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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

**Coral Colonies** : Many thousands of coral polyps are connected together to form a coral colony. These colonies are of many shapes and colours. On a visit to a nearby coral reef, you can discover the kinds of coral in your area. Coral polyps produce eggs and sperm which fuse (join) to form a larva or the baby coral animals (planula- many planula are called planulae) that drifts in the sea till it finds a clean, hard surface (like dead coral) to settle on and grow. Reef animals like parrot fish, limpets, chitons, and sea urchins feed on plants and sponges that grow on dead coral, thus creating free space for new corals to settle and grow. Corals also reproduce by budding. Small buds appear on the body of the adult polyp grow larger, and break off from the parent body. They then move off to produce their own limestone and help the colony increase in size.

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

## People's Voice

Ab jab Nicobar mein Mega City aane wala hai toh fir Liquor pe Ban kyon ...? Locals ka consultation se Open kar do Liquor Sale. Waise bhi Illegal dhanda toh ho he raha hai ...

- A Citizen



I don't like to demean you by giving ₹500 for a vote... I am giving you ₹25 crore lottery ticket!

## Chief Secretary Visits Farm, Beaches, Inspects Airstrip and NH4 on Day 2 of His Visit to N&M Andaman Expresses Concern over Bad Condition of NH4

**Port Blair, Sept. 20:** The Chief Secretary, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS on the second day of his tour to N&M Andaman District, visited various places in Diglipur. During the visit, he visited the first ever private Fresh Water Finfish Hatchery developed by a women fish farmer namely Smti Vijaya Biswas under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana at Durgapur in Diglipur. The objective of the 'Fresh Water Finfish Hatchery' development scheme is to fulfill the requirement of fish seeds.

Under this scheme, Smt. Vijaya developed the farm in 0.6 hectare of land with the financial assistance received



under the scheme, thereby fulfilling the requirement of fish seeds of the area. The Chief Secretary praised the effort of women beneficiary for availing assistance under



PMMSY scheme in setting up the hatchery. With this self-venture initiative, Smt. Vijaya not only generated employment to the local residents but is also a role



model for others. The Chief Secretary also lauded the officials of the Fisheries Department for encouraging private farmers to set up their

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## MP Demands Naming Three Important Roads on Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhattacharjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao

**Port Blair, Sept. 20:** The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to name three important roads on the brave martyrs of these Islands Viz. Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhattacharjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament said that Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhattacharjee, Martyr Ramesh

Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao are three sons of this soil, who served in uniform forces and laid their life to protect our motherland.

The Member of Parliament added that they are not only a role model for all islanders but will be a guiding light for our future generation.

He pointed out that till now busts of Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhattacharjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao are installed

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## CITU Hold Mass Dharna to Protest Anti-working Class Policies of Central Govt. and A&N Administration

**Port Blair, Sept. 20:** The Centre of Indian Trade Unions, Andaman & Nicobar State Committee organized a Mass Dharna, Procession and Public meeting today (20.09.2022) at Tiranga Park, Port Blair, to protest against various anti-working class policies of the central government and Andaman & Nicobar Administration. The mass dharna was held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. which was followed by a mass procession from Tiranga Park and concluded at the same venue which converged into a public meeting.

The procession stopped in front of office of Chief Engineer, APWD and made a mass demonstration to protest



against the anti-working class attitude of the APWD authorities. Hundreds of workers from various unions at Port Blair participated in the procession.

