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Jarawa Facts

It is illegal for outsiders to enter the Jarawa reserve. However with lack of awareness among the settler community and intrusion of foreign poachers, poaching continues.

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

Jin Engineers nein Tsunami ke ek mahine ke andar South Andaman mein Power Restore kiya tha, kya unke paas sahi mein aaj ka Power Crisis ka Solution nahi hai ...?

- A Citizen



Wait! He's our former MLA. He got a plastic surgery done for a ticket!

Chief Secretary Reviews Power Situation in Isles; Chalks out Various Long & Short Term Solutions

Port Blair, Nov. 17: A meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS in the presence of Secretary (Power), Director (Power), and Superintending Engineer (Electricity) along with senior officials of Electricity Department today. During the meeting, the power scenario and power disruption issues of Port Blair were

discussed. After detailed discussion and deliberation, various long term and short term solutions emerged along with ongoing exercise/practice being already carried out by the Department on day to day basis to stabilize power system for maintaining uninterrupted power supply at Port Blair and adjoining areas of South Andaman. The decisions taken in the

meeting are as mentioned below:

- Special drive will be launched for line clearance in association with other line Departments of Administration to cover maximum areas.

- Forced outages will be rectified expeditiously on war footing basis for resuming power supply at the earliest.

- Adequate BESS capacity of 20 MWhr will be added by PSUs soon to regulate Solar Power in the grid being major cause of power disruption due to cloud intermittency during day time and to meet peak hour demand too by delivering stored excess solar power.

- 10 MW + 5 MW DG plants on hiring basis is under installation at Bambooflat and

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Member of Parliament Highlights Issue of Reservation of B.V.Sc Course Seats for Isles' Students

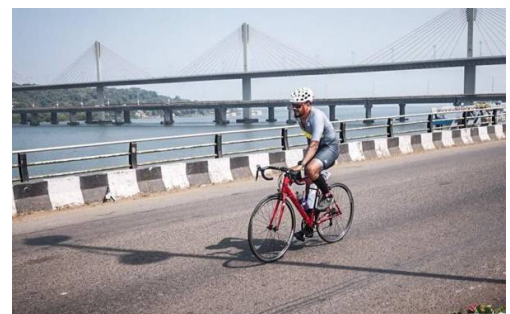
Port Blair, Nov. 17: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to examine the issue of reservation of B.V.Sc course seats for A&N Islands' students by scrutinising the proposal of Pondicherry Veterinary College, already pending with A&N Administration and issue necessary

instructions so that students can get the admission from the current session itself.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament highlighted the problems being faced by the Andaman & Nicobar Islands' students for getting admission in Veterinary Science stream (B.V.Sc. & A.H) in mainland colleges.

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Island Cyclist Qualifies for Iron Man World Championship



Port Blair, Nov. 17: N. Damodaran, an entrepreneur from our Andaman Islands has qualified for the Iron Man 70.3 World Championship. Damodaran registered his qualifications for the Iron Man by successfully completing the Iron 70.3 organised in Goa last week.

Iron Man a 70.3 is a half Ironman-distance triathlon, consisting of a 1900m swim, 90km bike ride and 21kms half marathon to finish. It's a serious feat of endurance and a big commitment, requiring months of training and preparation. Each athlete will have 8 hours and 30 minutes to complete the race.

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Vishal Jolly Meets CINCAN A&N Command



Port Blair, Nov. 17: Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP along with Shri M. Vinod, State Vice President, BJP A&N Islands Met Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command at his office today and discussed various issues pertaining to Airports.

Jolly discussed the following issues during the meeting with CINCAN:

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Rural School Artist from Madhupur Shines at State Level, Wins Cash Prize of Rs 20,000

Diglipur, Nov. 17: A young student artist Indrajit Das from the rural area of Madhupur village has made his family and school feel proud of his achievement at the State Level Painting competition on 'Energy Conservation', conducted by the 'bureau of energy efficiency' under the Ministry of power, held recently at Port Blair.

Taking part in the competition, Indrajit, student of class X of Government



Secondary School Madhupur stood third at the state level and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 20,000. After qualifying the zonal and

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NGOs' Association Remember Comrade Pious D'silva on his 16th Death Anniversary

Port Blair, Nov. 17: The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association & CITU, A&N Islands jointly organized a remembrance meeting on 16.11.2022 at Crusade House to commemorate the 16th Death Anniversary of Comrade Pious D'silva, former President of NGOs' Association and CITU.

