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## Jarawa Facts

The 590 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

**Life in the ocean:** From the shores or from a boat, the sea looks like a huge mass of uniform, inky blue water. It is not so actually. Life in the sea is amazingly different at different depths. From the surface to a few feet below, the ocean is a sunlit world, that changes from day to night. Below this, the ocean becomes cold, dim, and unchanging. And thousands of meters below the surface, the ocean is a region of near-freezing temperatures, crushing pressure, and complete darkness. Most marine plants and animals are adapted to living in one of three regions- the sunlight, twilight, or midnight zone. These zones are defined by the presence (or absence) of light. They differ from one another in temperature amount of pressure, and nutrient supply. We will mainly focus here on the sunlight zone where most of the familiar animals and plants are present.

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

## People's Voice

Where There is a Will There is a Way ... Aur ye Fisheries Department ne kar dikhaaya Seafood Festival aayojan karke ...

- A Citizen



Do I still have my job?

## Member of Parliament Donates Dead-body Freezer to the Gram Panchayat of Mithakhari from MPLADS Fund

**Port Blair, Nov. 21:** The Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma today donated a dead-body freezer box to the Gram Panchayat of Mithakhari, Ferrargunj, South Andaman from the MPLADS fund.

Since a long time there was a huge demand for a dead-body freezer box from various panchayats of the South Andaman region.

In absence of a dead-body freezer box in the area, often people of South Andaman

villages had to face a lot of difficulties in arranging a freezer box, which is not easily available in these Islands.

Considering the demand of general public, the Member of Parliament today donated a dead-body freezer box to the Gram Panchayat of Mithakhari, Ferrargunj, South Andaman today, which will be available for the people of the area as well as all nearby panchayats.



## Chief Secretary Launches Mobile App 'ANTS PATHIK' for Commuters in STS Express Busses

**Port Blair, Nov. 21:** It has been the consistent endeavor of Transport Department under A & N Administration to leverage the latest technology for delivering better quality of services to the citizens at their doorstep. As part of this vision and in order to provide efficient and easy facility of ticket booking, the Transport Department in association with NIC

Uttarakhand has developed a Mobile application 'ANTS PATHIK' for commuters travelling in STS Express buses on ATR route between South Andaman and N & M Andaman.



The application was launched by Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Islands today in the presence of Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS Commissioner-  
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## Jolly Takes up the Burning Issues Pertaining to Nicobar District with Chief Secretary

### CS Assures to Visit Nicobar District Soon and to Hold Meeting with NAFED/ Procurement Agencies on Copra MSP

**Port Blair, Nov. 21:** Shri. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP & Former State President BJP-ANI today met the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration and highlighted the following burning issues pertaining to Nicobar District:

Jolly placed that there is a serious requirement of proper village roads as all roads in Car Nicobar are in a completely damaged condition and not motorable at all. He further placed that 95% of the street lights are not working. School infrastructure is completely in a bad shape and students don't even have



benches to sit and study. During rainy season, the rain water flows directly upon them due to damaged roofs.

He further highlighted about the poor and damaged condition of water pipelines due to

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## Kashthuri Wins First Prize in Best Female Player Category at TMCA Open FIDE Rating Tournament in Pune



**Port Blair, Nov. 21:** It again a proud moment for Islanders as R Kashthuri Bhai, a student of class VIII of GDMS Middle Point, Port Blair has brought laurels to the A&N Islands by winning the First Prize in the Best Female player category in the 1<sup>st</sup> TMCA OPEN FIDE RATING CHESS TOURNAMENT 2022, held in Pune, Maharashtra from 15.11.2022 to 20.11.2022.

Kashthuri was awarded with a trophy and cash prize for her brilliant performance. Around 220 players from different states across India participated in this prestigious event.

## National Book Week Celebrated at GSSS Kapanga

**Katchal, Nov. 21:** The National Book week was observed in Govt. Senior Secondary School Kapanga Katchal from Nov.14 to 20, 2022. The Teacher Incharge, Smti. Joselyn Samuel inaugurated the programme. Shri Suresh J. Panicker, Librarian highlighted the importance of the Week.