Addressing the public meeting at Tiranga Park, Shri B. Chandrachoodan, General Secretary, CITU State Committee criticized

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## Heavy Crackdown on Bootlegging by Nicobar District Police

**Car Nicobar, Sept 20:** In a major crackdown against bootlegging activities and menace of illicit liquor, on 20/09/22 a team of PS Nancowrie comprising of SI Sunil Yadav (IRBn), HCs Malati Devi & N. Mahesh (IRBn), PCs R.K. Halder, Arun Xaxa, Mamata Paul, Sita Devi, Reba Mazumdar, Anthony, Cts (IRBn) Ranjit Bachar, Madan Kerkatta, Mohd Sharif. K. Srinivas Rao, P. Giri Babu and HG (V) Polinus under the supervision of SI Mohan Rao, SHO PS Nancowrie launched an exhaustive combing and search operation in jungles of Chota Enaka, Nancowrie. The said operation was carried out in the wee hours of Tuesday. In this the operation, Police trekked deep inside the forest and recovered around 1400 liters of fermented wash.

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## Mariyam Bibi Raises Issues of GSSS Bambooflat with Secy. Education

**Port Blair, Sept. 20:** Zilla Parishad Member, Miss V. K. Mariyam Bibi and Pradhan Hopetown met Smti Veditha Reddy, Secretary Education in her chamber on 19.09.2022. They informed the Secretary about the long pending demand for a school auditorium and playground at GSSS Bambooflat, which was approved in various PTA and Gram Sabha meetings. They also requested for maintenance of school furniture and buildings which are in dilapidated condition.

They also suggested that in addition to the mid-day meal, a provision for light refreshments may be made for the students before the commencement of the classes as it is observed that most of the them are usually coming to school without proper breakfast. The Secretary welcomed the suggestion and assured to explore the possibilities.

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

## Knowing the killer

**September 20:** Sentencing after conviction is a knotty problem in cases relating to capital offences. Trial judges are called upon to make a decision on whether only a death sentence will meet the ends of justice, or a life term will be enough. As a salutary norm, the Supreme Court has laid down that the death penalty can be imposed only in the "rarest of rare" cases. Subsequent judgments have sought to buttress this principle by holding that the gruesome nature of the offence may not be the sole criterion to decide what brings it under the 'rarest of rare' category. The offender, his socio-economic background and his state of mind are also key factors in this regard. In practice, the sentencing part of the trial takes place after the court records a conviction. It is often done on the same day as the verdict, with only some limited arguments being heard on 'mitigating circumstances' from the convict's side and on the 'aggravating circumstances' from the prosecution. The latest order of a three-judge Bench, referring to a Constitution Bench the issue of granting a meaningful opportunity to convicts on the question of sentence, is a big stride in humanising the sentencing process. Sentencing after conviction is a knotty problem in cases relating to capital offences. Trial judges are called upon to make a decision on whether only a death sentence will meet the ends of justice, or a life term will be enough. As a salutary norm, the Supreme Court has laid down that the death penalty can be imposed only in the "rarest of rare" cases. Subsequent judgments have sought to buttress this principle by holding that the gruesome nature of the offence may not be the sole criterion to decide what brings it under the 'rarest of rare' category. The offender, his socio-economic background and his state of mind are also key factors in this regard. In practice, the sentencing part of the trial takes place after the court records a conviction. It is often done on the same day as the verdict, with only some limited arguments being heard on 'mitigating circumstances' from the convict's side and on the 'aggravating circumstances' from the prosecution. The latest order of a three-judge Bench, referring to a Constitution Bench the issue of granting a meaningful opportunity to convicts on the question of sentence, is a big stride in humanising the sentencing process.

Same-day sentencing has been upheld by several judgments, with the Supreme Court often saying where a meaningful opportunity has been given to the convict to present mitigating factors, the mere fact that death was awarded on the same day would not vitiate the sentence. Some High Courts have given a chance to convicts to present mitigating factors so that the inadequacy of the sentencing process in the trial court does not matter. Present thinking, however, is veering towards the view that courts must elicit reports from the jail authorities, probation officers and even trained psychologists to assess the mitigating factors in favour of not imposing the death penalty. In its referral order, the Bench has also raised the question as to the stage at which mitigating factors are to be presented. It has noted that the scales are tilted against the convicts now, as it is only after conviction that they are able to speak about mitigating circumstances. The prosecution, on the other hand, presents its case from the beginning on how heinous the crime was, and how much the accused deserved maximum punishment. The Constitution Bench may come up with new guidelines under which the trial courts themselves can hold a comprehensive investigation into factors related to the upbringing, education and socio-economic conditions of an offender before deciding the punishment. The legal and moral dilemma of sending someone to the gallows, of course, will subsist only as long as the death penalty remains on the statute book.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### A Silly, Ungrateful People..!