Com. Pious was one of the leaders of the Association who was associated with the government employees and trade union

movement in Andaman & Nicobar Islands during 80s and 90s. The meeting started by paying floral tributes on the photo of Com. Pious.

Shri B. Chandrachoodan, General Secretary, CITU remembered his contribution towards the workers and labourers during his period as the leader of CITU and urged to follow his path in life.

Shri P. Sathyapal, former President, NGOs' Association also recalled his

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

India's G20 Presidency

With the handover of the gavel from Indonesian President Joko Widodo, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over leadership of the G20 process on Wednesday, which will position India at the helm of forming consensus among the most advanced economies over the next year. India's presidency, which begins on December 1, comes at a time when the world faces economic hardships and global recessionary trends. In addition, the political polarisation between the U.S. and European Union, and Russia, all G20 members, will make every meeting that India will host fraught with tensions. But the G20 summit in Bali provided some positive signals. Despite fears that G20 members would fail to produce a joint statement, Sherpas of each delegation persevered to reach a 17-page consensus document. Expectedly, there was trouble over the paragraphs on the Russia-Ukraine conflict. India's role in tempering some of the language during the negotiations has been highlighted, and Mr. Modi's phrase at the SCO summit in September, that this is "not an era of war", was included in the final statement. The majority of the G20 leadership was not in favour of equivocating on the conflict, as India and a few other countries have been doing, and the joint communique said that "most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine". It was a positive sign that while Russia protested the statement, its Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov was present, and President Putin's absence actually contributed to a more manageable summit for Indonesia.

The fact that Mr. Modi also extended his hand to Chinese President Xi Jinping during the banquet is in contrast to their stony demeanour at the SCO summit in September and could signal a thaw in talks between them for the first time since the LAC standoff began in 2020. While Mr. Modi may have to explain the shift domestically, his decision to speak to the Chinese President also reflects the practical reality that India, as host of the G20 and the SCO in 2023, will need to ensure the full participation of those groupings, that include rivals such as China and Pakistan. More such pragmatism will be necessary for India in its year of the G20 presidency, with about 200 meetings planned. To achieve this New Delhi will have to bring on board all countries with its vision for the forum's future — steering the world's economic leadership through this difficult phase, and preparing for future perils including climate change and global warming, food and energy shortages, terrorism and conflict, and bridging the digital divide.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Problems as Big as a Ship..!

A close friend of mine sent me this WhatsApp message, which read, 'Your problems might be as big as a ship, but God will give you a solution as wide as the ocean!'

I pondered on this awhile this morning, and slowly realized there was a lot of truth in this. We often talk about 'failure being the stepping stone to success' but have we ever thought of a problem being the key to an enormous solution?

For many years I walked in the park with a dermatologist friend. Something he told me was that the skin often revealed huge problems that the body was hiding inside, and proceeded to give me examples of cancer and other illnesses, including stress related sicknesses which showed itself through boils or other skin problems.

In the opening of that little problem, came the sorting out of a major issue.

Likewise, most problems that come our way, hold the key to oceanlike solving!

But here comes the tough part; as soon as we see the little problem, or the ship sized problem, we run away from it, whine or cry!

There lived a man who retired from his job and felt quite secure with the small pension he received. He felt that since he had a house of his own, and his wants and that of his wife were few, he could live quite comfortably on the small pension.

He spent his day, having a drink in the afternoon, and two which became three drinks in the night, with his wife quite fearful that it would become four soon.

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One day the man noticed a huge crack in one of the pillars in his house and calling for a contractor, found the very structure of his house was in danger. His home was something he thought of as 'permanent' in his mind, and suddenly found out 'permanent' was not as permanent as he thought.

He called for an estimate and prayed hard that night, that he would be able to meet the cost.

He was astounded at what the contractor quoted. As he wondered what he would do, as it would mean dipping into his savings and spending a chunk of his retirement money, he got the idea of getting back to work.

He started a consultancy, and with hard work, coupled with his immense expertise it became a roaring success. He got his whole house done, even built another floor, but more than that, found he was enjoying building his new business. His drinking stopped completely.

