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## Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa have been living in the tropical rainforests of the Andaman Islands for up to 60,000 years. The islands, in the Bay of Bengal, were colonised by the British in the mid-nineteenth century, and are now part of India.

## Your Nature Guide

**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.

**Plankton:** this is a term used to describe the smellers, free floating plants and animals, which just drift along with the winds and currents. Some plankton have a limited swimming ability and can migrate daily in a vertical direction. Plankton are an important source of food for many sea animals.

There are two types of plankton Phytoplankton, which are microscopic plant plankton, and Zooplankton, which are larger animals plankton. Phytoplankton are amongst the most productive food manufactures of the seas.

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

## People's Voice

Aaj ke daur mein ye saare Terms 'Sustainable', 'Holistic' wagara jaise ki koi mazak bann ke reh gaye hai ... Ab bhala Development chahe jaisa bhi ho ...

- A Citizen



Monsoon clouds have spread all over the state!

## Minister 'Jal Shakti' Congratulates A&N Islands for being Declared as the First Swachh Sujal Pradesh in the Country

**Port Blair, Sept. 17:** The Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been declared the '1<sup>st</sup> Swachh Sujal Pradesh' in the entire country by the Hon'ble Jal Shakti Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat during a felicitation programme held at DBRAIT Auditorium this evening. Presenting the award to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Minister congratulated the Lt. Governor, the entire team of A&N Administration, PBMC, PRIs, Political party representatives and the general public of A&N Islands

in fulfilling the dream of the Prime Minister in achieving saturation in the implementation of his mission to make India a 'Swachh Bharat'.

Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat while addressing the gathering remarked that A&N Islands presented the most precious gift to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on his 72nd birthday today, befitting the occasion by fulfilling his Mission of 'Swachh Bharat' and 'Har Ghar Jal' by being declared as 1<sup>st</sup> Swachh Sujal Pradesh' in the entire country. "I feel proud to be on this holy soil to declare A&N Islands as 1<sup>st</sup> Swachh



Sujal Pradesh", the Minister said.

The Minister stated that A&N Islands' played a

pivotal role in the freedom struggle of the country. The Islands bear testimony to the

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## Holistic Development of Great Nicobar Island

### Environment Ministry's Panel Shows Green Flag for Project Worth Rs. 72,622 Crores

**Port Blair, Sept. 17:** The prestigious project of holistic development of Great Nicobar Island (GNI) will transform the Island into a hub of port led development. The GNI project has been conceived based on the principles of Sustainable Development wherein the ecological, economic and social factors have been given due consideration at every stage. Considering the national importance of the project in view of the security, socio



economic benefit and strategic location of transshipment terminal, the Govt. of India has conceived the project at an estimated cost of Rs. 72,622 crores after careful consideration

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## Zoological Survey of India Celebrates 'World Ozone Day'

**Port Blair, Sept. 18:** World Ozone Day celebration was held in Zoological Survey of India on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The year 2022 is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, which was agreed on this day in 1987.

Dr. K. Ravichandran, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Department of Environment & Forests, A & N Islands graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Dr. Ramakrishna, Former Director, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata; Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS were Guests of Honor. The inaugural programme was



started with invocation and lightening the Lamp by the Chief Guest and Guests of Honor. Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India welcomed the Chief Guest, Guests of Honor, invitees and participant of the workshop. He also highlighted about the importance of the celebration of the Ozone Day.

In his felicitation address, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS, has emphasized on the effect of

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## Indian Coast Guard Conducted International Coastal Cleanup at Radhanagar Beach



**Port Blair, Sept. 18:** The Indian Coast Guard conducted International Coastal Cleanup campaign at Radhanagar Beach, Swaraj Dweep Island on 17<sup>th</sup> Sep 22. Inspector General Bhisham Sharma, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (A&N) was the chief guest for the occasion. The event was conducted along in line with GoI initiative of "Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar"

The aim of the event was to generate awareness on keeping our marine environment free from all kinds of pollution. Personnel from all walks of life including school children, Govt. officials, Civil volunteer groups, NGO's, NCC cadets etc. participated in the event. A total of 700 personnel were present on the beach including 150 ICG personnel.