"You are an ungrateful people!" I shout, as bruised, battered and beaten, a tired people stare back at me: "We can't take being pushed, pulled and pummeled every moment of the day!" cry the people, "Either it's a lynching mob stringing up someone, or government agencies putting people in jail! We are tired!"

"Broaden your vision!" I tell the people sternly, "Look at what is standing there above the clouds, dwarfing even the Liberty statue! Look at the world record it has created, and yet you say, you are fatigued and tired? Raise your eyes and see the loftiness of our achievements!"

"Farmers are committing suicide! Riots and morchas for more reservations, or for scrapping laws isolating communities, are breaking the fibre that hold us together!" cry tired voices.

"Imagine the speed of the bullet train!" I reply brusquely, "Picture the world looking at us enviously, as this technological marvel races from Mumbai to Ahmedabad and back!"

"Look at the slow speed of motorbike riders and scooterists!" whisper the people back at me, "All of them falling into potholes and coming out bruised and injured or being brought out dead!"

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"Just imagine our country," I say proudly, "a nation which will have one single diet followed by all the people, where fruits and vegetables will be our only food. One nation, one diet! What a picture of culinary unity we will be to all the world!"

"Hear the poor!" whisper the people, "As their pangs of hunger are cleverly refocused to thoughts of misguided communal anger! As a woman's cry for safety is exchanged for one religion for all! Where, a roof over our heads is forgotten, for mandir or masjid! Where local leaders who can't repair the economy rush to construct religious structures elsewhere!"

I look at the people as they stare back at me helplessly, "Read how we have the second wealthiest man in the world in our midst, even richer than Bill Gates and others! See how far he has progressed in amassing his billions at lightning speed!"

The people shake their heads and stare aghast at me, "Progress for whom?" ask the people, "For youth who are employed? Journalists who are too scared to write the truth? Opposition leaders who have the ED at their door if they oppose too much or don't cross floors?"

I look menacingly at the people and say severely, "You need to broaden your vision!"

"We have been broadening to breaking point!" sigh the people, "And any more stretching, will tear apart the delicate threads that bind us together as one united country!"

"You are a silly, ungrateful people," I say, and laugh scornfully at them, as I salute the statue, the new Parliament building, the picture of the second richest man, and the speeding bullet train..!

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## MP Demands Naming Three Important Roads on Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhattacharjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao

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in three different locations of Port Blair city, where people pay their homage.

To pay befitting tribute to these great souls and set an example for our future generation, the Member of

Parliament requested the Lt. Governor to name three important roads on the brave martyrs.

## Heavy Crackdown on Bootlegging by Nicobar District Police

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The raiding team further detected 4 cases of violation of excise regulations and arrested bootleggers on seizure of around 50 liters of illicit liquor from their

possession from Chota Enaka village of Kamorta. In addition to strict enforcement, mass public awareness campaign has also been launched to spread awareness about ill-effects of

alcohol and drug abuse amongst youths and general public. Nicobar Police is committed to take stern action against bootleggers, illicit liquor, drug peddlers and other illegal activities.



## ENTERTAINMENT

## What Gauri Advised Suhana about Dating...

**September 20: HYDERABAD:** Noted filmmaker and popular host Karan Johar has teased the viewers with the 43-second trailer of his 'Koffee With Karan' series for this week and it promises to be quite a 'girl gang' episode.

