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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

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

Ab Car Nicobar ka he Issues sun lo ... Na road theek, na bijli, paani, ships, hospitals, schools ab bacha kya hai? Poora Islands mein barbaadi ho raha hai aur hum Mega Projects mein Focussed hai?

- A Citizen



How generous they are... they are giving ₹5 crore Dasara bakshish to each MLA!

A&N Islands Celebrate World Tourism Day with the Theme 'Rethinking Tourism'

Port Blair, Sept. 27: World Tourism Day with the theme 'Rethinking Tourism' was celebrated with great enthusiasm in A&N Islands today. As part of the celebration, the Tourism Department of A&N Administration organized various programmes and competitions. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary (IP&T), Shri Nikhil Kumar was the chief guest of the main function held at Corbyn's Cove this evening. The Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikatt, IAS, Director (IP&T), Shri Prateek Raj Yadav, tourism stakeholders, tourists and general public in large number participated in the



celebration. This year, World Tourism Day was celebrated in Isles, incorporating the themes 'Feel Good Tourism & Spiritual Tourism'.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest said since 1980, the United Nations

World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) observes September 27 as World Tourism Day. He remarked that 'Tourism' is the celebration of life through which we travel to places, meet people from different

culture, enjoy cuisines from various parts of the world and get the opportunity to marvel at the wonderful creation of nature that we are blessed to be a part of. He said, tourism is important and globally

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Member of Parliament Takes up Burning Issues of Car Nicobar with Chief Secretary

Port Blair, Sept. 27: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has taken up as many as 15 burning issues of Car Nicobar Island with the Chief Secretary of Andaman & Nicobar Administration. In his letter he mentioned that today the members of Tribal Council of Car Nicobar had met him and discussed several problems of the Islands.

The following issues were taken up by the Member of Parliament with the Chief Secretary:

1) New Islanders' Card/ Smart Card Issue: The Member of Parliament

pointed out that since a long time new Islanders' Card has not been issued for the people of Car Nicobar Island.

On this issue he requested the Chief Secretary to send a team of officials to Car Nicobar for the issuance of New Islanders' Cards /Smart Cards.

2) Aadhaar Update: The Member of Parliament said that a large number of people of Car Nicobar Island are waiting to update several information about their Aadhaar Card for which it is often not possible for all people

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Warm Welcome Accorded to Satya Kumar at Hut Bay

Port Blair, Sept. 27: Shri Y. Satya Kumar, National Secretary BJP was accorded a warm traditional welcome at Hutbay Helipad by large number of Party workers, Satya Kumar was accompanied by Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Shri Vishal jolly, National Executive Member, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex MP and office bearers of BJP.

The National Secretary along with the state leaders



attended various programmes organised by the Hutbay unit in connection with the ongoing Seva Pakhwada.

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Heavy Rains Predicted Over A&N Islands

Port Blair, Sept. 27: Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one of two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm & lightning accompanied with gusty wind (speed reaching 30-40 kmph) is also likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Sept. 29 & 30. Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely

to occur at one or two places over Andaman Islands on Oct. 1.

Due to squally weather, wind speed is likely to exceed 45 kmph along and off Andaman & Nicobar Coasts. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1.

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Awareness Programme on Wildlife Conservation Held at Model School Sita Nagar



Sita Nagar, Sept. 27: With an aim to sensitize the students of rural area about the unique bio-diversity of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the Forest department conducted an awareness programme at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sita Nagar, Diglipur today. Speaking on the rich bio-diversity of the Islands, the Range Officer Shri LJM Lobo said that the bio-diversity is unique in the world and it's the duty of every Islander to protect and preserve it. Showing the video clips of the precious local flora and fauna, he described the importance of each species in maintaining

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Secretary (IT) Reviews Implementation of e-Office in Departments of A&N Administration

Port Blair, Sept. 27: The Secretary (IT), A&N Administration, Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS along with Special Secretary (IT) reviewed the implementation of e-Office in Departments under A&N Administration with the Amalgamated Information Technology Cadre (AITC) staff today.