## Offline Counseling for Admission to DBRAIT from Sept. 21

**Port Blair, Sept. 17:** The offline counselling schedule of DBRAIT Port Blair will be held from 8.30 am to 5 pm at DBRAIT Auditorium from Sept. 21. Accordingly, the counselling for DHMCT, FOO, FPO (Category I, II, IIIA, IIIB, IIAB, IV, TFW, EWS, Divyang and Left over seats) will be held on Sept. 2.

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

## Eat and Learn

Sometimes the ability of a government to find resources for a good scheme is only limited by its intent. The Tamil Nadu government's launch of the free breakfast scheme for schoolchildren is an instance of a policy initiative with far-reaching consequences for school education and public health. As Chief Minister M.K. Stalin himself said at the launch of the scheme, provision of free breakfast is not a freebie, but the foremost duty of a government to ensure no child goes hungry. Mr. Stalin framed his words and deeds from the promontory of the progressive Dravidian model, which promises inclusive growth for all segments of the population. A key element is the welfare of children, which explains Tamil Nadu's early emphasis on feeding children in schools. The importance of a daily breakfast as the most important meal of the day is widely acknowledged. Multiple studies across the globe indicate that eating breakfast regularly confers positive outcomes on students, affecting their ability to focus, learn and retain information positively. School performance improves, as do behaviour and cognition, but a regular breakfast also takes care of diet quality, micronutrient sufficiency, anaemia and height and weight issues in children, and is even believed to sculpt BMI scores for the future. The government has targeted providing schoolchildren an average of 293 calories and an average protein input of 9.85 gm per day. The mid-day meal that is already being provided to students in schools comes up to an average of 553 calories and 18 gm of protein, giving every student who takes the food supplied in school about 846 cal and nearly 28 gm of protein a day. The Centre's midday meal guidelines prescribe between 450-700 cals per child per day, and a protein intake of 12-20 gm per day.

While the proposed menu for the Tamil Nadu government's breakfast scheme will take care of hunger, the calorific, energy and micronutrient requirements of the children, with a diet rich in local preparations and vegetables, it also has to provide adequate attention to taste and quality parameters. The government, rich with its experience of dealing with the mid-day meal scheme over several decades, must avoid the errors of omission and commission — including pilferage, poor quality of food, delays in sanctioning funds, and caste-related disruptions — that have been hurdles in its path earlier. Other State governments would also do well to be inspired by Tamil Nadu, which has allowed its intent to triumph over the state of its finances, finding money to fund this very crucial aspect of nation building — ensuring the growth and development of children.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### The Stray Cat and Forgiveness..!

Somewhere in a Mumbai suburban housing colony, a stray cat which was being fed by an animal lover, was taken out of the society by a person who did not love animals and dumped at a market. The lady who fed the poor cats and dogs was a religious person who believed that these miserable four-legged creatures were hers to look after.

When she saw the cat was missing, she suspected foul play and went to the police. The police immediately checked the cameras in the compound and found what had happened and confronted the culprit.

The man, realizing he'd been found out, went with folded hands to the cat loving lady and begged forgiveness. He even, I heard, went on his knees along with other members of the committee and they all told the religious lady they had done a grave wrong and it would never happen again.

"No!" said the lady piously, "One has to pay for the sins they commit!"

I heard the story from a close friend, and my mind went to an episode mentioned by writer Philip Yancy which coincidentally also happened in India.

He spoke of a prisoner who had returned to jail scores of times across a twenty-one-year span. The criminal simply could not break the cycle, until he found God.

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Puzzled by his absence in court, the local magistrate visited the man's home and asked what had happened. "For the first time in my life someone forgave me." The ex-prisoner answered.

Forgiveness worked when punishment didn't!

As a former honorary general secretary of the prison ministry in Mumbai, I have seen hardened criminals beginning to weep when they hear that a God above is waiting to forgive them. More than the rigors of jail, what they find unbearable is the guilt, from the crime they have committed, quite often in a fit of anger or moment of rage. Then, when they hear that forgiveness is available from the Only One who matters, their lives change.

