resort at Sippighat.

For further information, one may contact Model Career Centre (Employment Exchange), Contact No.: 03192-232462, 9434272233.

'World Antimicrobial Resistance' Week Observed in the Islands

Port Blair, Dec.1: Along with rest of the world, every year, the Directorate of Health Services, A&N Administration in association with ANIIMS observed 'World Antimicrobial Resistance' (AMR) Week from Nov.18 to 24, 2022 with the theme 'Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together & Antimicrobials: Handle with Care' in A&N Islands to create awareness about the threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and steps for its containment.

World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week (WAAW) is aimed to increase awareness on Global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and to encourage best practice among the population, health workers and policy makers in order to overcome the further emergence and spread of

drug-resistant infections. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) presents a global public health threat. It is a dynamic phenomenon that occurs when bacteria, virus, fungi and parasites resist the effects of medicines, making common infection harder to treat, increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death.

To mark the occasion, Health Department organized a weeklong awareness programmes for awareness of stakeholders followed by meeting with Private Pharmacist Association of A&N Islands, Poster/ Essay/ Quiz competition conducted among the students of ANIIMS & Nursing School and planting of fruit trees by KAYAKALP Staff of G.B. Pant Hospital in the presence of

Medical Superintendent and Matron.

In continuation to World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week, a workshop was organized by involving Faculties of ANIIMS, Pharmacists and other stakeholders of Health Department. During the workshop Mission Director (NHM), Director of Health Services, Director ANIIMS, Scientist of ICMR and Programme Officer (AYUSH) were present on the occasion. In this connection a memorandum of understanding was signed between National Communicable Disease Centre, New Delhi and ANIIMS, Port Blair on prevention of AMR for further action.

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HRS Demands Special Ship Sailing or Chartered Flights for Lord Ayyappa Devotees

Port Blair, Dec. 1: The Hindu Rashtra Shakti, A&N Islands has demanded for a special sailing or chartered flights to facilitate the devotees of Aadhishakthi Melmaruvathur and Lord Ayyappa who would be proceeding to Chennai after 23rd Dec 2022.

Shri Rakeshwar Lal, State President, HRS in a letter to the Lt. Governor informed that a large number of devotees from Islands

(approx 2500) will be moving to mainland during the end of December, 2022 and will return on January, 2023. The devotees of Aadhishakthi Melmaruvathur and Lord Ayyappa shall proceed to Chennai after 23.12.2022 and they will return to Port Blair on or before 06.01.2023.

He thus requested to provide special ship & Charter flight for devotees on or before 23.12.2022 and 06.01.2023 from Port Blair to Chennai and vice versa please

Heavy Rain Forecast Over A&N Islands

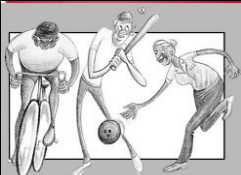
Port Blair, Dec. 1: As per Indian Meteorological Department's weather forecast, heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Dec. 4 & 5. In anticipation of formation of low pressure area, fisherman of Andaman & Nicobar coasts have been advised not to venture into

the sea from Dec. 4 till further notice.

For further enquiries / information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/ assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

Naval Band to Perform at Marina as Part of Navy Day Celebration

Port Blair, Dec. 1: As part of Navy Day Celebration, the Indian Navy will be organizing a Band Concert at Marina Park on Dec. 4 at 1715 hrs. Prior commencement of the concert, the naval ships will be illuminated off Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island. The concert is open for all visitors