Addressing the gathering, the Secretary (IT) lauded the efforts put in by the Department of IT and entire AITC staff in successful implementation of e-Office in all the

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Home and Abroad

Delivering India's statement at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) this year, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke of several challenges in India's past, present and future, with a special emphasis on the immediate "shocks" arising from the war in Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and terrorism. In stark contrast to the Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who made pejorative remarks about India, Mr. Jaishankar made no direct comment on Pakistan. Nor did he directly mention India's challenges at the Line of Actual Control, although he criticised China's habit of politicising and blocking UN Security Council terrorist designations. His comments on Ukraine were watched, as they came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi was lauded by western countries for telling Russian President Vladimir Putin that the "era of war is over". Mr. Jaishankar expanded on Mr. Modi's theme without seeming to either criticise Russia or condone its actions: instead, he said, India stands on the side of peace, of respect for the UN charter, dialogue and diplomacy, and with all those now grappling with the "escalating costs of food, of fuel and fertilizers". His words were even-handed, and require global stakeholders to consider both the risks from the conflict in Ukraine, and from U.S.-EU led sanctions that could exacerbate global economic fragmentation and inflationary trends. The prognosis seems even bleaker, given that just prior to the UNGA, Mr. Putin delivered a speech committing to Russia's ability to use "all weapons", indicating nuclear options, while the Ukrainian President said no dialogue could bring an end to the war, calling instead for more weaponry and a global effort to "punish" Russia.

Above all, Mr. Jaishankar hailed what he called the "New India" under Mr. Modi, spelling out five pledges made at the 75th Independence day anniversary, which includes making India a developed nation by 2047. He added that India is ready to take on enhanced responsibility at the global body, and called for a reformed UN with an expanded Security Council, as a means at righting the "injustice" done to the global south. The year ahead, where India will host the G-20 summit, will, no doubt, test the will and the ability of the Modi government to play the role of global uniter, and what Mr. Jaishankar called a "bridge" between nations polarised by bitter divides. It is a goal which will only be achievable if New Delhi is able to play a similarly uniting role in its own neighbourhood, and bring polarising and divisive forces within India under control.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Muscular Leaders of Today..!

Maybe you don't know, or just maybe you don't want to read between the lines but before Putin went to war, he first saw to it that newspapers and magazines throughout the world showed him with his shirt off and his bulging KGB muscles. Now we realise there was a purpose to it, as he lives up to the muscular image he portrayed to the world.

"So when leaders show pictures of their biceps or talk of the width of their chest," said a gym instructor as he helped a politician climb onto a treadmill, "they're making a statement, saying that we've had enough of brains ruling the world but now brawn is fighting back and winning!"

"Ye gads!" I exclaimed, "this is a new thought!"

"Oh no, it isn't! It started with Clinton. Instead of having photographs of Clinton in the Oval room studiously studying a treaty or nuclear pact, under the picture of a former president, they had him running and jumping and cycling and finally the coup de grace; getting physical with an intern!"

"You're right!" I exclaimed.

"You want to be boss, have brawn!" said the gym instructor as he helped an eighty plus old leader to the treadmill. I watched as the old politician slowly and

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unsteadily started walking but nearly fell off the speeding machine. He looked with pleading eyes at his instructor.

"No sir, you'll have to continue. You do want to stand for the next elections don't you?"

"Yyyees!" whispered the aged politician.

"Then you'll have to get rid of that sagging flab, tuck in your hanging tummy, have soccer player like shoulders and get a hair transplant!"

"Hair transplant?" asked the wheezing old man.

"You want to win the elections sir? The electorate aren't happy with hair only from ears, chest and legs! They want hair where it can be seen!"

"But I'm old!" wheezed the old man.