Books on different subjects and topics were displayed for the students, drawing, essay writing, reading and elocution competitions were organized for the students of various groups. The prizes were distributed to the first, second and third prize winners. The concluding function of the National Book Week was held in the school in which National Awardee Teacher (Retd.) and First Captain of Meenakshi Ram Nagar, Kapanga Katchal, Shri Aron was the chief guest. He spoke on the importance of books and lauded the efforts of the school for organizing a wonderful exhibition.



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*Success is not an activity but a process ...*

## Incremental Win

The two-week long climate conference in Egypt has drawn to a close with a symbolic victory in the form of a fund that will compensate some of the countries bearing the brunt of climate change-linked natural disasters. However, progress on action to keep temperatures from rising beyond 1.5°C of pre-industrial levels was limited. The 27th edition of the United Nations Conference of the Parties was projected to be an 'implementation' COP that would have decisively resolved questions on how developed countries, responsible for the bulk of historical emissions, would make good on an old promise to provide developing countries \$100 billion annually by 2020. And whether the world would commit to end all categories of fossil fuel, and not just coal. Despite hours of negotiations, these deadlocks remain. COP27 will certainly be remembered as the COP of Loss and Damages (L&D). A nearly three-decade old movement, first initiated by the island nation of Vanuatu and the Alliance of Small Island States, has come to partial fruition. There will now be a dedicated fund to compensate the most vulnerable developing countries that are already bearing the brunt of climate change-linked natural disasters. L&D refers to impacts of climate change that cannot be avoided either by mitigation (cutting greenhouse gas emissions) or adaptation (modifying practices to buffer against climate change impacts). They also include not only economic damage to property but also loss of livelihoods, and the destruction of biodiversity and sites that have cultural importance. This broadens the scope for affected nations to claim compensation.

The text approved at Sharm el-Sheikh only commits to a fund being created and leaves discussions for how it is to be set up and, most importantly, who will pay how much to it, for future COP negotiations. While there have been nominal commitments by Scotland and Wallonia (Belgium) to donate to such a fund, the estimated L&D is already over \$500 billion. During negotiations this year, the European Union pressed hard for China, the Arab states and "large, developing countries" — and this could include India — to contribute on the grounds that they were large emitters. This already opens up fresh occasion for acrimony in future COPs and given that barely a third of committed climate finance has made its way to developing countries, the L&D fund too might take years before it can meaningfully operate. While the gain is incremental, countries ought not to lose momentum and must work harder to ensure that COPs remain credible catalysts and are not occasions for pyrrhic victories.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Flirting Dangerously With Death..!

The Maharashtra chief minister proudly announces he was once a autorickshaw driver, that's good, but I hope he's not flirting with politics as I see rickshaws flirting with death:

It lay smashed on the side of the road. Frail and pathetic, like a small defenseless animal that had been ripped apart by a monster. Its tubular frame bent inwards as if some giant hand had squeezed it all together. The tiny, impertinent wheel which should have been in front, was now pushed inward and looked like another gear wheel of the engine. There was no driver's seat, and the passenger seat was twisted like a piece of pliant plastic.

"What happened?" I ask the paanwalla, whose shop was nearby.

"Driver died, passenger seriously injured," he said, as he handed an extra special paan to a customer. The customer looked at me as he placed the paan between his teeth. "We had to call the fire brigade to get the bodies out."

I looked at the twisted pieces of metal, that had once formed part of a proud three-wheeler.

"Why?" I wonder, "do they flirt so dangerously with death?"

"Rickshaw," shouts a customer, and the rickshaw driver without a second thought of who is behind or at his side cuts across road to the waiting passenger. Cars and

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buses, cyclists and pedestrians do not exist for the driver of the three-wheeler. The passenger gets in and the flirting starts. I watch a speeding truck apply emergency brakes, as the fragile machine darts across its path. The truck driver shouts, his cleaner swears, but a little machine below, oblivious of its missed brush with death carries on regardless ..... and through road and gully, smooth or potholed, it flits from one side to another, narrowly missing men and machines, narrowly brushing past instant death a hundred times.....

.....the drivers are experts. There is no doubt about that, but do we have to tolerate this performance of skill and dexterity on our overcrowded roads, when a racing track or a rally trail would serve them better.....

.....that small naughty wheel in front, nudges and pushes, dodges and maneuvers, and scuttles through traffic, but causes with each turn, other brushes and scrapes, to other vehicles trying to avoid it.....