The beauty of forgiveness is also the conversion of a person from what he or she is to what they can become. Let's take the case of the 'cat hater'. If the lady has it in her heart to forgive the man, then there are very good chances the same person seeing her goodness could also become one who begins to look at strays in a different way. He sees them suddenly through the eyes of the forgiver, and wears the same glasses of compassion she wears.

On the other hand, the man may serve time in jail or pay a hefty fine and come back even more hardened and angry.

Fear and punishment and cameras may deter people from committing a crime again, but changing a person's heart can only come through acts of forgiveness..!

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## CCS Arrests One Kolkata Based Passenger with Drugs

**Port Blair, Sept. 18:** Acting on a specific intelligence input received from reliable source, a Police team from Central Crime Station consisting of SI M.A. Rasheed, HC/264 Sanjay Kujur, PC/1067 N. Thangaraj, PC/2079 G. Ravi, PC/1143 K. Rajendran & PC/2836 Raja Rao intercepted one person namely Kumar Das S/o Late Sudhanya Das R/o Naldugari North 24 Parganas, West Bengal now

at Burmanallah at arrival point of VSI Airport. The persons had arrived Port Blair from Kolkata on 15/09/2022 by flight. During checking of his personnel belongings, 875 grams of Ganja which was clandestinely concealed in the bag was seized and accused person was arrested observing all codal formalities.

A case under relevant sections of NDPS Act-1985 has been registered at PS

CCS and investigation is on.

The general public is requested to inform about any credible information pertaining to sale or possession of contrabands or any other illegal activity on the following telephone numbers- 100, 232586, 233307, 9474290250. The identity of the informer will be kept secret.

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## Minister 'Jal Shakti' Congratulates A&N Islands for being Declared as the First Swachh Sujal Pradesh in the Country

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inhumane treatment meted out to the freedom fighters, who fought valiantly and dreamed of a country where every Indian has access to their basic necessities. This occasion also reminds us to introspect ourselves and the responsibility to serve our countrymen with their basic needs, has been fulfilled or is yet to be fulfilled.

Highlighting the success of Jal Jeevan Mission, the Minister eulogized the efforts and vigour with which the Prime Minister delivers his promises and the driving force which has transformed this mission into a 'Jan Andolan'. Under the mission, 7 crore people have been provided individual tap connection within a span of three years which, he said, is a massive achievement.

The Prime Minister's vision of an 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' can only be achieved with the concerted effort of each citizen in fulfilling the missions he initiated, said the Minister. He further said that India became the world's fifth-largest economy from 10th position since the Narendra Modi Govt. came to power in the year 2014. The Govt. is working on mission mode to make India a developed country by 2047 when it celebrates its centenary year. The Minister exclaimed with pride that the world is acknowledging the progress India is making at global level and how it has set the tone to become a role model for other countries.

Lauding the Islands' scenic beauty, the Minister said, A&N Islands bestowed with nature's bounty is a sight to behold; we must continue to ensure its upkeep. India has shown the world its determination in setting targets and achieving it, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor, A & N Islands, Admiral DK Joshi stated that in 75 years history, it is for the first time, that a Cabinet Minister along with Secretary and senior officials from the Ministry of GoI has visited the territory to celebrate an achievement which is creditable. The Lt. Governor said, 'Har Ghar Jal' and ODF+, both these mission have achieved 100 % compliance, which is a landmark achievement considering the Islands' topography and its scattered nature, having an area of around 8249 sq.km, which is quite large when compared to many States in the mainland India. This achievement speaks volume of the service delivery system of the Administration starting from the northern most part of the Island to the southernmost, covering the Islands length and breadth, the Lt Governor remarked.

The achievement made in ODF+ (Grameen) is appreciable. In A&N Islands, there is only one urban sector i.e. Port Blair

Municipal Council while the rest comes under the rural sector. In urban sector, ODF++ target was achieved in 2021, said the Lt. Governor adding that under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and with the sincere effort of Administration and support of general public 'Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and Jal Jeevan Mission Yojana has been successfully implemented in these Islands. For A&N Islands to be declared as '1st Swachh Sujal Pradesh', the Ministry has carried out a comprehensive verification during which all important parameters viz. quality of water, quantity of water supply, regularity of water supply were thoroughly verified, after which only, the Ministry gave the Certificate.