"We'll have you standing by a pool. Our photographer will air brush your hair like they did with Trump!"

"What happened to leaders with brain?" I asked and watched as the old man let out a loud groan, collapsed and fell off the treadmill where he lay very still.

"Leaders with brain? I've not seen or heard of any lately!" said the instructor as he got down on his knees and with a helping hand from me pushed the politician to standing position, then propped him up and got him back on the mean machine.

"I think he's had a heart attack!" I said.

"Just hold the old man upright on the treadmill, will you, till our photographer takes a snap of him. He'll win the elections with this picture by the time he's out of hospital. Push his chest from behind till it looks the full fifty-six inches. That's the new standard everyone's keeping..!"

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BEWARE: Army Cheque Card Fraud Scam

- Dr. Dinesh

Those doing online or offline business be careful. Person name Sahil or Sanjay Singh will contact you and will place an order. After the order is done they will ask for your QR code to pay through Google Pay or Phone Pay or others. They may even share fake address and aadhar card (soft copy). Then they will immediately transfer Re 1/- to your account as a test transfer to verify your account number which will be followed by contacting you over phone to do a test transfer to their QR code to verify their account too.

This time they will be sending probably a malicious QR code but they will insist to pay the total amount of the product to his Gpay account as they are unable to pay cash since it is an Army or Defence Account. They might also say that their boss has told them not to transfer the entire amount which is the total cost of the product. They will also send an Army cheque to you on which the salary is credited (for e.g. if the product value is Rs 5000/- since you have already transferred Re1/- they will ask you to send Rs 4999/-). Now with this you may get into their trap. They might even ask part by part amount as test transfer. If you track the number, it may be from Haryana or some other states.

Just thought of sharing the experience with all with an intention of creating awareness and caution not to fall prey to tricks of such scamsters. If any scamsters call you, it's better to inform cyber cell and request everyone to be aware of such frauds.

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to come to Port Blair. It is a time consuming and expensive matter.

In this matter he requested to send a team of officials to Car Nicobar Islands for atleast two weeks for necessary Aadhaar update works for the Islanders of Car Nicobar.

3) Demand for Electricity Site office at Sawai and Big Lapathy areas of Car Nicobar Island: The Member of Parliament mentioned that due to absence of an electricity site office in Sawai and Big Lapathy areas, during any electricity line fault, the residents of the region fail to lodge complaint on time and hence they have to suffer power cut for long hours.

In this regard he requested to open Electricity Site Offices at Sawai and Big Lapathy villages of Car Nicobar Islands with 24 hours manning.

4) Overflow of Septic Tanks of Permanent Shelters: He said that the septic tanks of most of the permanent shelters are full and there is no arrangement of cleaning the septic tank. The Member of Parliament requested the CS to issue instructions to concerned departments to carry out the septic tank cleaning task.

5) Old Water Pipelines: He mentioned that most of the water pipelines of APWD in Car Nicobar Islands are old and rusted and hence this is raising serious concern of water contamination. The MP requested to carry out a survey in this regard and lay new water pipelines.

6) Soil Erosion in Mus Village: The soil erosion of Mus Village is a major issue and there is a long pending demand of construction of a sea wall in the coastal area of Mus Village. He requested the Chief Secretary to initiate the work for the protection of land in Mus Village from erosion.

7) Deplorable Road Conditions: Most of the road stretches of Car Nicobar Island are in bad shape hence the Member of Parliament requested the CS to order repair works of all roads of Car

Nicobar Islands for the convenience of the public.

8) Helipad at Kakana Village: There is long pending demand for construction of a Helipad at Kakana Village for the Car Nicobar Island, hence he requested to complete the project for the benefit of the islanders.

9) Posting sufficient school teachers: Most of the schools of Car Nicobar lack sufficient numbers of teachers and hence the Member of Parliament requested to post sufficient numbers of school teachers in Car Nicobar Island.