.....The autorickshaw, a boon they say to the penny saving passenger, but a toll being paid to skim and flirt with death everyday.....

.....Next time, lean across and tell the fellow to slow down.....tell him you value your life.....even if he doesn't his .....

I look with sadness at the pathetic remains of what was once a three wheeled monstrosity....., a contraption that defies all safety standards.....a vehicle that should either be banned, or checked stringently by not just the law, but by us .....

Flirting is dangerous, especially when it's with death!

I hope the former rickshaw driver now a political leader does something about the safety of the 'flirter with death'..!

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## Chief Secretary Launches Mobile App 'ANTS PATHIK' for Commuters in STS Express Busses

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cum-Secretary (Transport) and Shri Vishwendra, Secretary-cum-Director (Transport). This app will enable the commuters to make online reservation/cancellation of Express bus tickets using Android Mobiles. The mobile app can be downloaded by visiting <https://ants.andaman.gov.in>. The mobile application will also be made available in the Google Play Store soon.

Further, to enhance efficiency and transparency, the Transport Department had made the services online related to Registration of vehicles and Driving Licenses by implementing National software 'Vahan 4.0' and 'Sarathi 4.0'. In order to minimize the visit of vehicle owners to RTO office for permit related services and to eliminate the citizen- Government office interaction, Transport Department has under the ease of doing business through adoption of e-Governance developed an online permit module within 'Vahan 4.0' application.

This application will enable the applicants to apply for all sorts of transactions related to Permits of commercial vehicles in online mode. The Chief Secretary also launched the online Vehicle permit module by carrying out a citizen centric activity through online mode. Now, the vehicle owners can avail the online services i.e. Issue of New Permit, Renewal of Permit, Issue of Temporary Permit, Duplicate Permit, Replacement of Vehicle, Change of address, Transfer of Permit, Permanent surrender / cancellation of Permit, Permit endorsement etc. by visiting the portal <https://parivahan.gov.in>.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## Anel Meley Pani Thuli: Resilience Was her Reply

**November 21: HYDERABAD:** Movies hold a mirror to society and at times they are a mirror of society. A lot depends on how a certain incident is portrayed.

Decades back when 'Bandit Queen' was made, it had a tagline: 'Revenge Was Her Reply'. Phoolan Devi was assaulted by the upper caste men and hence she decided to queue them all and shoot them dead.

Similarly, in 'Zakhmi Aurat', Dimple Kapadia who played a cop, is gang-raped. She decides to avenge it by castrating the perpetrators with a doctor friend of hers.

Revenge and instant justice might be natural instinct and expectation after the ordeal. But that's not exactly how the real world operates.

This is what 'Anel Meley Pani Thuli' (Moth on a flame in Tamil) is all about. The movie by debutant director R. Kaiser Anand is different from other rape stories in the sense that it takes a realistic approach to the incident and raises the important question of honor vis a vis weaponizing a woman's body.

Mathi (Andrea Jeremiah), the protagonist, is today's woman in every sense. She works as an operational manager with a sports store. She is a confident young woman who doesn't shy away from standing up for her women co-workers if need be. So, when on a trip to a village for marriage she herself faces assault, she is shaken but refuses to cow down.



Mathi very bravely goes to a hospital seeking medical treatment. However, she faces regular apathy there as no woman doctor is available. Next, she goes to a police station to register the case. Police too spring into action and nab quite a few people based on her description. However, it's here where a major twist occurs and Mathi realizes that in fact, the police inspector and two of his colleagues who are attending to her are the ones who assaulted her a few hours ago.

Kaiser Anand has done a wonderful job in sketching the character of Mathi. She is contemporary and courageous. She sports a never-say-die attitude which is essential in dealing with such tragedies. He has portrayed her as a survivor, a fighter, and not as a victim. Hence, she is hell-bent on seeking justice. "They should be punished as per the law," Mathi tells the lady cop, which essentially is the message of the movie.

Performance-wise Andrea Jeremiah shines throughout the movie. There is no no histrionics. There is no shouting and

screaming and mostly all along she has emoted through her eyes and voice. A memorable and knock-out performance indeed. Aadhav Kannadasan as her fiancé, and Azhagam Perumal and Ilavarasu as the menacing cops too are good.