The Lt. Governor further stated that on March, 22, 2021 FSTC (Functional Household Tap Connection) facility has been made available in all the villages and on September 15, 2022, 100% Har Ghar Jal certifications have been achieved through the support of Gram Sabhas. The Lt Governor congratulated the concerned Departments for achieving this success.

The Lt. Governor said that taking forward the people oriented welfare schemes/policies and with the support of the Govt. of India, under the aegis of Islands Development Agency, projects worth of around Rs. 88,765 crores have been implemented towards infrastructure development and improvement in connectivity. The Lt. Governor pointed out that under IDA, out of the 44 projects, CANI Submarine OFC Project, Azad Hind Fauj Setu at Humphry Strait and 20 MW Solar Power projects like 13 (30%) important projects have been completed and remaining 27 (61%) projects are under different stages of development. The Lt. Governor further said that A&N Administration is committed towards taking these Islands on the path of progress as also developing a new India of the 21st Century during this 'Amrit Kaal'.


In her address, the Secretary, Jal Jeevan Mission, GOI, Ms Vini Mahajan, IAS congratulated the A&N Islands for achieving this feat of becoming the 1st Swachh Sujal Pradesh in the entire country, which she said is a very big achievement. She remarked that this achievement should not stop the Islands from continuing

the Mission and it should strive to continuously ensure provision for availability of safe water and cleanliness to the Islanders. She remarked that for the mission to be successful, it requires peoples' participation from the highest to the grass root level. She said proper sanitation, safe & clean water, hygienic environment needs to be maintained.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS said, it is indeed a proud moment for all of us today that the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is being declared 'Swachh and Sujal Dweep Samooch' by the Hon'ble Minister. The achievements stands testimony to the concerted efforts made by the Departments in implementation of the schemes in these remote archipelago. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), universal sanitation coverage is achieved with the construction of Individual Household Latrines and Community Sanitary Complexes. With the GoI's vision of "No One Left Behind" for sanitation access, the UT has additionally provided Individual Household Latrines (IHLs) to 3828 individuals which are completed in full shape. Further, 296 Community Sanitary Complexes under SBM(G) Phase-I and 39 CSCs sanctioned under SBM(G) Phase-II have also been completed, the Chief Secretary mentioned.

The Chief Secretary stated that the Islands have set-up mechanism for Solid and Liquid Waste Management. The waste generated are segregated, bailed and sent for onward recycling. In spite of the conveyance challenges, the waste are transported from inter-islands to Port Blair and from Port Blair to Mainland. Collaboration has been made with approved recyclers and Gram Panchayats are earning income by selling of waste. An amount of Rs. 21,55,881/- has been earned by the Gram Panchayats by selling of dry waste to recycler. He further stated that for effective Solid Waste Management, the Department has sanctioned 26 Solid Waste Management (SWM) clusters covering 70 Gram Panchayats in the Islands, out of which 24 are ready and functional. The SWM cluster site has provisions for treatment of organic waste by means of Composting. The SWM Clusters have also been equipped with Bailing and Shredding machine for processing of non-biodegradable Solid Waste.

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Considering the saturation of IHHLs and CSCs, efforts were made to augment the existing infrastructure arrangements available with the Gram Panchayat for carrying out Solid Waste Management activities as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the UT specific Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Rural Areas) Solid Waste Management and Handling Bye Laws, 2019, the Chief Secretary remarked.

Earlier, in her welcome address, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (RD/Panchayat & PRI), A&N Administration, Ms. Nandini Paliwal, IAS said that it is a proud moment for the people of A&N Islands Andamans to have the Hon'ble Minister amongst us on this auspicious occasion for declaring the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as 'First Swachh Sujal Pradesh'. The Union Territory of A&N Islands has achieved ODF Plus status for all its villages and has been declared as first ODF plus UT of the country. The UT Administration has been committed towards providing universal sanitation coverage in rural areas of the Island. In order to

have effective Solid Liquid Waste management, the UT has taken measures to set-up 26 Solid Waste Management Clusters which would cater to entire 70 Gram Panchayats of Andaman, she said.