The 12th episode of Season 7 features the first lady of B-town, Gauri Shah Rukh Khan. It's after a long time that Gauri Khan will be appearing on Karan's show. Also, it will be the first time for her to appear on a chat show after her son Aryan Khan faced legal troubles recently.

Gauri appears along with Maheep Kapoor and Bhavna Pandey. Maheep is the wife of Sanjay Kapoor while Bhavna is Chunkey Pandey's wife.

True to his wont of prodding his participants on



their love lives and family secrets, Karan is seen asking Gauri about what advice she gave her daughter regarding dating. And pat comes the reply, "Never date two boys at the same time".

On the work front, Suhana Khan, Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri's daughter will be seen playing Veronica in the Indian adaptation of Archie comics.

When asked what film title could be given to SRK and Gauri's love story, Gauri says, 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge.' Readily agreeing with the choice of title, Karan says, 'Hann..and your's was a quite turbulent love story.'

The highly anticipated episode, which has garnered over 10,000 views and scores of likes within an hour of its tweeting, premieres on Disney+Hotstar on Thursday 12 am.

## 'Brahmastra Part One: Shiva' Earns Rs 75 Crore in Worldwide Collection on Day One

**September 20: MUMBAI:** "Brahmastra Part One: Shiva" has raised Rs 75 crore in gross box office collection worldwide on its opening day, the makers said on Saturday.

Billed as a trilogy, the first installment of the big-budget fantasy adventure epic starring Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, and Amitabh Bachchan was released on Friday.

"'Brahmastra Part One: Shiva' has delivered a massive opening day of Rs. 75 crore (GBOC), igniting celebrations across the country, the film industry, theatre owners and audiences, with the weekend total expected to be huge!" according to a note shared by production banners Star Studios and Dharma Productions.

While the movie has received mixed reviews from critics for its story and dialogues, many praised director Ayan Mukerji's larger-than-life vision of 'Astraverse' which blends Hindu mythology with elements of fantasy,



something on par with VFX-dominated Hollywood superhero film franchises.

After the box office collections were released, Mukerji shared a brief thank-you note on Instagram.

"Gratitude. Excitement. Hope. A Big Thank You to Everyone Everywhere who has gone to the Cinemas to experience Brahmastra, keeping our movie-going culture vibrant and dynamic. Looking forward to the next few days..." the filmmaker wrote.

"Humbled...grateful...yet can't control my excitement! Thank you

#Brahmastra," tweeted producer Karan Johar.

"Brahmastra Part One: Shiva" follows a deejay named Shiva, who sets out on a journey to find the origins of his special powers with Isha (Bhatt), a woman he falls in love with at first sight. Bachchan features as Guru, Shiva's mentor.

The film, currently in theatres in 2D, 3D and IMAX 3D in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada, also stars Mouni Roy and Nagarjuna Akkineni.

"RRR" director S S Rajamouli presents "Brahmastra Part One: Shiva" in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

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### Health, Science /Tech

## Loop Energy Says New Hydrogen Fuel Cell More Efficient than Diesel Engine



**September 20: TORONTO:** Hydrogen fuel cell maker Loop Energy said on Sunday that its latest cell system can deliver better fuel economy than a diesel engine at current price levels.

The Burnaby, Canada-based company said that - based on a pan-European diesel cost of \$1.91 per litre on Sept. 5 and \$10 per kg of hydrogen - a truck could travel just over 111 miles (179 km) on \$100 worth of fuel using its new S1200 hydrogen fuel cell system versus a little over 109 miles for an equivalent diesel truck.

As the auto industry makes the shift to zero-emission electric vehicles (EVs), big freight truck makers like Daimler Truck and Volvo are investing heavily in hydrogen fuel cells to haul freight long distances because batteries weigh too much to make electric trucks viable.

Hydrogen fuel cells run hydrogen through a catalyst that produces energy and heat to power a small battery that drives the truck - the only emission from these cells is water.