10) Huge shortage of desks and benches in all schools: He pointed out that most of the schools of Car Nicobar do not have sufficient desks and benches and hence he requested the Chief Secretary to supply sufficient number of desks and benches for all the schools of Car Nicobar.

11) Repair of Nursing Home of BJR Hospital: There is a growing demand for repair of the Nursing Home of BJR Hospital of Car Nicobar, hence he requested to intervene in this matter and repair the nursing home.

12) Setting up Blood Bank and starting dialysis at BJR Hospital: He added that the members of Tribal Council of Car Nicobar have demanded for setting up a blood bank at BJR hospital of Car Nicobar. Similarly they also demanded to start dialysis at Car Nicobar. The Member of Parliament requested to look into these crucial issues.

13) Fight connectivity for Car Nicobar Island: Earlier on two different occasions Islanders have seen flights connecting Car Nicobar Island with Port Blair. Hence he requested the CS to restart the flight connectivity between Port Blair and Car Nicobar atleast once in a week.

14) Providing Kerosene for outboard engines of fishing

boats: Fisheries department has provided outboard engines for fishing boats of Nicobar District, which runs only in Kerosene. As there is a curb in supply of kerosene and fishermen of Car Nicobar are finding it difficult to get kerosene for their fishing dinghies. He requested the CS to make kerosene available at Car Nicobar through the open market.

15) Sailing of an all-port ship for all major islands of Nicobar District via Hut Bay once every 10 days: The Member of Parliament mentioned that Shipping Services is the lifeline of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, especially for the people of the Southern Group of Islands. Thousands of Nicobari brothers and sisters are living scattered in different Islands of Nicobar District, who have a strong link with other but presently due to unavailability of connecting ships, they are forced to come to Port Blair and wait for several weeks to get a ship for any other Island of Nicobar District and they have to undergo similar hardship in their return journey.

For this journey from one Island of Nicobar District (Including Little Andaman Island of South Andaman District) to other Islands of Nicobar District and vice versa via Port Blair they have to incur heavy expenditure and go through tremendous mental agony. Not only this, such a journey via Port Blair is also very time consuming.

He added that all port ships are also required to supply fresh vegetables, fish and meat from Little Andaman to Car Nicobar and other Islands of Nicobar District, where a large number of tribal population and government servants and their families reside. The Member of Parliament requested to provide one sailing of an all-port ship for all major islands of Nicobar District via Hut Bay once in every 10 days.

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the balance of the fragile ecosystem. He said it's very unfortunate that few greedy and selfish people, without knowing the consequences, tend to kill these rare species, thus making them extinct.

Calling upon the students to disseminate the message of wild life conservation in their locality Shri Lobo said that the natural beauty and the rich bio-diversity has earned goodwill for the Islands in the world and it's the responsibility of each Islander to preserve it.

Responding to the queries raised by the students, he said there are many laws related to wildlife protection in different schedules, having provisions of strict punishment with heavy penalty. He asked the students to explain these laws to the people of their villages and advise them to stay away from committing illegal offences related to wildlife.

Expressing his gratitude to the visiting team for conducting such programme

on a very important topic, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, CRC Incharge requested the department to conduct more such sessions involving the students of other classes also.

The awareness session was very lively and useful as it was reflected from the queries raised by the students. It was a participative session in which the students took part with great enthusiasm and interest. Around 100 students participated in this programme.



Health, Science /Tech

Apple Set to Manufacture its Latest iPhone 14 in India

September 27: New Delhi: Apple is all set to begin manufacturing its latest iPhone 14 models in India, just days after it had a global unveiling.

"The new iPhone 14 lineup introduces groundbreaking new technologies and important safety capabilities. We're excited to be manufacturing iPhone 14 in India," said Apple in a statement to ANI.

Further details about where the iPhone will be manufactured in India, which is the second biggest smartphone market, have not yet been disclosed.