The programme which was attended among others by the Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Adhyaksha, ZPSA, Smti Pramila Kumari, Chairperson, PBMC, Smti U. Kavitha, Senior officers of A&N Administration, PRI members and general public concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary (RD/PRI), A&N Administration, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS.

A video on implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (ODF+) and Jal Shakti Abhiyan in A&N Islands were also screened on the occasion.

Earlier, the Union Jal Shakti Minister arrived to a warm welcome. He was received at the airport by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, senior officers from A&N Administration, representative from political parties and PRI members. Soon after arrival, the Minister visited Calicut Gram

Panchayat, where he inspected the Amrit Sarovar, IHHL site, compositing of organic wastes, 'Green House' created in the farm of P. Pachaimuthu, a beneficiary of the Gol schemes. While interacting with the beneficiary, the Minister enquired about his well being and asked him whether he was able to enhance his income availing these schemes. The beneficiary informed the Minister that he has received good support from the concerned Departments through which he not only increased farm activities but also earning handsomely.

Thereafter, the Minister visited the Solid Waste Management Cluster at Beodnabad and saw for himself its functioning. The PRI members informed the Minister that solid waste management is being effectively implemented in their Panchayat which has not only helped them to keep their Panchayats Swatchch but it has also generated employment to the residents of the area.

Later in the evening, the Minister also visited the National Memorial Cellular Jail.

Another on biodiversity and the third to oversee welfare and issues related to Shompen and Nicobarese tribes. Accordingly, an EIA has been undertaken for preparation of conservation and management plan to have minimal environmental and social impact due to the project. The exhaustive Environmental Management plan will be put in place and monitored on a regular basis. Accordingly, Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology & Natural History (SACON), Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have been entrusted by A&N Administration for preparation of conservation/mitigation plans for bio-diversity including leatherback turtles, megapode, crocodile, etc. Conservation and protection of Nicobar macaque, robber crabs, endemic birds, mangroves, giant clams and other endemic flora and fauna have been given due consideration. Additionally, the UT Administration is in the process of notification of three Wildlife Sanctuaries for Leatherback Turtles in Little Nicobar (13.75 sq.km), Megapode in Menchal (1.29 sq.km) and Corals in Meroe Island (2.73 sq.km), for conservation of these species.

The EAC in its deliberations and recommendations has ensured that conservation of different Flora and Fauna is taken up in a scientific manner. Experts have been roped in and entrusted for preparation of effective plans and conservation measures. Substantial financial provision has been earmarked upfront towards Environmental Management Plan (EMP). All construction activity to be taken up in the project will be ensured as per the highest environmental standards. Special studies relating to Fauna and Flora in GNI are proposed relating to various species, landscape, Biodiversity etc.

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in line with its Shompen policy is committed to recognize the social, ecological, economic diversity of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of the Islands, preserve and protect their cultural heritage and ensure their wellbeing. The tribal reserve measuring 743.96 sq. Km after de-notification will remain protected as tribal reserve. The project will not displace any Shompen tribals. The tribal communities will continue to have unfettered right of meeting their day-to-day requirement for their sustenance.

The project will not only ensure a significant presence of the country in the Malacca Strait but also enhance socio economic growth and usher in a new era for all round development of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Great Nicobar Island in particular.

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of environmental status of Great Nicobar Island. A report by Economic Times (ET) and Business Standard (BS) stated that the Environment Ministry's panel has cleared project to construct a Greenfield International Airport, an International Container Transshipment Terminal, a Township and Power plant in Great Nicobar Island. The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) consisting of few government officials, mostly subject experts and eminent scientists from various fields of Environment, Pollution control, Ground water, Road research, ocean technology, infrastructure, Power amongst others, after extensive rounds of deliberations and meetings recommended grant of Environmental and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Clearance for the project in its meeting held on 22.08.2022 – 23.08.2022. A series of meetings and deliberations including for Terms of Reference (ToR) for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and EAC were held from March 2021 and finally concluded in August 2022 before the recommendation for grant of Environmental and CRZ clearance by the EAC for GNI project.