There it was; he prayed for a small problem to be solved but was pointed a solution, which solved a bigger problem.

So let's look at problems in a different way, that even as we pray, expect God to show us an ocean of a solution..!

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Chief Secretary Reviews Power Situation in Isles; Chalks out Various Long & Short Term Solutions

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will be commissioned in next four to five months.

- Another 15 MW power augmentation by NTPC engaged by Ministry on nomination basis is underway, of which tender process has been initiated by NTPC.

- Under long term solution, 50 MW LNG Power Plant will be established by NVVN at Hoptown by 2026 to cater the

present and future power demand of Port Blair.

- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) will establish 20 MW Solar Plants each at Stewartgunj and Mithakhari with 100 MWhr BESS capacity in coming 4 to 5 years.

- Load shedding schedule will be published in advance for awareness and convenience of general public.

In addition, the Department will further continue accelerating and will spare no efforts to resolve the power issues in all means right from no light complaints to placing of the upcoming long term projects on ground within timeline to mitigate power demand and to further improve power status in Port Blair and adjoining areas of South Andaman.

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Damodaran clocked the three events as follows:

Swimming (1900 mtrs): 48:27 min, Cycling (90 Kms): 3:38:32 and Run (21Kms):

3:29:24. He took in total 7 hrs 56 minutes and 23 seconds to reach the finish line.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ponniyin Selvan 1 Movie Review | A Grand Spectacle that Sets the Tone

November 17: After multiple attempts through numerous decades, the wait has now come to an end. Mani Ratnam's adaptation of Kalki Krishnamurthy's literary classic Ponniyin Selvan (originally published in 1955) is a grandiose piece of cinema with a diverse cast, dazzling visuals, marching soundtrack, but with a fine calculative touch that is a trademark of the director. Split up into two parts, Ponniyin Selva: I brings to you the landscape and colourful players of the Chola empire, where a power struggle ensues as the ailing emperor Sundara Chozhar (Prakash Raj) announces his eldest son Aditha Karikalan (Chiyaan Vikram) as the heir to the throne.

However, there are murmurs that his brother Arunmozhi Varman (Jayam Ravi) has set his eyes on the same prize and in order to look in to these rumors, Aditha sends his reliable friend Vallavarayan Vanthiyathevan (Karthi) to Kadambur and report back the truth to Sundara Chozhar and their sister Kundavai (Trisha Krishnan), who rules for the time being.

Meanwhile, there's another faction consisting of siblings Periya Pazhuvettaraiyar (R Sarathkumar) and Chinna Pazhuvettaraiyar (R Parthiban), who are working towards making Sundara Chozhar's brother's son Maduranthagar (Rahman) as the next ruler by displacing Aditha. Periya Pazhuvettaraiyar's wife Nandini (Aishwarya Rai) seeks vengeance for the death of her ex-husband Veera Pandiyan, which both her and Aditha remember succinctly. How these factions are set up and where the power struggle goes forms the remainder.

Mani Ratnam establishes the various parties through the eyes of Vanthiyathevan (Karthi.) His character gets the most movement, beginning from Kadambur to ending in Sri Lanka. And through his journey, the women of the story are brought to the fore: Nandini with her charm and schemes, Kundavai with her concern for the empire, and the boatwoman Poonguzhali



(Aishwarya Lekshmi.) The brothers Aditha and Arunmozhi are battle hardened and are the alpha males of the tale. A spy in the form of a priest Azhwarkadiyan Nambi (Jayaram) tags along with Vanthiyathevan and their interactions do make for some good comic moments.

As noted earlier, Karthi's naughty and s w a s h b u c k l i n g adventures unfold the women who have a mainstay in this narrative. Aishwarya Rai's introduction is spectacular. Just a furtive glance is enough to set up her character and Mani Ratnam's filmmaking experience is in full show here. It also helps that her signature dazzle and charm are still in place. Trisha makes her presence felt and you can feel the hum of her power and concern throughout the background. The first time these two meet is shot in an impressive manner.