Hydrogen fuel cells have faced two challenges for broad adoption: they have so far been less efficient than diesel and fuelling infrastructure in Europe is virtually non-existent.

Nyland said the new cell system essentially addresses the first of those challenges.

"This brings the future forward," Loop Energy Chief Executive Ben Nyland told Reuters. "This product delivers the economics that are needed for adoption today."

Nyland said that Loop Energy aims to provide the fuel cell system to startup truck makers and as part of hydrogen powertrains provided to big truck makers by major suppliers.

The company's biggest shareholder is US engine maker Cummins, which holds a more than 20% stake in Loop Energy.



## DCSA Holds Meeting with Stakeholders on Retail Sale of Fire Crackers

**Port Blair, Sept. 20:** Keeping in view the forthcoming festive seasons starting from the month of October and in view of the constraints, safety aspects, cleanliness of business premises and also to prevent import and sale of banned fireworks, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS held a meeting with all the stakeholders for retail sale of crackers.

The representatives of Andaman and Nicobar Chamber of Commerce and Industry have been directed to coordinate and submit the list of shopkeepers willing for allotment of temporary stalls. As per space availability and past precedence, it was decided that 50 stalls at ITF ground and 20 stalls at Bathubasti area may be allowed to operate on receipt of Fire Clearance Certificate from Fire Service Department.

The sale of crackers will be done from ITF Stall and Bathubasti area from Oct. 20 to 22, 2022 and from Oct. 23 to 24, 2022 between 1000 hrs to 2100 hrs.



The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has further advised the dealer community to ensure and promote the storage and sale of green fire crackers as per the National Green Tribunal (NGT) guidelines. He also advised for strict adherence of the licensing capacity for storage of fire crackers and to prevent illegal/unauthorized import and sale of foreign origin fireworks during the festive season and also to prevent import and sale of banned fireworks. On receipt of reports regarding any deviation, strict action shall be initiated against them under the Explosive Rules, 2008.

## Chief Secretary Visits Farm, Beaches, Inspects Airstrip and NH4 on Day 2 of His Visit to N&M Andaman

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own venture under the scheme, which was so far only done by the Government.

Thereafter, the Chief Secretary visited the Airstrip Extension Project site at Shibpur. The Officials of INS Kohassa informed that all clearances for extension of airstrip by another two km have already been obtained. Tendering is in process while acquisition of land for extension of 117 mtrs length on the other end is also in progress. In the meantime, it has been ascertained that the Ministry of Civil Aviation is in the process of finalizing the bids received for Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAAN 4.2. It emerged from the visit of Chief Secretary that grounds are almost ready for passenger flight operation to Diglipur.

The Chief Secretary visited Kalipur Beach where eco-friendly tourism infrastructures will be developed under the aegis of NITI Aayog. This will boost the economy of the Island and generate considerable employment opportunity.

Later, the Chief Secretary inspected the Cold Storage & Ice Plant being maintained by ANIIDCO. The Chief Secretary praised Bikas Chandra, a staff working there for maintaining utmost cleanliness & hygiene of the milk storage containers.

Earlier, in the morning, the Chief Secretary visited yet another potential tourism site developed under the aegis of NITI Aayog viz. Ross & Smith Island.

The Chief Secretary also visited CHC Kishori Nagar and interacted with the Doctor and the Nursing Staff present there. He appreciated the services rendered by the doctor and the staff in the remote part of the Island.

After completion of his visit to Diglipur, the Chief Secretary while proceeding to Mayabunder by road inspected the stretch of NH-4 road before Kalara Junction. The Chief Secretary expressed concern over the bad condition of the road. Upon this, NHIDCL officials assured to complete the most critical stretch between Sitanagar and Kalra Junction within two months. He asked the DC, N&M Andaman to extend all possible support to NHIDCL to meet the deadline.