The ET and BS report further said, "The Indian Ocean Region (IOR) in general and the Indian Ocean in particular has turned into a strategic hotspot in recent years. In response to the increasing strategic value of this IOR, a critical mass of development in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is necessary for strengthening India's regional presence". The Great Nicobar Island also represents a significant economic development opportunity as the main east-west shipping route that links East Asian exports with the Indian Ocean, Suez Canal and Europe runs just to the south of this Island, it said. "By building a container port in this location, India can participate more fully in the global shipping trade" and generate lakhs of new job, the report said. Other countries like Myanmar, China and Sri Lanka were gearing up to develop deep water facilities for taking a major share of trade by developing suitable harbour facilities and it is therefore imperative that India should do the same, the report contended. Great Nicobar Island is considered perfect as a site as it is equidistant from Colombo, Port Klang and Singapore and is also very close to the East-West International corridor.

Out of 910 sq. km of Great Nicobar Island, only 166.10

sq. km of area is proposed for development which is approximately 18% of the total area. Remaining area of 82% will stay covered under Protected Forest, two National Parks, Eco Sensitive Zones and Biosphere Reserve and managed for conservation of biodiversity at ecosystem, species and genetic levels. The total forest area to be diverted out of 166.10 Sq. Km. including deemed forest is 130.75 Sq. Km. Remaining project area of 35.35 Sq. Km. lies in the Revenue area. About 50 % of the total forest area to be diverted forming 65.99 Sq. Km. will be reserved as green area and no tree felling is envisaged here.

In the remaining forest area to be diverted, felling of trees is proposed in a phased manner over a period of 30 years. Further, Compensatory Afforestation is proposed to be carried out as per the guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) for diversion of forest land.

ET report further said, "EAC has mandated specific conservation and management plan and high funding for the endemic species, Mangroves and Coral and other fauna besides several other caveats". EAC said three independent committees will be set up: one to oversee pollution related

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tourism on the Ozone layer and how it has been dealt in these past years. He has highlighted the involvement of youth of these islands in developing a better platform which will encompass the ambitions to achieve a better environment. Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair accentuated how the pandemic shaped the Ozone layer and the underlying effects. He stated the various prominent factors in reduction of ozone layer and relevancy of those to the evolution of this Anthropocene era. In his address, he also mentioned the drastic difference that scientists have seen during the lockdown and how the ozone layer reformed around the world. Dr. Ramakrishna, Former Director, in his felicitation address he has taken in the journey of origin of climate change and continental drift. He also addressed on the major components of biogeography of various ocean and how it has been ameliorated by the gradual change in ozone layer in our planet. He summarized with how the depletion in ozone

layer has caused habitat loss, increase in invasive species, threatened species, over exploitation and lastly extinction with interconnection to climate change.

Dr. K. Ravichandran, IFS, APCCF in his inaugural address summarized the emphasis of protection of climate through cooperation and involvement of students. The speech embodied the amendments of Montreal protocol throughout the year and its role in identifying the ozone depleting substances. He also prioritized the role of UV-Rays in crop and fodder damage. He also added powerful insights how to attain an eco-friendly environment which can take place from our households. The speaker attractively abridged his speech by conveying how to develop best behaviour to attain a greener environment. The inaugural session was dissolved through a heartfelt vote of thanks from Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer in charge ANRC / ZSI, Port Blair.

In the technical session, four talks were made by eminent scientists working in the field of climate change. The first lecture delivered by Dr. Sanat Kumar Das, Associate Professor, Bose Institute, Kolkata whose primary research works involve in investigations on optical and

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## Zoological Survey of India Celebrates 'World Ozone Day'

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physical properties of aerosols, and their impact on perturbation in Earth's radiation budget and alteration in cloud formation. The second speaker Dr. R. Gopichandran, delivered a talk on Changing Ozone Layer and our duty to protect. He has enlightened audience how the Government of India has entrusted the work relating to the ozone layer protection and implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer to the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). The third talk delivered by Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge on an overview of Antarctica, details of expedition carried out by India. He also highlighted about the faunal diversity of Antarctica. The fourth

talk by Dr. P.M. Mohan, Professor, Department of Ocean Studies and Marine Biology, Pondicherry University, Port Blair has delivered a talk Carrying all life under the sun. He has highlighted about the importance of the preserving the ozone layer and how it protects all living things from too much ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