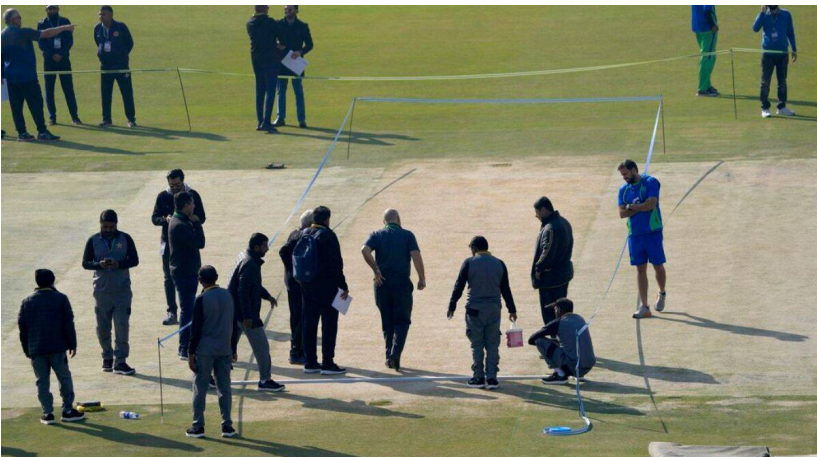
SPORTS

Virus Outbreak in ENG Camp May Delay 1st Test in Rawalpindi

December 1: England and Pakistan have decided to delay the start of the 1st Test between the two nations due to an outbreak of virus in the Three Lions' camp.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board and England and Wales Cricket Board today discussed the outbreak of viral infection in the England men's Test team camp and unanimously agreed to delay the decision on the commencement of the first Test, which is due to start on Thursday, until 0730 Pakistan time tomorrow (Thursday)," an ECB release stated.

"The two boards also agreed, subject to the England players not recovering well enough to take the field on Thursday morning, then the Test will commence on Friday and will be a five-day match. In this scenario, the schedule of the second Test in Multan and the third Test in Karachi will remain unaffected and will be played as per original schedule i.e. 9-13 and 17-21 December, respectively," it added. Earlier in the day, England's preparation for the



opening test was thrown into disarray by a virus sweeping through the camp. Captain Ben Stokes is among several England players who skipped Wednesday's optional training session after being laid low by the bug.

Former captain Joe Root was one of five players who did attend. "As far as I'm aware, a few guys are not feeling 100%," Root told a news conference.

"I didn't feel great yesterday and I woke up a lot better today. So, hopefully, it's a 24-hour virus.

Don't think it's like food poisoning or COVID or anything like that.

"We are trying to do absolutely everything right to make sure we are prepared for this game."

England have named their starting 11, giving a test debut to Liam Livingstone and recalling Ben Duckett to open with Zak Crawley.

England are on their first test tour of Pakistan since 2005. They have hired a chef for the tour after receiving feedback from players who visited Pakistan in September-October for a seven-match T20 series.

Messi and Argentina Advance at World Cup, Beat Poland 2-0

December 1: Rest easy, soccer fans. Lionel Messi will grace the World Cup stage at least one more time.

The Argentina great had a penalty saved but his team still beat Poland 2-0 Wednesday after second-half goals from Alexis Mac Allister and Julian Alvarez and advanced to the last 16.

Argentina finished in first place in Group C to set up a match against Australia, a surprise qualifier for the knockout stage. It's a strong position for Argentina to be in, especially considering the team opened the World Cup with a shocking 2-1 loss to Saudi Arabia in one of the biggest upsets in the tournament's history. Messi's likely final World Cup rolls onto Saturday. He will be relieved after failing to score a penalty for the second straight World Cup. It was awarded after being hit in the face by the flailing hand of



Poland goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny, who made amends by diving to his left to block Messi's kick. Mac Allister converted a cross from Nahuel Molina inside

the first minute of the second half and Alvarez — selected ahead of Lautaro Martinez — curled the second into the top corner in the 67th minute.

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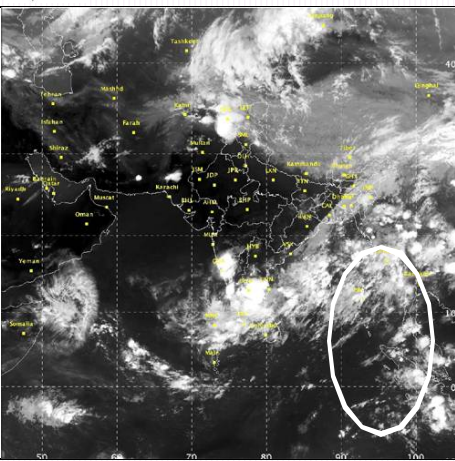
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.4 °C	Min.: 26.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 75%	1730 Hrs: 85%
Sunrise: 0524 Hrs.	Sunset: 1653 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2500.9 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Thunder/ lightning is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 02/12/2022.

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