## CITU Hold Mass Dharna to Protest Anti-working Class Policies of Central Govt. and A&N Administration

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the A & N Administration for not implementing the Govt. of India's order of 1988 regarding grant of 1/30th of pay plus DA to all the DRMs. He said that even the High Court at Calcutta during 2019 had ordered to grant the said benefit to all the DRMs from the date of their initial appointment, but the BJP-ruled central government and its Administration here do not honour the court verdict and continue to keep thousands of employees denied of their right to have 1/30th of pay plus DA financial benefits.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri D. Ayyappan, Vice President, CITU A & N State Committee, who presided over the public meeting, explained in brief the attempts made by the BJP government to take away whatever rights the working class had in the country and said that all the labour laws

have been abolished and in its place 4 new Labour Codes introduced and passed in the Parliament with a view to curtail the rights of workers and to appease the corporates in the country. He said that the Modi-government is ruling the country only for the benefit of the corporates like Adani and Ambani whose profits are increasing every year by lakhs of crores of rupees while the workers, farmers and small and medium businessmen are facing hardship due to these policies of the BJP government.

Addressing the meeting, CPI (M) leader Shri D. Laxman Rao criticized the BJP government for privatization of public sector undertakings one by one in the country. Shri SP Kalairajan, Vice President, CITU State Committee also addressed the meeting. The mass dharna and procession was led by Shri R. Surendran Pillai, President, CITU State Committee and Shri BS Bhattacharjee, Vice President, CITU.

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## The Mind's Eye

### SOUL REALISATION



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**According to the true spiritual wisdom revealed by Incorporeal Supreme Soul, all human souls are HIS children.**

It is now becoming something of a cliché in various circles of modern life - from religion to psychology to holistic medicine, to use the phrase "body-mind-soul" or "body-mind-spirit" when referring to our totality as a human being. There are as many opinions and beliefs about the soul as there are about God. A lot of people say that the soul is an all pervading universal consciousness and it is everywhere. There are some who say that the soul is part of the universal consciousness, however they do not ascribe any form or identity to the soul and believe that it is a form of energy that is present everywhere. According to the true spiritual wisdom revealed by Incorporeal Supreme Soul, all human souls are HIS children. They are distinct from HIM and each one is unique and distinct. Thus, it must be understood that souls are not God but they have godly qualities. They are sentient and conscient self-luminous star like entities that have the power to think, choose, feel, discern and act through sense organs. However, they can express and experience only when they are in human bodies. It must also be understood that all souls reside in the soul world which is a world far beyond this physical universe — a world of absoluteness and permanence where there is no limitation of matter, time and space. Each soul begins its journey on earth at its time and in the beginning they don't go through any suffering because they are pure. They go through their journey on earth passing through different stages of purity. Now! we all are at the end of Iron Age (Kaliyuga) when all souls have become vicious and have forgotten their true identity and because of body consciousness they have lost their power and become prone to vices. It is now the most auspicious period in the journey of all souls that they now have a chance to get enlightened and liberated from all bondages and vices because Supreme Almighty Himself is imparting the wisdom and power to help us. He is guiding us with His love and blessings to our original pure stage of purity and changing this vicious world to a virtuous one. But, for that we need to become soul conscious and get rid of all kind's of bondages related to our body. This is the easiest way to self realisation and liberation.

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## Four Days Off Campus Training on 'Waste Management in Agri.& Allied Sectors' Commences

Port Blair, Sept 20: The Secretary (Agri), A&N Administration, Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS inaugurated a four days off Campus training programme on 'Waste Management in Agri.& Allied Sectors' for the officers of Agriculture and allied Departments of A&N Islands today in the Conference Hall of Directorate of Agriculture, Haddo. The programme is being organized by Extension Education Institute, PJTSU, Hyderabad in association with Department of Agriculture, A&N Administration.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary (Agri) motivated the participants to participate actively and acquire the scientific knowledge through agricultural waste management training program, for its effective



implementation in the field. Since agriculture is on a large scale, the agricultural wastes generated cannot be ignored and proper care has to be taken to decompose it through the agricultural waste management program.