As per reports, the locally produced models are likely to make their way into markets later this year.

In India, the US tech giant is partnering with top 3 global smartphone manufacturers - Wistron, Foxconn, and Pegatron according to reports.

About iPhone 14:

Apple unveiled its highly anticipated iPhone 14 and the iPhone 14 Plus variant during its 'Far Out' event on September 7.

This new lineup is inspired by the iPhone 13, with sharp metal edges, rounded corners, a glass back, the recognizable notch at the top of the handset, and a lightning port.

The most significant change in the lineup is that the iPhone 13 mini will not be updated with this generation. Instead, the iPhone 14 will be available in two sizes: the iPhone 14 and the iPhone 14 Plus. They both have 6.1-inch and 6.7-inch displays respectively.

The iPhone 14, like the Apple Watch Series 8, features improved sensors that can detect a car crash. It can aid you in contacting emergency services more swiftly. And even if you're in the midst of nowhere with no Wi-Fi or cell coverage, the iPhone can still assist you with an emergency SOS via satellite. You can send a message to emergency services as long as you're outdoors and have an unobstructed vision of the sky.

The iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus are powered by Apple's A15 Bionic chip. It's the same chip seen in the iPhone 13 range. Apple claims a 49 per cent improvement in low-light performance.

The iPhone 14 is priced at USD 799, and the iPhone 14 Plus is USD 899. Preorders will begin on September 9. The iPhone 14 will be released on September 16, followed by the iPhone 14 Plus on October 7.

Apple in India:

In 2017, Apple started manufacturing iPhones in India. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme by the Central government is also likely to have attracted several gadget makers, including Apple, to set shop in the country.

The Centre offers a PLI to boost domestic manufacturing and attract significant investments in mobile phone manufacturing and specified electronic components, including Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging (ATMP) units. The Scheme is expected to tremendously boost the electronics manufacturing landscape and establish India at the global level in the electronics sector.

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efforts are being made to promote tourism. The tourism sector not only connects people socially it also opens window of opportunities in terms of employment & revenue generation while in some places, tourism is the mainstay of all activities.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary said, A&N Islands is an archipelago of around 830 islands and its richest endowment is its luxurious natural beauty, which makes it a tourist hub. The Commissioner remarked that promotion of tourism is the collective responsibility of all and not just the tourism stakeholders, hence we must ensure that tourists feel welcome in the place they visit and their first experience tells about the place and its people. If they are accorded a warm welcome, they in turn invite others to visit. Along with physical infrastructure, ensuring mental satisfaction of tourists is equally important, he said. The celebration of World Tourism Day gives us the opportunity to welcome tourists and showcase the beauty of the place. He also reminded the citizens that along with promotion of tourism, the need to be sensitive towards the environment and the Islands' fragile ecology is of paramount importance and urged all to come together in promoting A&N Islands as responsible and eco-friendly tourist destination and continue to preserve, protect and conserve the Islands' natural beauty. He also appreciated the beautiful cultural programme presented by the students.

The chief guest also gave away the prizes to the winners of Coconut Day competition organized by Agriculture Department in coordination with Tourism Department viz. Coconut based recipe and coconut dehusking competition for male & female.

Later, the chief guest also visited the stalls set up at the venue and interacted with the participants. He also enjoyed the dishes presented by the Nicobari tribe and appreciated their food.

Earlier, welcoming the gathering, the Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat informed about the significance of the day. He also highlighted various activities that were organized by the Tourism Department in coordination with tourism stakeholders. He said, this year special effort has been made to organize World Tourism Day in conjunction with the theme 'Rethinking Tourism' and in line with that

Spiritual Tourism and Feel Good Tourism is being promoted. This initiative will give a new dimension to Isles tourism, he remarked. As part of 'Feel Good Tourism', children of Child Care Institution unit were taken to the National Memorial Cellular Jail while under Spiritual Tourism, yoga and meditation were organized at various beaches of the Islands, which saw enthusiastic participation from general public, he stated. Tourists visiting the Islands were accorded a warm welcome on their arrival at the Veer Savarkar International Airport today and they were greeted with flowers and welcome dance, the Secretary said.