Meanwhile, Vikram and Jayam Ravi act more as powerful figureheads for the showoff in the second part. Both appear more in scenes of gore and battle and their signature styles will keep you engaged: Vikram as the temperamental prince has the perfect expressions to capture the scattershot emotions. And Jayam Ravi, who is introduced in the second half, is almost the opposite with the composure and precision of a samurai. Jayaram as Karthi's tour guide is funny in bits. The others including Sarath Kumar, Prabhu, Parthiban, pic

Aishwarya Lekshmi, Prakash Raj, Vikram Prabhu, Kishore, Lal etc. do their best with the limited screen space given the scope of the tale.

Mani Ratnam has co-written the screenplay alongside Elango Kumaravel and Jeyamohan and they've made it as palatable as possible for today's audience by mixing old and new Tamil.

AR Rahman's music will captivate you throughout. The tastefully integrated songs and the thumping backgrounds are absolutely central in making this film work. What would initially seem like 'not another meeting' ramps up quickly with the BGMS, and when combined with Ravi Varman's spectacular camerawork, you'll be absorbed regardless of how much you understand the vernacular.

There's considerable VFX in the film and Mani Ratnam as always, is determined to follow his own style and vision. The grand palaces, the naval scenes, and the forests of Sri Lanka are particularly eye-watering. Most of the movie is a setup of the various factions and what is to ensue in the sequel.

If you aren't familiar with the background, then you'd probably have to pay double the attention in order to keep track. This could be a hindrance despite the maker's best efforts to keep it palatable. Overall, Ponniyin Selvan is a bit like Game of Thrones without as much grisly violence. The polished cast and crew will keep you engaged.

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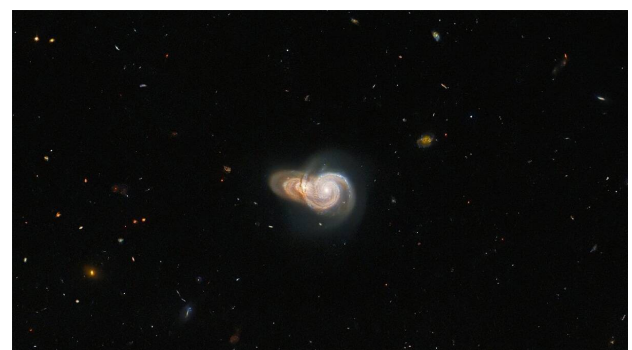
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NASA, SpaceX to Study Ways to Boost Orbit of Hubble Telescope



November : Elon Musk's SpaceX plans to fund a study with NASA to examine ways to use the space company's Dragon capsule to raise the Hubble Space Telescope's orbital altitude, which would extend its useful life, agency officials announced on Thursday.

SpaceX, whose Crew Dragon capsule ferries astronauts and cargo to and from the International Space Station for NASA, will fully fund the six-month study, NASA's science chief Thomas Zurbuchen told reporters during a short-notice press conference.

"A few months ago SpaceX approached NASA with the idea for a study of how a commercial crew could help boost our Hubble spacecraft into a higher orbit, that would extend its observational lifetime."

The Hubble Space Telescope has been a workhorse cosmic observatory for astronomers around the world since its launch in 1990, delivering dramatic stellar imagery and enabling important discoveries such as the age of the universe and the moons of Pluto.

NASA said teams will collect data to "help determine whether it would be possible to safely rendezvous, dock, and move the telescope into a more stable orbit."

Hubble was serviced several times in the early 2000's during the U.S. shuttle program. Since that program's retirement in 2011, astronomers have considered various ways to service the aging but still operational telescope. No plans have been developed.

The study will examine, among other things, whether SpaceX's Dragon capsule will need to be modified to dock with and raise the telescope's orbit, as well as whether astronauts will need to be onboard for a potential mission.

"At this point everything is on the table," Jessica Jensen, SpaceX's vice president of customer operations, said during the press call.

NASA officials emphasized that the agreement with SpaceX is only a for a SpaceX-funded study, and does not represent agency plans to service the telescope later on.

ANTRI Organises Seminar on 'Contribution of Freedom Fighters'

Port Blair, Nov. 17: As part of celebration of Janjati Gaurav Diwas, 2022 which marks the birth anniversary of Tribal Freedom Fighter 'Birsa Munda', the Andaman & Nicobar Tribal Research & Training Institute (ANTRI) in collaboration with Directorate of Tribal Welfare, A&N Administration organized a one-day seminar on the theme 'Contribution of Tribal Freedom Fighters'.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal, JNRM, Dr H.K Sharma enlightened the participants about the immense contribution of tribal communities in Indian freedom struggle. He stated that tribal people showed their heroism by sacrificing their lives in the Independence movement and therefore, it is the responsibility of Indians, particularly the present generation, to make themselves aware of such



struggles and remember them with a feeling of pride.

Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India, Dr Nilanjan Khatua, ex-Director (Tribal Welfare), Shri Som Naidu, Renowned Historian & Founder Kalapani Museum, Shri Mukeshwar Lall, Joint Secretary, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Ms Sampatti Xalxo, Associate Professor, ANCOL,

Ms Jochibet Vincent, Assistant Professor, JNRM, Dr Vivek Sahu and Tribal Welfare Officer, Dr. Pronob Sircar also delivered speeches on different aspects pertaining to the theme.

Students of JNRM and ANCOL participated in the seminar.

Low Pressure Area Forms Over Southwest Bay of Bengal, Fishers Cautioned

Port Blair, Nov. 17: As per the information received from the Meteorological Office, Port Blair, a low pressure area has formed over Southwest Bay of Bengal & adjoining Andaman Sea today and is likely to move west-northwestwards and gradually concentrate into a Depression over central parts

of South Bay of Bengal around November 19, 2022.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into Andaman Sea & adjoining Southeast & East Central Bay of Bengal and Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Andaman Sea, Southwest & East Central Bay of Bengal on November 18, 2022.

For any assistance, they may call Indian Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554 or Directorate of Fisheries or nearest Zonal Fisheries Office/Sub Station over phone number 03192-240095 / 231474 / 273295 / 265111.

Museums of National Memorial to Remain Closed on 25th Nov.

Port Blair, Nov. 17: General public and tourists have been informed that the museums of the National Memorial Cellular Jail will remain closed for the visitors on 25th November, 2022 in the afternoon from 12.30 pmonwards due to administrative reasons.

Vishal Jolly Meets CINCAN A&N Command

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Requested CINCAN to expedite the ongoing Re-Surfacing work at Port Blair Airport for the benefit of the Islanders and tourism stakeholders.

To expedite the process of increasing the length of the Airstrip of Diglipur (Cohasa) Airport, which is very much

necessary to strengthen our security and for developing Diglipur as a tourist destination.

Extension of Campbell Bay Airstrip was also discussed during the meeting.

The Commander-in-Chief has assured Shri Jolly that they are on the job and will try to expedite the

completion of Resurfacing of Port Blair Runway and will try to expedite the job of increasing the Diglipur and Campbell Bay Airstrip.

Vishal Jolly has expressed his gratitude towards CINCAN for meeting him amidst his busy schedule.

NGOs' Association Remember Comrade Pious D'silva on his 16th Death Anniversary

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valuable role in fighting for the rights of government employees in these Islands and asked the younger generation to try to inculcate the habit of thinking in a positive manner and helping others in life.

Addressing the members, NGOs' Association, General Secretary, Shri R. Rajendran

remembered the works of Com. Pious in organizing various programmes of the Association and his selfless dedication in resolving the issues of the government employees and workers of these islands.

Earlier, Shri S.L.Vinjit, Asst. General Secretary welcomed members in the meeting. Shri R. Surendran Pillai, President

CITU, Shri S.P. Kalai Rajan, Vice President, CITU, Shri P. Jay Murthy, Secretary, SATB and Shri Shiva Kumar, Vice President, JNRM Sub-Committee also expressed their views while recalling the contributions of Com. Pious D'silva. A good number of members attended the remembrance meeting.

Member of Parliament Highlights Issue of Reservation of B.V.Sc Course Seats for Isles' Students

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He mentioned that whenever students from Andaman approaches in state for admission in studying Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (B.V.Sc.) degree courses the state universities ask for a Domicile Certificate.