The Joint Director (Agri), HQ, Dr (Smti) Chanda Srivastava stressed upon the need of such training for extension functionaries of scheme implementing departments while Dr I. Sreenivasa Rao, Senior

Professor, EEI briefed about the course contents of the training & insisted for transfer of knowledge & skills learned for the benefit of farming community. Dr. R. Vasantha, Professor, EEI proposed the vote of thanks.

Altogether 30 officers from Agriculture & Allied Departments i.e. Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Fisheries and Rural Development are participating in the training programme.

## Central Crime Station Seizes 4.44 Kgs of Ganja, Arrests One

Port Blair, Sept. 20: Acting on a specific intelligence input received from reliable source, Police team from Central Crime Station consisting of SI M.A Rasheed, Head Constables Sanjay Kujur and K.Venkateshwar Rao and Constables N.Thangaraj, G.Ravi, K.Rajendran & Elizabeth intercepted one person namely Pankaj Poddar S/o Late Mahananda

Poddar, resident of Shaheed Dweep at VSI Airport who arrived Port Blair from Kolkata on 20/09/2022 by flight. During checking of his personnel belongings, 4.440 Kgs 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.

## Beach Cleanliness Drive Conducted as Sitapur

Port Blair, Sept. 20: A beach cleanliness drive was conducted this morning at Sitapur Beach, Shaheed Dweep. The drive was led by the In-Charge, Hawabill Nest Yatri Niwas, IP&T, Shri M Madhavan. The Pramukh, Gram Panchayat, Shaheed Dweep, Smt. Champa Das, Police personnel, Revenue Department and Life Guards, participated in the drive. Eight gunny bags of garbage containing plastic bottles, wrappers, glass bottles were collected during the drive and the same was transported through the Panchayat to the Dumping Yard of Shaheed Dweep.



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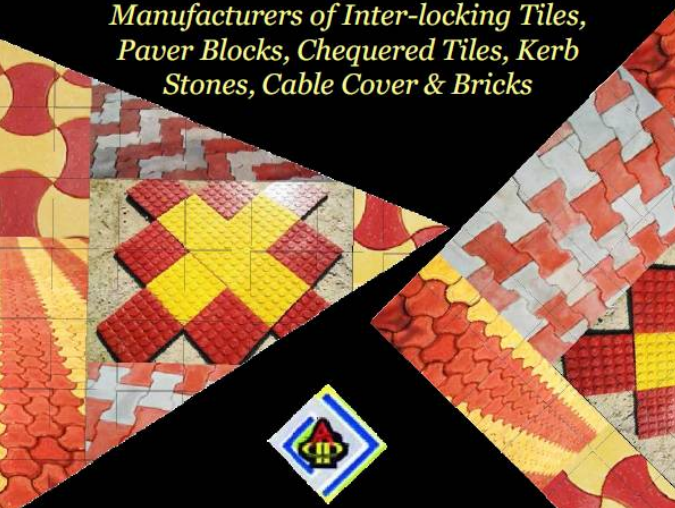
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# SPORTS

## India to go to Australia Early for Additional Match Practice Before T20 World Cup

**September 20:** The Indian team will travel to Australia a week prior to their proposed schedule for the T20 World Cup for acclimatisation and match practice. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has decided to send the full T20 squad, net bowlers and standbys after the team plays its third T20 International against South Africa in Indore on October 4.

The Indian team is playing three T20 Internationals each against Australia and South Africa at home in a span of two weeks before departing for Australia.

The Indian Express understands that the squad will fly to Australia on October 5 and the BCCI is planning at least three warm-up games there in addition to two matches organised by the ICC against New Zealand (Oct 17) and Australia (Oct 18).