As a part of the celebrations, a one-day workshop was organized by Zoological Survey of India to create greater awareness among students. A total of 120 students participated from the Department of Botany & Zoology from Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidhyalaya (JNRM), Andaman College, Andaman Law College, Pondicherry University, Regional Medical Research Centre, Tagore Government College of Education, Kendriya Vidyalaya - II, St Mary's Senior Secondary School,

Government Model Senior Secondary School, Government Senior Secondary School, Mohanpura, Kamaraj English Medium School, Nirmala Senior Secondary School, Ummat Public School, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean studies, Government Arts & College; besides 3rd year B.Sc. students, Department of Zoology, Arignar Anna Govt. Arts College, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu and M.Sc., students of Centre for Advance studies in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, North Andaman Forests Division, Diglipur were attended the workshop online.

The inaugural function also attended by Officers and Staffs from different Central Government Organizations of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and mainland. The theme of the World Ozone Day of the year 2022 is "Montreal Protocol@35: global cooperation protecting life on earth"

## Classical Dance Workshop on Mohiniyattam by EZCC & Art & Culture Deptt. From Today

**Port Blair, Sept. 18:** As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of India, Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Ministry Of Culture, GoI in collaboration with Department of Art and

Culture, A&N Administration will be organising a classical dance workshop in Mohiniyattam from Sept. 19 to 23, 2022 at Andaman Club. Mohiniyattam classical exponent, Ms Moumita Pal will be the resource person for the workshop.

All interested participants have been requested to attend the workshop and reach Andaman Club by 3.30 pm tomorrow. For more details, one may contact phone no. 231399, a press release from Directorate of Art & Culture said.

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## Offline Counseling for Admission to DBRAIT from Sept. 21

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The counseling for Diploma Engg (Category IIIA, IIIB, IIIAB, Divyang) will be held on Sept. 22, while for Category I, II, IV, TFW, EWS, Lateral entry will be on Sept. 23. Counseling for Diploma Engg left over seats (All Category) will held on Sept. 24. The candidates must bring all the original

documents with one photo copy of all the documents. The candidates residing in Car Nicobar, Katchal and Campbell Bay may approach their respective TVET centres if they are not able to reach the DBRAIT Campus on the Counselling dates as mentioned above, a press release from DBRAIT said.

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# SPORTS

## Meet Coach Harikrishnan, the Man Who Guided Eldhose Paul & Abdulla Aboobacker to India's Historic CWG Triple Jump Double

**September 18:** At the end of the fourth round of the triple jump finals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Abdulla Aboobacker found himself in the fourth position. A medal seemed unlikely at the moment. But coach M Harikrishnan, who couldn't travel to Birmingham due to visa issues, knew exactly what his ward needed to hear then. He realised there was no point in suggesting technical corrections at that moment. Harikrishnan dialled up long jumper Mohammed Anees in the stands and asked him to put the phone on loudspeaker as Aboobacker leaned across to listen.

"Nee oru bhrandhane pole chadoo (Just jump like a madman)," is all the coach told him. And what followed was Aboobacker's best attempt of 17.02m that eventually earned him the silver medal, just 1 cm short of Eldhose Paul, who is also Harikrishnan's trainee.

"Technically it was Abu's worst jump of the event but distance-wise it was best. He was leaning sideways, he left his hands dangling, he had no control. In fact, an American coach asked me how did he even cross 17m with that attempt. But at that time it wasn't about technique, it was about going all out and that is why I asked him to jump like a madman," explains the Air Force and national triple jump coach.

This was just one of the countless occasions on which Harikrishnan has come up with something out of the box. On the field, it is not difficult to mistake him for an active senior athlete. The former long jumper, who has a personal best of 7.92m, hung up his spikes in 2016 and the very next year, enrolled in a coaching program at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala.