The evening witnessed colourful cultural programmes like Odissi dance by Ms Koyalika, dance showcasing the beauty of various cultures like Punjabi, Rajasthani folk dance, folk dance of Tamil Nadu were presented by school students of Education Department besides live band performance by Kaun Panam Band and performance by local cultural groups.

Various competitions were organized by the Tourism Department, in collaboration with line Departments and tourism stakeholders. During the day, Navodaya Foundation, an NGO and Andaman Sea Adventure Association (ASAA) organized various competitions at Corbyn's Cove beach such as beachball, tug of war, musical chair, quiz on tourism sector for the tourists and Islanders. Under Spiritual Tourism, Tourism Department in association with AYUSH organized yoga sessions in all beaches of the Islands. The yoga session at Corbyn's Cove beach witnessed overwhelming participation from tourist and general public. Under 'Feel Good Tourism', the Tourism Department in association with DCPU, South Andaman organized a trip for children of Child Care Institution were taken to the National Memorial Cellular Jail. The children enjoyed the trip to the National Memorial and they were also explained about the historical importance of the Jail, to inculcate the spirit of patriotism among children.

As part of the celebration, the Tourism Association of Andaman & Nicobar (TAAN) welcomed the tourists at VSI airport with flowers and a welcome song. Levi & group from Perka Village, Mathi Zeth & Group from Malaca Village jointly put up Nicobari food stalls showcasing the nicobari

cuisine. A heartwarming cultural programme was presented by physically challenged children of Pankh (NGO). Andaman Helping Hands (NGO) in association with Allu Arjun Army Andaman (NGO) and Tourism Department conducted beach cleanliness drive at Marina Park on Sept. 26. Tourism Department in association with Agriculture Department organized Andaman Coconut Festival at Corbyn's cove on Sept. 25 during which competitions like coconut dehusking and coconut dish making were held. As part of the celebration, cycling expedition was also organized by Team Parikrama in association with Hoteliers Association of A & N Islands and A & N Islands Tourism Department which was flagged off on Sept. 25.

People from all sections of society including tourists participated in the events with enthusiasm and fervor. The Tourism Department also presented mementoes to the line Departments, tourism stakeholders and NGOs for their active support and participation in making this day a memorable one for all viz. Agriculture Deptt., Navodaya Foundation, (NGO), Tourism Association of Andaman & Nicobar (TAAN), Andaman Sea Adventure Association (ASAA), AYUSH, AATO, Pankh (NGO), Levi & group from Perka Village), Mathi Zeth & Group from Malaca Village, Andaman Helping Hands (NGO) and Allu Arjun Army Andaman (NGO).

A similar programme marking World Tourism Day was organized by BBA (Tourism) JNRM in which the Secretary, IP&T, Shri Hari Kallikkat was the chief guest. The Director, IP&T, Shri Prateek Raj Yadav was also present.

World Tourism Day was also celebrated by various Tourism Stakeholders in Isles. Andaman Association of Tour Operators celebrated World Tourism Day today at Water Sports Complex during which 17 life guards and TSET team members of Department of IP&T were felicitated. The Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat who was the chief guest on the occasion praised the effort of AATO and encouraged the life guards and stakeholders to continue the good work they are doing for the tourists. He assured them that the Department will provide all possible support to develop tourism facilities in A&N Islands. The President AATO, Shri M Vinod donated a wheelchair to Incharge of RGWS Complex.

The Mind's Eye

ONE WORLD ONE RELIGION



People now don't want a religion which offers them an imaginary heaven or gives them fear of an imaginary hell.