The story is not foolproof and has obvious and glaring loopholes. However, it's compelling enough and packs in the right message. It exposes systemic rot. The music by Santosh Narayanan is pleasing and lyrics by Vivek, Uma Devi and Arivu are thought-provoking. Sample this: "When will the day come for deceits to burn in the pyre? Am I the honeycomb that has to fight the fire?" These lines from a song propound the central idea of the movie very well. Rajamohammed's editing is crisp. At not more than two hours long, the movie doesn't become dreary.

The title, 'Anel Meley Pani Thuli', has been borrowed from a soulful number that the audiences loved. This gritty drama of a rape survivor too will your hearts. It's streaming on SonyLiv currently.

## Bobby Deol to Debut in Tollywood With PK

**November 21: Hyderabad:** After a long gap, Bollywood hero Bobby Deol would make his debut in Tollywood as antagonist. According to the grapevine, the team of Hari Hara Veera Mallu, Pawan Kalyan's prestigious project, held a touch base meeting with Deol to brief him about the role.

Initially, Bollywood's popular villain Arjun Rampal was finalized to play the role of the villain in HHVM but due to delay in allotment of dates by the Power Star, Rampal has

reportedly dropped out of the film. The PK film's director Krish Jagarlamudi consulted Bobby Deol to ask him play the role of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in the movie. Deol also expressed his consent, if rumours are to be believed. The latest update about the periodic drama is Bobby Deol is likely to replace Arjun Rampal.

Reportedly, Bobby Deol would be the antagonist in Anil Ravipudi-Balayya combo movie too. It is likely that this movie's shooting

would begin later this month. After the success of F3, Anil Ravipudi has planned a mass entertainer with Balakrishna and Deol is likely to essay the role of the villain in this movie too. The script work for this movie is in the finishing stages and it is likely that the shooting would begin immediately. There is no official confirmation about Bobby Deol's performance in these movies but the social media is a buzz with this talk.

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## Health, Science /Tech

## Google Maps will Now Let You Search for Nearby Fast-Charging EV Stations

**November 21:** Google Maps has just received an update with several new features, headlined by a new search filter that lets users find fast-charging EV stations in India. Users can now find stations with chargers rated 50kW or higher for a faster top-up. To use the feature, search for "EV charging stations" on the Maps app, then select the "Fast charge" filter.

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The new Google Maps feature will make it easier than ever for EV owners to find charging stations that'll best serve their needs.

Alongside the EV charging-related additions, Google Maps is also expanding 'Accessible Places' and 'Live View' availability. Accessible Places lets people know if a destination is wheelchair accessible. The feature was launched in 2020 in select countries, but Google's now announced that it's available globally on Android and iOS. To use the feature, turn on the "Accessible Places" setting in the Google Maps app.

Meanwhile, Live View is an augmented reality feature that lets users view places nearby like stores, coffee shops, banks, and ATMs through their phone's camera. Simply tap on the camera icon on the search bar above in the Maps app to use it. Note that the feature isn't available in India right now, and is being rolled out only in cities like London, Los Angeles, New York, Paris, San Francisco, and Tokyo.

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## 69<sup>th</sup> All India Cooperative Week Celebration -2022 Secretary (Coop) Stresses on the Needs of Designing Strategies to Strengthen Cooperatives in Andaman & Nicobar

**Port Blair, Nov 21:** Along with the rest of the country, the 69<sup>th</sup> All India Cooperative Week Celebration-2022 was being celebrated and concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, 2022 at the Conference of A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd. Shri. Raajesh Goyal, Secretary (Coop)-Cum- RCS graced the occasion as the Chief Guest in the presence of office bearers of various Apex and Primary Level Cooperatives, Govt. Officials, and huge gathering of cooperators.

Shri. Raajesh Goyal addressing on the topic "Financial Inclusion, Digitalization of PACS", appreciated the A&N State Cooperative Union, Cooperative Societies and Staff Members of Cooperative Department for successful conduct of Cooperative Week across in A&N Islands. He highlighted the theme "India @75 growth of Cooperatives and Future ahead" and informed that the Cooperatives has done tremendous growth in A&N Islands since its start way back in 1946. The first Cooperative Society registered is 1946 in the name & style of Rangachang Land Syndicate Cooperative Society.