The Board, after consultation with head coach Rahul Dravid, has decided to give more match practice to its players before they



open their World Cup campaign against Pakistan in Melbourne on October 23.

"We are in talks with a few teams who will play games with us besides warm-up games kept by ICC. The entire T20 World Cup squad will travel to Australia on October 5 along with Dravid and his support staff. The Indian team which will play ODIs here against South Africa will be a second-string side coached by VVS Laxman," a BCCI official said. Dhawan likely to lead Indian team in ODIs Opener

Shikhar Dhawan is likely to lead the second-string Indian team in the ODIs against South Africa. The support staff of the India A team will be asked to work with the Indian senior team for the ODIs.

The Indian team will play three ODIs – in Indore on October 6, Ranchi on October 9, and Delhi on October 11.

It's not the first time Laxman has been asked to coach the Indian senior team. He was on duty during India's tour of Ireland followed by a T20 game against England and on the short tour of Zimbabwe.

## Asiad Medallist Poovamma Handed 2-Year Ban by Anti-Doping Appeal Panel

**September 20:** Senior India quarter-miler and Asian Games medallist MR Poovamma has been handed a two-year ban for flunking a dope test last year as the Anti-Doping Appeal Panel (ADAP) of the NADA overturned a disciplinary panel decision to hand her a three-month suspension.

The 32-year-old Poovamma's dope sample collected on February 18 last year, during the Indian Grand Prix I in Patiala, had returned positive for stimulant methylhexanamine, a specified substance under World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code. The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel in a June order had handed her just three months suspension.

On appeal by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) against the disciplinary panel decision, the ADAP handed

Poovamma a two-year ban. "We set aside the impugned order dated 16.06.2022 as passed by Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel and allow the appeal of NADA and consequently impose a sanction of 02 years under Article 10.2.2 ineligibility upon the Athlete," the Anti-Doping Appeal Panel headed by Abhinav Mukerji said in its order dated September 16.

"We also direct that under Article 10.10 all other competitive results obtained by the athlete from the date of sample collection i.e., 18.02.2021 shall be disqualified and all resulting consequences including forfeiture of medals, points and prizes shall follow."

The appeal panel said, "Once the presence of the prohibited substance is established in the body of the athlete and no exculpatory or mitigating

circumstances exist, the natural consequences under the ADR follows." Poovamma was a member of the gold-winning 4x400m women's and mixed relay teams in the 2018 Asian Games and also part of the 4x400m relay squad that won the gold at the 2014 Asian Games.

She also won a bronze in the individual 400m in the 2012 Asian Games. She received the Arjuna Award in 2015. There was speculation over Poovamma's dope flunk last year after she skipped the relay trials in Patiala just a few weeks before the Tokyo Olympics. She later left the national camp which had surprised many.

She had won silver medals in Indian Grand Prix I and II in Thiruvananthapuram on March 13 and 23, respectively, with timings of 53.39sec and 52.44sec (season's best). She had also won a silver in the Federation Cup in Malappuram in April with a time of 52.70s.

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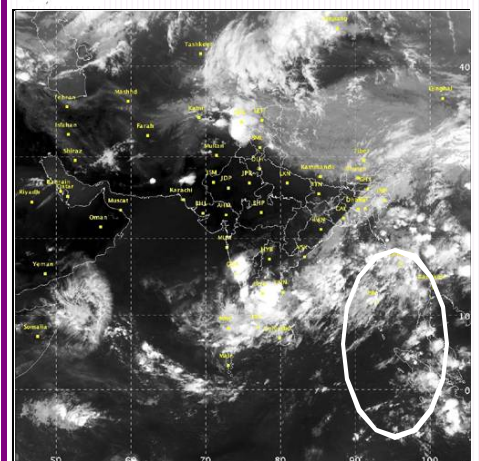
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### Weather



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Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 72% 1730 Hrs: 84%	
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### 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 21/09/2022.

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