On paper, the 36-year old has just four years of coaching experience and has been part of the national camp set-up for just about a year-and-a-half. But that doesn't do justice to his credentials. His trainees in Birmingham earned India its first 1-2 triple jump finish at the

Commonwealth Games. Only six athletes from the country have ever breached the 17m mark, and three of them train under him. Aboobacker's personal best of 17.19m is the second-best effort by an Indian.

Breaching 17m mark

"Before joining the Air Force in 2018, I had no idea about Hari sir. I had just heard he was a long jumper. I've worked with many coaches but Hari sir's style is different. I have complete faith in him. He is the reason we three [him, Eldhose and Karthik Unnikrishnan] breached the 17m mark. If he weren't there, we would have one of us doing 16.50m-plus and the rest barely above 16m throughout our careers," says Aboobacker.

Coach Harikrishnan says there's no secret but just plain hard work behind the 17m revolution. "There is no magic but just plain hard work of the kids and my guidance. If you see all three of my students they have gradually progressed. It's not like someone leapt from 16.20m to 17m directly (Aboobacker's progression 2018 – 16.28m, 2019 – 16.67m, 2021 – 16.84m, 2022 – 17.19m). Hard work is the magic," he says.

When Harikrishnan finished his coaching program in 2018, he took a sixty-day leave from service to prepare his own coaching manual. He had always had a habit of maintaining a diary even as an athlete. He noted down all the workouts he was given by coaches at the national camp. "I have trained under Russian and Cuban coaches too. I made notes every day. After my coaching course I just wanted to sit down and put in my ideas to develop a style that would work for Indian athletes," he explained.

But the manual is just a rough guide. Harikrishnan designs a specific program for each of his athletes depending on their body structure and other parameters. When Eldhose joined him physically in 2021 he not only had to correct his technical flaws but also tailor a course that would help him cover his height (5'8") deficiency.

"My running technique and my last phase of the jump were poor.



Even a minor correction can help improve the performance massively and Hari sir took care of it. He saw my qualities and shortcomings and gave me specific workouts that have helped a lot," says the Commonwealth champion Eldhose.

Harikrishnan keeps mentioning that his "special recipe" is one of the reasons his wards have done well. When nudged to share a few ingredients, he jokes: "a good chef never reveals his secrets". The "special recipe" he talks about are his training sessions where he constantly adds an element of competition.

"Sir organises these tiny competitions like who will run the 30m fastest. Or whoever achieves the distance targets set by the coach gets rewarded. Whoever wins gets a special non-veg meal prepared by him. Sometimes whoever comes last has to promise to buy a meal the next time we go out. It definitely motivates us and makes training fun," says Eldhose.

'Unpaid assistant'

Harikrishnan admits he's consumed by sports. Even after his coaching sessions get over he never really switches off. When Aswathy, a history professor, decided to tie the knot with Harikrishnan, she knew what she was getting into.

"Oh, even at home all channels are sports. He keeps watching workout videos on Instagram. He is so passionate about it," says Aswathy in a tone that signals admiration rather than disappointment.

Harikrishnan's zeal was infectious. Aswathy, who has no background in sports, now rushes to the training ground after completing her college duties. She is now in charge of noting down timings and distances during training – a task for which she receives no remuneration.

"I didn't know anything about sports but now I love it. I understand why my husband is so involved," she says.

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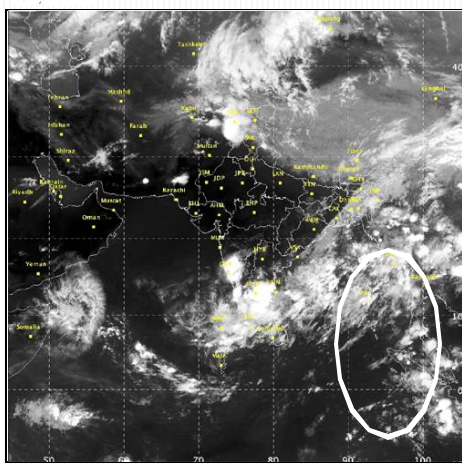
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### Weather



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Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	030.6 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	004.2 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2078.4 mm

### Forecast

Generally Cloudy sky and Light to moderate Rain is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 28°C and 24°C respectively on Monday 19/09/2022.

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