We have almost 2200 societies are registered in 30 various sectors touching construction, shipping repairs, Consumer, Bank, credit etc. He further informed that comparing to mainland, we have to do more businesses. He cited the examples of successful cooperatives like AMUL the Milk cooperative which is doing the best business all over India as well as abroad. Apart from AMUL, a construction cooperative of Kerala has a 26,000 Crore and cooperatives of Andhra Pradesh are also doing well.

Goyal handed over the accreditation of Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Centre received from C-PEC, BIRD Lucknow as centre for "Professional & Excellence of Cooperatives" to Shri. P. G. Paul, General Secretary, A&N State Coop. Union, Teylerabad.

During the weeklong celebration the A&N State Cooperative Union Ltd. organized various competition like Essay writing and Quiz competition among the College, School students and Employees of Cooperative organization in order to inculcate the spirit of cooperatives. Shri. Raajesh Goyal, Secretary (Coop)-Cum-RCS, Chief Guest handed over the Certificates and Mementos to the winners of various competition. He also felicitated the Best



Working Cooperatives in various sectors and also handed over the certificate to the candidates who successfully completed Beauty Parlour, Tailoring, Fashion Designing and Computer courses.

### English Essay Writing Competition

Mr. Dipaniwta Halder - Andaman Law College - 1<sup>st</sup> Position

Mr. G. Ajith - TGCE - 2<sup>nd</sup> Position

Ms. Divya Kumari - TGCE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Position

### Hindi Essay writing Competition

Ms. Archana Singh - TGCE - 1<sup>st</sup> Position

Ms. Nazreen Khatun - Andaman Law College - 2<sup>nd</sup> Position

Ms. Pooja Halder - Andaman Law College - 3<sup>rd</sup> Position

### Quiz Competition

Mr. Sudeep Kumar Laskar & Sukanta Malakar - A&NStCB - 1<sup>st</sup> Position

Mr. Srinivas & Wajid Ali Shah - ANCOFED - 2<sup>nd</sup> Position

Mr. S. Netaji - Ekdat Housing Coop. Society Ltd - 3<sup>rd</sup> Position

Sabnam Bibi & T. Thaniya CCWS - 3<sup>rd</sup> Position

### Best Working Cooperative Societies

Wisdom Const. Coop. Society Ltd, Ferrargunj - Construction Cooperative

ANIIDCO Employees Multipurpose Coop. Society Ltd - Multipurpose Cooperative

Island Progressive Women Coop. Society Ltd, Shadiapur - Industrial Cooperative

Kisan Service Coop. Society, Tushnabad - PACS (Agri. Credit)

Women Welfare T&C Coop. Society Ltd, Prothrapur - Thrift & Credit Cooperative

Bangashree Coop. Coconut Farming Society Ltd, Prothrapur - Plantation Cooperative

Mahila Pragati Sheel Housing Coop. Society, Prothrapur - Housing Cooperative

Durga unemployed Coop. Society Ltd, Sippighat - Labour Contract Cooperative

Jagrook Coop. Society Ltd, Austnabad - Others

Mahasagar Fisheries Coop. Society Ltd, Dairy Farm, Port Blair - Fisheries Cooperative

Shanmuga Women's Coop. Society Ltd, Port Blair - Canteen Cooperative

On the occasion, Shri. Suresh Babu, Principal, Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training College (RGCTC) also spoke on the topic "Financial Inclusion, Digitalization of PACS and Strengthening of Cooperative Database". He informed that, Financial Inclusion meant for including all sections of the community in financial services of banks. He briefed as to how PACS can play pivotal role in financial inclusion. Financial inclusion helps the rural poor to access banking facility to meet the economic needs of its members as well as to help them save money. The Govt. has taken many initiatives like DBT, opening of no frill account, branch expansion of bank and appointing business correspondence, introduction of KCC, ATM card and GCC etc.

He further informed that PACS is going to Digitalization in all over India and in A&N Islands 46 PACS are going to be Digitalized soon. This will benefit the rural populace and the Govt. of India has prepared Model Bye law for the PACS for doing as a multiservice centre. He further informed that the A&N State Cooperative Union has brought the momentum in Cooperative development & training in A&N Islands through Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Centre, Teylerabad.