The confrontation between two east Asian countries, the unresolved conflict between two gulf countries and the communal or religious disharmony in various other parts of the world remind us that there has been a vast discrepancy between what religions have preached and what most of their followers have actually practised. The gulf between preaching and practice has steadily deepened and widened. However lofty their ideals and their injunctions regarding the norms of conduct, the religions of the world have been unable to mitigate wars and other forms of conflict. Therefore the question that arises is, are religions of any real benefit to mankind? Have they not caused confusion and conflicts? When we give an impartial thought to this charge against religions in general, we find that, to a great extent, it is true. Of course, there is no denying the fact that, in the first stage of their growth, followers of every religion had good understanding of real religious spirit in the form of observance of their cardinal principles but that was only short-lived, because successive generations of followers learnt mainly the rituals and ceremonies, they said their prayers and they also made some donations and felt elated to see their numbers increase but dissensions, rifts, sectarianism and quarrels among themselves and with others increased. Hence, today no one can deny, with his hand on his heart, that to a great extent if not totally, religions have failed in making their followers conform to their prescribed ethical norms and to the golden rule of love towards the fellow beings. It was not so long back when, Swami Vivekananda reflected on the necessity of the concept of universal religion for the society. He realized the nature of man, according to which mankind in the whole world has been trying to look beyond in the quest of his ultimate destiny or search for God. Therefore, whole of the world community is today expecting a religion, which is acceptable to all, is universal in its scope and teachings and which works as a unifying force. Moreover, people now don't want a religion which offers them an imaginary heaven or gives them fear of an imaginary hell. Instead, they want a religion which gives them uprightness and happiness in this very life and enlightens them how to transform this very world of sufferings i.e the hell into paradise. It is this religion, which is universal, altruistic and practicable.



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The National Secretary also addressed a public meeting organised by the party and later witnessed a cultural programme depicting Unity in Diversity.

Later he took blessings of Mata Rani at Kali Mandir, Little Andaman.

After completing the tour, the leaders returned to Port Blair today.

Secretary (IT) Reviews Implementation of e-Office in Departments of A&N Administration

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Departments under A&N Administration in a time bound manner. He impressed upon the AIT Cadre staff to provide continued support and handholding to the Departments for sustenance of e-Office implementation.

During the discussion, experiences and challenges faced in the implementation of e-Office Application was

discussed and inputs of all the key implementing members were taken for fine tuning and changing the strategy to extend coverage of e-Office in all the field and branch offices situated in other Islands. The Secretary (IT) also handed over a letter of appreciation to the key members who were actively involved in implementation process of e-Office particularly at Secretariat Level.

Heavy Rains Predicted Over A&N Islands

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SPORTS

What Made Ravi Shastri Call Suryakumar Yadav's Six off Daniel Sams as the Shot of the Match?

September 27: "Shot of the match bhai!" Ravi Shastri cooed, only he, as is his wont, pronounced bhai as bye when Suryakumar Yadav ran down the track to the pacer Daniel Sams and hit a back of length ball on the up and over long-off. Quite a stunning hit that, and brought up memories of Sachin Tendulkar sashaying down the pitch and slamming Glen McGrath for a six and a four off somewhat similar balls to long-off boundary in that famous duel at Nairobi 22 years back.

Even three days back for that matter, Sachin Tendulkar was doing it at the Road Safety World Series: though he hit a short-of-length ball from Chris Tremlett over long-on. Now, long-off is another thing altogether. And though Sams is no McGrath, the ball was a touch more difficult. As it was a tad more back of length and rose that touch more even after Surya had rushed down the track.

Also, Tendulkar had a slightly better technique for that six off McGrath (one flew for a six, and the other blurred across for a four). When he was down the pitch, he would get his bat a bit more horizontal that allowed him control and smash the rising ball that much better. Like a forehand down the line, if you will.