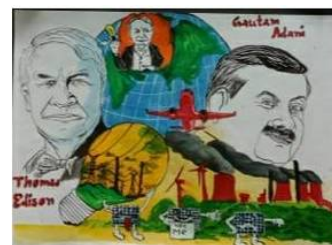
He added that in all states around 85% B.V.Sc seats are reserved and filled from their own candidates and only 15% seats are left for All India competition, which are meagre in number. Therefore, it becomes difficult for students of these Islands to compete at the National level for limited seats.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that there is a

shortage of Veterinary Doctors in A&N Islands. As per 2019 livestock census there are around cattle -36438 Nos., Buffalo 3700 Nos. Goats 69781, pig 90488 Nos., comprising livestock 145394 Nos. whereas Poultry population accounts for 1283746 Nos. scattered all over the Islands.

He pointed out that the Pondicherry Veterinary College came forward and offered five seats for our Andaman & Nicobar Island students on certain conditions and a proposal was prepared by A&N Veterinary Council and submitted to A&N Administration for further examination and approval, which is pending at Education Department for clarification.

Rural School Artist from Madhupur Shines at State Level, Wins Cash Prize of Rs 20,000



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district level, he became the first of the six, winners at state level, who hails from the rural area. All the rest of the five artists are from the schools of Port Blair. Indrajit along with the other five winners will now take part at the National Level Competition to be held on 14th December in New Delhi.

Sharing his experience, Indrajit, the son of the farming family of Shri Sanjit Das and Smti Anjana Das said that participation in this competition has been very exciting and he would treasure these memories. Coming to Port Blair for the first time in life, Indrajit said that the competition has given opportunity to the students like him, from rural areas to visit Port Blair and to compete at the state level. Grateful Indrajit said although his father is a marginal farmer, he always got him the painting medium and little facilities of his small capacity, enabling him to continue doing creative works on canvas.

Talking about the conducive environment of his school, he said the Principal, Shri M. Nehru, teachers Shri Sujit Gharami and Shri Vishal have always

encouraged him to continue his passion with paint and brush along with the academics. Missing the guidance of a trained Fine Art teacher, Indrajit said that there is no Fine Art teacher available around to seek his guidance and he has learnt the art on his own. He said water colour is his favorite medium and 'Environment and Nature' are his most liked theme.

Indrajit is a sensitive artist and it is reflected from his creations also. A lover of mother nature, he said infrastructural development could be a necessity, but we have to take care of the fragile ecosystem also. We should strive to make a balance between the two. He said he always tries to spread the message of the need for the Conservation of the environment, through his paintings.

Always standing first in the competitions at the local level so far, Indrajit said he actually doesn't compete for prizes, rather to express his feelings and emotions on the given subject. "This time also I will take part at the Nationals with the same intention", the motivated young school artist from Madhupur said, hoping that he would get to see some finest creations from his fellow competitors from the different parts of the country, in New Delhi, next month.

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ANTCC President Seeks for Appointment of Teachers and Renovations in Schools of Campbell Bay

Port Blair, Nov. 17: The ANTCC President, Shri. Rangalal Halder has requested the Administration for immediate appointment of Teaching Staffs and Renovations in school buildings of Campbell Bay. In his letter addressed to the Secretary (Education)

Andaman & Nicobar Administration, he said that due to non-availability of suitable accommodation in the schools with better amenities and incentives benefits, the teaching staffs are not able to join at their place of postings.

Halder placed a point towards the Residential Quarters of Education

Department in Campbell Bay which is in a dilapidated condition and required instant maintenance.

He further stated that the school infrastructure was not in a good condition that indicates a bad sign of progress in the education sector.

Short Term Skill Development Training on Handicrafts Organised by DOI Concludes

Port Blair, Nov.17: The Directorate of Industries, A&N Administration organized a short term Skill Development Training Programme on 'Handicrafts (Coconut Shell, Wood and Cane & Bamboo) products' at Stewartgunj, Gram Panchayat from 12th October, 2022 to 17th November, 2022. Altogether, 21 candidates participated in the training

programme and were imparted the basic skills and knowledge for making handicrafts, thus creating self-employment opportunities for boosting the economy of Islands.

The training programme concluded today with a valedictory function during which handicraft products produced during the training were showcased and the trainees received appreciation

from PRI representatives and the villagers.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri M.K. Hussain, Pradhan, Stewartgunj, Gram Panchayat appreciated the handicraft products made by the trainees and advised them to apply the skills obtained during the course of the training program for the betterment of their livelihood.