Earlier, Smti. Jolly James, General Manager (Dev), A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd welcomed the Chief Guest and other delegates to the 69<sup>th</sup> All India Cooperative Week Celebration 2022. She informed about the main theme "India@75: Growth of Cooperatives and Future ahead" and expressed her views on today's topic "Financial Inclusion, Digitalization of PACS and Strengthening of Cooperative Database".

The programme concluded with the vote of thank proposed by Smti. Elizabeth Marry, AGM (WDC), A&NStCB.

## Andaman College Teachers Association Pays Courtesy Call to Education Secretary



**Port Blair, Nov 21:** The newly elected Office Bearers of the Andaman College Teachers Association (ACTA) led by Shri. N. Balakrishnan, President, ACTA, Dr. K. Venkatesan, Secretary ACTA, Dr. Vivek Kumar Sahu, Treasurer, Ms. Jochibed Vincent and Dr. Ratna Kushwah, Executive Members paid a courtesy call to Ms. Vedita Reddy, IAS, Secretary (Education) A&N Administration today. During the meeting the

delegation has submitted a detailed memorandum of demands containing issues of promotion of faculty members of JNRM, ANCOL and MGGC under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) as per UGC 2018 regulations, infrastructure development for providing conducive learning environment to the students.

The delegation also apprised the Secretary about the activities carried out by JNRM, MGGC & ANCOL for the betterment of student community.

## Distant Cautionary Signal No. I Hoisted in Port Blair Port

**Port Blair, Nov. 21:** As per Indian Meteorological Department's weather forecast, distant Cautionary Signal No. I have been hoisted at Port Blair Port. 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.

## Counseling for Admission to MA Political Science Postponed

**Port Blair, Nov. 21:** Due to non-declaration of result of B.A Political Science from Pondicherry University, the Counseling for admission to MA Political Science schedule to be held on 29th

November, 2022 has been postponed till further orders. However, during this period, the candidates can submit their application form mentioning the result is awaited.

## Jolly Takes up the Burning Issues Pertaining to Nicobar District with Chief Secretary

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The issue regarding construction of Sea Wall at Mus was also discussed elaborately.

Shri. Vishal Jolly raised the issue of Copra and informed the Chief Secretary that despite the Government of India fixing a MSP (Minimum Support Price) of Rs. 105.90/-, in the month of December 2021, the ground level implementation of copra procurement at MPS has not started yet. Hence, the poor farmers are forced to sell

their copra in a meagre price of Rs. 35/- to Rs. 39/- only, causing immense hardship to earn their livelihood. Appointment of Surveyors by NAFED at copra collection points was also placed and discussed elaborately.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration after hearing & discussion assured that he would soon visit Nicobar District and ensure that all these issues are sorted out at the earliest.

He further assured that on the issue of COPRA, he would soon convene a meeting with officials of NAFED and all procurement agencies for effective ground level implementation & grant of Minimum Support Price (MSP) to all farmers.



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## Workshop on 'Fisheries & Aquaculture Development in A&N Islands' Organised to Mark World Fisheries Day '22

Port Blair, Nov. 21: As part of the celebration of World Fisheries Day-2022, the Department of Fisheries organized a technical workshop on 'Fisheries & Aquaculture Development in A&N Islands' and felicitation session to recognize the best performed Fishers/Fish Farmers/Fish Vendors/ Entrepreneurs /Fish processors and Field officials of Fisheries Department in the conference hall of Industries Department today. The Secretary Fisheries, A&N Administration, Shri G. Sudhakar was the chief guest on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Secretary Fisheries said Fisheries sector has huge potential in A&N Islands especially in Long Line Tuna fishing, Mud Crab Culture and Seaweed Culture etc. Public Sector Units and Private Companies have expertise and the Department of Fisheries will put its best efforts to transfer this expertise to local farmers of these Islands for their welfare economic growth, he said. The Secretary while greeting the fishermen community on the occasion of World Fisheries Day further informed that local fish farmers of these Islands will be identified and they will be trained at Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture and NIOT Port Blair so that they can start their own self venture by availing various schemes of Fisheries Department. He said that the Fisheries Department will act as a coordinator to facilitate subsidy and bank loan aspects to enable the fishermen to become an entrepreneur.

The Secretary, Fisheries also felicitated the beneficiaries who have



started their self-ventures by availing different schemes of Govt. of India.