Surya, at least today, hadn't had the bat tilted the SRT way. His was more conventional, a kind of downward batswing as one would do to a fuller pitch ball. The danger with such a shot to a shortish ball is that you might end up getting the elevation rather than distance and hole out to deep mid-on. But somehow he controlled it to get the distance as well and that's why perhaps Shastri was singing on air.

Another difference to the Tendulkar six in Nairobi was that the McGrath ball hadn't bounced as much as Sams's. The four ball was quite similar height, rising even as Tendulkar made contact but the six in fact made contact with the toe-end of the bat. Also, Tendulkar's was



more thrilling as he had danced down the track; Surya's is more composed careful positioning of the body; he did move down but didn't advance as much as the marauding Tendulkar.

Surya has this skill to hold his shape even when he is charging down the track. Sachin certainly had it of course, the balance tended to be abnormally good, but on his day Surya is able to match that.

Most of his shots come from the calculated 'shape-holding' T20 book of batting. Hold shape, stretch the upper body, extend the arms to its fullest, strive to maintain balance even at that tipping over point – and wham. Most of the time, it comes down to the way he positions himself in a shot.

Secondly, even when his hands go the full distance as he stays with the shot, completely finishing it, stretching the post-impact extension of arms to its fullest, he is incredibly able to hold his shape. It's one thing to do when he is standing at his stance but another thing altogether when he does it after marching down the pitch to a pacer.

The risk in this six off Sams was as noted, skying it straight up but somehow he kept the high elbow firm and punched it with the regulation downward bat swing.

Even Virat Kohli would say later that he was just awed by some of the shots from Surya. "Absolute clarity in what he wants to do. He has the game to bat under any sort of situation

and any condition. He has shown that already. He got a hundred in England, he batted beautifully in the Asia Cup. Here, he's striking the ball as well as I have seen him strike. For the past 6 months, he's been outstanding. It's the array of shots and to play those shots at the right time is such a tremendous skill. He's a guy who knows his game inside out. He's got the gift of timing and I was in awe watching him play his shots."

The batting coach Vikram Rathour, a very fine domestic player who never quite made it at international level, once caressed a six off Shaun Pollock that had even Tendulkar, the non-striker, turn to gape at the trajectory of the six. Rathour had leaned forward a touch and wafted his bat on the up and through the line of a short-of-length delivery over long-on. It was probably the best shot of his career against a pacer. But Surya did it after moving down the pitch and over long-off.

Now, why do we say it's easier over long-on. Just watch Tendulkar six the other day against Tremlett. When a batsman isn't up to the pitch and the ball rises up from short of length, he can flex his wrist to ride the bounce and go across the line, if you will like a tennis forehand cross court. But if he chooses to go with the line of the outside-off ball, over long-off, it's difficult to ride the bounce. That's why Tendulkar smartly would tilt his bat a touch more horizontally to whack the ball on its head, rather than come down and up like Surya did. But incredibly, Suryakumar Yadav managed to unfurl the shot and get Shastri stressing his bhai.

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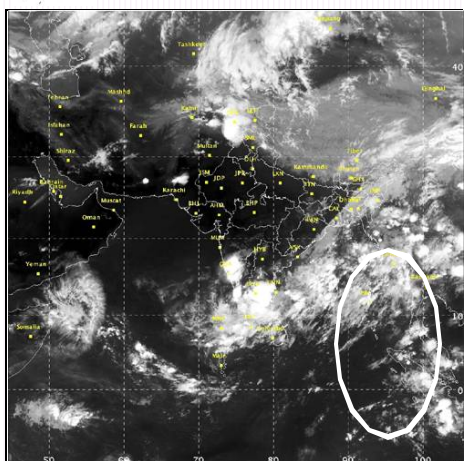
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Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 26.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 72%	1730 Hrs: 84%
Sunrise: 0509 Hrs.	Sunset: 1730 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	002.0 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	1850.7 mm

Forecast

Partly cloudy sky and Light Rain or thundershowers is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 28/09/2022.

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