Seats Vacant in UG Degree Courses at ANCOL

Port Blair, Nov. 17: A few seats are lying vacant in the General and Reserved category (OBC/ST/EWSs) in UG Degree courses in ANCOL for the academic year 2022-2023. All the interested candidates whose names appeared in the final merit list of various UG courses may advise attending the final round of counseling on 21st November, 2022 without fail. The final merit list may

be downloaded from the common college admission portal website (<https://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in>). The special admission cum counseling drive for ST candidates will be conducted on the same day. If any reserved category (except EWSs) seat lying vacant the same may be released to the General Category candidate on merit on the same day.

The candidates should bring the original documents for

verification on the day of counseling and they should bring one set of photostat copies of the X pass certificate, XII pass and mark statement, Transfer Certificate, Bank Pass Book, Aadhaar, Category Certificate (OBC/ST/P.H./Central Govt. Servants / EWSs). The prescribed fees should be paid by the candidate on the date of admission. If any candidate fails to pay the admission fee the candidate's admission will be cancelled.

NABARD to Conduct 6-Day Training on Natural Farming

Port Blair, Nov. 17: NABARD, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Office is conducting a six day training programme on natural farming from 14th to 19th November 2022 in two batches for farmers of South Andaman, and North and Middle Andaman. The first batch consisted of 30 farmers from South Andaman. The training for the second batch of 30 farmers from North and

Middle Andaman was inaugurated today by Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, A&N Administration and Dr E. B. Chakurkar, Director, CIARI was the guest of honour.

The faculty members from Kamalnayan Jamanlal Bajaj Foundation, Wardha, Maharashtra conducted the programme. They explained the importance of natural farming and how it reduces the

cost of cultivation and increases productivity of the soil and thereby improves income of the farmers. Natural Farming techniques also helps in production of chemical free and safe to eat vegetables/ grains. The farmers were given one day practical training on various components of natural farming like Jeevamrut, Beejamrut, Agneystra, etc. during the field demonstration conducted at KVK, Sippighat.



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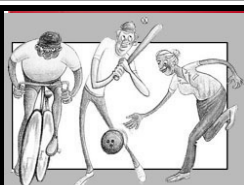
Port Blair, Nov. 17: A few seats are lying vacant in respect of various UG courses in JNRM for the session 2022-23, hence candidates who have applied for admission may attend the counselling on 23rd November 2022 at 9 AM in the Inter-disciplinary Departments of JNRM. The candidate should bring the following documents in original for verification and one set of photostat copies (to be submitted during admission) viz. XII Marks Statement (Original will be detained in JNRM), School Leaving Certificate (Transfer Certificate) (Original will be detained in JNRM), X Pass certificate for verification of date of birth, Category Certificate (ST, OBC, PH, ward of central Govt. Servants/Ex-Servicemen & EWS), Aadhaar/Aadhaar

Enrolment Slip and 1 passport size photograph.

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As per the Pondicherry University norms, physics fitness test will be conducted for admission to BPES and the candidate must come in proper sports dress on the day of counselling for their Fitness Test for the events viz. 100meter sprint, shot put, standing board jump, vertical jump & 12 minutes run/walk test. If no candidate is present from specific category, the left out seats will be filled from the general merit list on merit basis (except EWS category).

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SPORTS

Robert Lewandowski's Suspension Increased to 3 Games in Spain

November 17: Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski's suspension was increased to three games by the Spanish soccer federation. Lewandowski had received a one-game suspension when he was sent off with a second yellow card during Barcelona's 2-1 comeback win at Osasuna on Nov. 8.

The Spanish soccer federation's competition committee has now added two more games to his suspension because of what it called the player's "show of disrespect" toward the referee following his

sending off. Referee Gil Manzano wrote in his match report that Lewandowski twice pointed at his nose before pointing his thumb at the referee in a gesture that Manzano interpreted as being disrespectful.

Lewandowski, who is now set to play for Poland at the World Cup in Qatar, leads the Spanish league with 13 goals. Barcelona will be without Lewandowski against Espanyol, Atlético Madrid and Getafe once club



competition resumes in Spain at the end of December.

Barcelona has a two-point advantage over Real Madrid at the top of the standings.