In his address, the Director Fisheries, Shri Harinder Singh while informing about the significance of the Day said to celebrate this day a two-day Island Seafood festival is also being organized at Corbyn's Cove. Referring to the workshop, he said the fishermen community will be able to know more about the advancement taking place in fisheries sector and methods of fishing. He also welcomed the chief guest and others present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Zonal Director Fishery Survey of India, Port Blair Base, Dr. M. Vinod Kumar enlightened the gathering about the significance of the Day and the technology advancement taking place in the field of Fisheries while Dr. Vineet Kumar, NIOT Dollygunj informed the gathering about the activities of NIOT with special emphasis on Fish Cage Culture and urged the farmers to take up fish cage culture.

Shri U Maheshwar Rao, Member of Governing Body, urged the fishermen to come forward to avail benefits of different schemes/ components available under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.

In the felicitation ceremony for South Andaman District, Smt. Madhabi Biswas received the award for Best Freshwater Aquaculture Farmer while D. Potaiah received the award for Best Brackishwater Aquaculture Farmer. Smt. Y. Dillehwari got the Best Fish Vendor award, M.S Dharmalingam got the award for best Entrepreneur in Fisheries sector and M/s Era Fishery Products got the award for best Fish Processing Enterprises.

Similarly, in North & Middle Andaman District, Smt. Vijaya Biswas received the award for Best Freshwater Aquaculture Farmer while B. Rajesh received the award for Best Brackishwater Aquaculture Farmer. Smt. Dhanalaxmi got the Best Fish Vendor award. In Nicobar District, Shri Ameen of Kamorta got the best Fish Vendor award.

Later, during the technical workshop, presentations were made by different fisheries organizations and Coast Guard A&N Region. Dr. R. Kirubasankar, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIARI was the moderator for the concluding session. Dr. K. Gopal Joint Director, Department of Fisheries proposed the vote of thanks at the end.

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## Two-Day Training on Participatory Guarantee System India Certification for A&N Gets Underway

Port Blair, Nov. 21: The two-days training programme on Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)-India Certification for A&N (UT) for Lead Resource Persons (LRPs) working on Organic & Natural Farming, Regional Council registered under PGS-India Programme, Service providers and Officers/Officials of Department of Agriculture, A&N Islands got underway with its inauguration by the Joint Director of Agriculture, Shri Ramesh Kumar in the conference hall of Directorate of Agriculture, Haddo today. The programme is being organized by Regional Centre for Organic and Natural Farming, (RCOF) Bhubaneswar in association with Department of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

Speaking on the occasion, the Joint Director (Agri) said, the Department of Agriculture, A&N Administration is constantly making concerted efforts for promoting organic agriculture in Andaman & Nicobar Islands in a mission mode to bring changes in the conventional agriculture. Organic farming can be a good business, but it is important that we should have organic farming certification in this UT. People choose organic food because they know that it is safe to consume and its certifications helps them in proving that. With the aid of Certification, business owners will also be able to achieve a fair price for their farm produce and there will be demand for their produce. He urged the trainee Officers to take advantage of this opportunity and acquire the knowledge on PGS India Certification

Process for effective implementation of the same in these Islands through PKVY Scheme.

Dr. Vachspati Pandey, Scientific Officer, RCONF, Bhubaneswar briefed about the course contents of programme and insisted for effective implementation of PGS India Certification in these Islands and the two days training programme will address the issues.

Dr. A. Velmurugan, Principal Scientist, Head of NRM Division, CIARI in his address briefed about the importance of Natural Farming and highlighted the need to develop innovative techniques & marketing strategies & evolve targeted schemes to encourage the Organic Farming community. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR-KVK, Sippighat highlighted that KVK-CIARI, Sippighat is identified as one of the PGS-India Regional Council Centre for PGS India Certification in this UT and the Department of Agriculture, A&N Administration is the Implementing Agency. For effective implementation, a plan will be formulated during this two days training programme with the coordination of Department of Agriculture for successful implementation of PGS Certification in this UT.

Altogether 22 officers from Agriculture Department are participating in the training programme. The programme was also attended by Dr. Subramaniam, Sr Scientist, ICAR-CIARI, Dr. N. Bommaya Swamy, SMS & Dr. B.K. Nanda, SMS, from ICAR-KVK, Sippighat.

Earlier, the Assistant Director (Agri), Extn, Shri C. Vinod Kumar, welcomed the gathering while Smt Mary Magdalene, Agriculture Officer proposed the vote of thanks.

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# SPORTS

## Watch: When French Team was Evacuated from Hotel During FIFA 2018 WC After Adil Rami Used Fire Extinguisher at Teammates

**November 21:** Following their 4-3 win over Argentina's Lionel Messi in the 2018 FIFA World Cup, the French team was evacuated from their hotel, after defender Adil Rami used a fire extinguisher at teammates.

In the BBC documentary, the teammates of the France World Cup winning team revealed what exactly happened that night.

"After the match against Argentina, Didier had given the players leave after dinner," said Philippe Tournon, who was press officer for the French national team from 1983-2004 and again from 2010-18.

The players returned at 2 am and took to banging on Rami's hotel room door.

French journalist says: After beating Argentina in the last 16, some players decided to go out celebrating.

"Adil Rami stays in his room and plays Fortnite in his pants," says Laurens.

"Adil reacts, grabs the fire extinguisher, and starts spraying everybody," adds Laurens.

Forward Olivier Giroud said most of them were youngsters. He says: "They were very loud, most of the young players." "It was funny, you



couldn't see anything!" adds Giroud. Tournon described what happened after the smoke detector went off.

"The smoke detector went off and woke up the whole hotel. My room was next to Deschamps. I thought he was going to tear them apart," recalls Tournon. "Instead, Deschamps said, 'If I lay into them. I might break something we've been building for five or six weeks,'" says Tournon. Deschamps' former team-mate Marcel Desailly isn't surprised.

"He's an ex-player, we've done certain things that were borderline ... very borderline! I can say, I cannot reveal this one, but. So he knows he has it in his system," says Desailly.

Deschamps didn't make a fuss out of it, and the next morning all of them had a good laugh.

"The next morning, everybody laughs about it. And that moment, in a way, emphasises so well the team spirit that France had at that world cup," says Laurens.

Rami had narrated the incident to 'The Sun' in 2018 after France went on to win the World Cup. He had said: "The team began entering rooms and overturning the furniture. I took a fire extinguisher into my room as a precaution. When my door opened, Benjamin Mendy stuck his foot in and shouted: 'Come on, boys, let's trash Rami's room!' I let off the extinguisher on them. It was like a scene from Ghostbusters."

## Kane Williamson to Miss Third T20I Against India Due to 'Pre-Arranged' Medical Appointment

**November 21:** New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson will miss the third T20I in Napier to attend a pre-arranged medical appointment, the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) announced on Monday.

Tim Southee, the leading wicket-taker in the T20Is, will step in as captain in Williamson's absence. Middle-order batter Mark Chapman has joined the T20 squad in Napier.

Coach Gary Stead said the medical appointment had nothing to do with Williamson's historic elbow complaint.

"Kane's been trying to get this booked in for a while now, but unfortunately, it hasn't been able to fit into our schedule," Stead said. "The health and well-being of our players and staff is



paramount, and we look forward to seeing him in Auckland."

Stead said Chapman was excited to be back with the squad after featuring in the recent T20 World Cup and Tri-Series in Christchurch.

"He's a quality player who offers good versatility in the order."

Williamson will rejoin New Zealand on Wednesday when the ODI squad assembles in Auckland ahead of the series opener at Eden Park on Friday.

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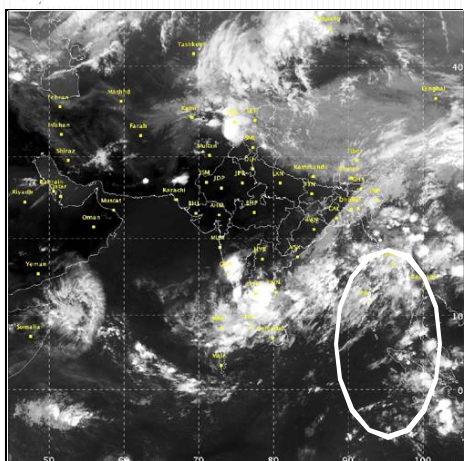
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### Weather



Max. Temp: 31.2 °C	Min.: 25.9 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 77%	1730 Hrs: 73%
Sunrise: 0519 Hrs.	Sunset: 1651 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):	2485.7 mm

### Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and Light Rain/Thunder is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 22/11/2022.