Fifa and Sportwashing Started with Argentina 1978, Qatar is Just the Latest

November 17: With the football World Cup around the corner, Fifa awarding the rights to Qatar, over a decade ago remains controversial. Workers' deaths, draconian laws and human rights issues have shown Fifa and Qatar in poor light. Yet, Argentina hosting the World Cup in 1978, when the country's military dictatorship had crushed protests and thousands of dissidents disappeared and were tortured and murdered was the start of sportwashing and football.

Argentine captain Daniel Passarella lifted the trophy just a few blocks away from the Navy Mechanics School, which served as a torture centre. Argentina 1978 also was a watershed World Cup for Fifa in terms of football becoming a product which could bring in millions of dollars into its coffers.

The four-part documentary does not focus only on the unravelling of Fifa under its long-time president Sepp Blatter but builds towards it. Fifa Uncovered goes all the way back to 1974 when Fifa was transformed from a body that conducted World Cups to one that learnt how to market, sell and make money from the World Cup. The man credited with the vision is João Havelange, the Brazilian businessman and swimmer, who came to power (one of his promises to win votes from African nations was to ban apartheid South Africa) and quickly hired a Swiss

technical director Sepp Blatter. Blatter, who had experience in public relations, started trying to get sponsors on board because Fifa didn't have any money. "Fifa had no money. I approached Coca Cola. The man in Coca Cola said how many bottles of Coca Cola are you going to sell for me. I said 'it is not a question to sell Coca Cola, but it is a question that two big organisations can go together for the benefit of the youth'."

Coca Cola was the first to see the potential of football but soon Adidas joined and by the 1978 World Cup, Fifa had at least half a dozen sponsors.

Blatter, now suspended from footballing activities, got his mentor Havelange to move out of his president's post in 1998 and remained in the chair till the corruption scandal brought Fifa shame in 2015.

But corruption dates back to the time of Havelange. The then Adidas boss Horst Dassler floated a company International Sports and Leisure (ISL) and Fifa gave it all the marketing rights. In return Havelange was paid. When ISL collapsed a few decades later, Fifa's finances were a mess.

There is also focus on how Russia and Qatar won the 2018 and 2022 bids though England and the United States were strong contenders. In Qatar's case there were enough red flags raised, including heat, in an internal Fifa report but none of the Executive

Committee members had read the documents or didn't think it was a problem.

Those who were part of Qatar's successful bid are interviewed and so are key former Fifa officials, including advisors to Blatter and those who were part of the decision making process.

Money from Qatar flowing into countries after they voted in favour of them hosting the World Cup is too much of a coincidence. For example, after the French federation headed by Michel Platini voted for Qatar, PSG was bought by Qatar investors. Gas deals and land deals too close to the vote raise questions about how Qatar pulled off a successful bid.

The last episode focussed on the investigation of corruption in the Fifa.

Though Blatter does talk about his time with Fifa, he understandably tries to wash his hands off corruption.

If Fifa functioned like a mafia organisation, a close knit group of officials with unchecked power to make decisions, they should have all taken a vow of silence like the Omertà. Because when the lid was blown on corruption, most of them turned on each other. One powerful Fifa official even told his sons, who were allegedly laundering money for him, to find their own lawyer when they were arrested one morning. The official was suspended by Fifa on corruption charges and is allegedly the one who swung votes in favour of Qatar's controversial 2022 bid.

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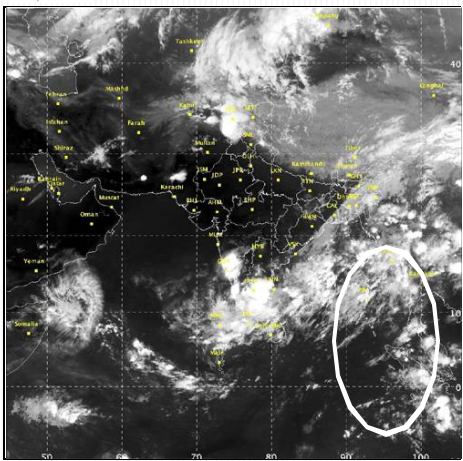
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Weather



Max. Temp: 28.4 °C	Min.: 23.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 90%	1730 Hrs: 90%
Sunrise: 0517 Hrs.	Sunset: 1651 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	028.2 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	014.5 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2467.4 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky and moderate Rain is very likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 29°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 18/11/2022.

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