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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

**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

Ye Omicron ke chalte, kahin Andaman ka Tourism na fir se maar kha jaye ...

- A Citizen



**Not work from home... he has been suspended from the House!**

## NMSAR Board Confers Award to Isles' Fisherman and Forest Department for Search and Rescue

**Port Blair, Dec. 3:** The Indian Coast Guard conducts the National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board meeting, every year, to discuss policy issues, formulate guidelines & procedures, assess the efficacy of National Search and Rescue Plan and also recognise contributions towards SAR by merchant mariners, government owned vessels, maritime fraternity and fishermen.

This year the 19<sup>th</sup> NMSAR Board meeting was held on 25 Nov 2021 wherein, representatives from the UT of A & N, were conferred

with Annual SAR (Search and Rescue) awards, at New Delhi, for exemplary contributions towards saving precious lives at sea. The awardees included Shri V Raja Rao, a fisherman from Campbell Bay, who was awarded the "SAR Award for Fisherman", for the year 2021, for saving three precious lives from a sinking fishing boat FB Manikanna, on 24 Jun 21 and the Forest Department of A&N, which was felicitated with the "SAR Award for Ashore Unit", for rescuing three precious



lives of IFB Kokila, drifting off Swaraj Dweep, due to engine failure. These awards recognise the

voluntary efforts for saving precious lives at sea and the two awards for personnel

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## Member of Parliament Demands Solving of Frequent Interruption in Power Supply in Swaraj Dweep and South Andaman Region

**Port Blair, Dec. 3:** The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to direct the Electricity Department to immediately address the power cut issues of Swaraj Dweep and South Andaman region, which has become an increasing source of discomfort and harassment for the Islanders.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, Kuldeep mentioned that people of the South Andaman region, Swaraj Dweep Island are facing huge problems due to frequent power interruption, which is not only causing great inconvenience to the public but also leaving a negative impact on Tourism Industry. The children are also suffering heavily as

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## Suneel Anchipaka Felicitates Jet Ski Operators Who Braved Rough Seas to Save Precious Lives



**Port Blair, Dec. 3:** The District Magistrate, South Andaman, Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS felicitated the three brave hearts, Shri. Sanjay Das, 27 years, S/o Late Sajjan, R/o Teylarabad, Shri. Naresh, 25 years, S/o Shri. Appana, R/o Sisty Nagar and Shri. Dilip Kumar Ram, 26 years, S/o Late Bhutan Ram, R/o Shadipur for saving six precious lives of fishermen who were in distress after their fishing boat had capsized in rough cyclonic weather near Snake Island at around 1630 hrs on 01.12.2021.

All the three daring youths are Jet Ski Operators functioning at Corbyn's Cove didn't think twice before jumping into the sea swollen amid inclement cyclonic weather conditions and undertook successful rescue of the six souls.

The District Magistrate, South Andaman praising the young Jet Ski Operators for their exemplary spirit and nerve reiterated that many people show courage and bravery confronting many different challenges in life, but willingly putting oneself in mortal danger to protect others is an exemplary act of heroism and valor.

## Usha International Ltd. Initiates Usha Silai School at Nancowry

**Kamorta, Dec. 3:** Usha International Ltd. is a responsible corporate citizen committed to empowering women from rural sections through skill development and supporting them on the path of financial independence and entrepreneurship. Ushal

Silai School started by Usha International Ltd. in 2011 is a community based initiative with the aim of skilling rural women and empowering them to become entrepreneurs. More than 5 lakh women and girls have been taught stitching and sewing skills to help them earn a livelihood in their respective communities. More than 23,000 Usha Silai Schools are imparting training everyday across the country.



Usha International Ltd. in partnership with Tribal Development Council (TDC), headed by Shri Rashid Yusoof, Chairman, TDC has launched 10 new Usha Silai School jointly in Nancowry, Nicobar District. The trainings were organised from 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021 and will continue till 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021 at the Community Hall, Kamorta. The women entrepreneurs belong to poor

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*Life has no Remote Control. Get up  
and Change it Yourself.*

## Point of disorder

The suspension of 12 Opposition Members of Parliament from the Rajya Sabha for the entire winter session of Parliament, evidently an extreme step by Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu, has turned the spotlight on the use of disruption of proceedings as a parliamentary tactic. The Government and the Opposition should try and work a way out of this situation, but that may not resolve the underlying affliction of perennial conflict between the two sides. A guiding principle of parliamentary proceedings is that the majority, i.e. the Government, will have its way, and the minority, the Opposition, will have its say. This principle has been observed in its violation in India for several years now. As the principal Opposition in the years leading up to 2014, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) so disrupted Parliament that a majority government was rendered dysfunctional for years; since 2014, in power, the BJP has tinkered with parliamentary processes in a way that the Opposition has been pinned down. Bills are passed in a hurry and even amidst din; the scrutiny of Bills by committees and debates are few and far between. Also, the decision to suspend Members for their conduct in the previous monsoon session at the beginning of a new session seems excessively punitive. This is no defence of disruption in general or the behaviour of the particular MPs, but the punishment is only worsening the conflict, and not facilitating debate.

Parliament is the platform where the executive is held accountable to the representatives of the people. That is where people's representatives raise matters of public concern and seek the Government's attention. The trend of weakening that process in the name of efficiency is not merely undermining the spirit of democracy; it is also landing the Government itself in a difficult spot as the mayhem that followed the hurried passage of three controversial farm laws last year shows. Parliamentary debates should not be viewed as a distraction or waste of time; they are a barometer of public mood and must be respected as such, by both the ruling side and the Opposition. Disruption as a brief, momentary reaction to a situation that demands debate is understandable, but as a sustained strategy, it is self-defeating. The absence of the Opposition will only leave the Government even more unchecked. It was the BJP's Arun Jaitley who theorised on the legitimacy of disruptions as a parliamentary instrument. It is time to shun that idea. The Government must make amends to restore the function of Parliament by deferring to parliamentary mechanisms, and also through informal channels of communication with the Opposition.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Be Strong..!

My mother, God bless her soul, always told me I was well loved because I had three mothers! What she meant was that I was loved by not just her but also her two sisters, and I equally loved them back. The last of the sisters passed away a few months ago, and I know I felt alone and sad as her body was lowered into her grave, but it is not about her I write about today, nor about my mother who passed away last year in Baltimore, it is about the eldest of the three, who lived a spinster, alone in her little home and when she passed away in Bangalore, over a decade and a half ago, I went down for her funeral.

After the funeral rites I reluctantly went to her little room, where my cousin Aruna and I had set her up. We went through her meager belongings and gave away most of it to her maid who had looked after her faithfully, but there on her bed I came across an old book by Oswald Chambers, 'My Utmost for the Highest' which many of my friends and relatives have later seen next to my rocking chair in my home. It is a book of daily devotions written in the old fashioned English spoken in the early nineties. Inside the book there was a photo of me as a little boy, the way I must have remained in my aunt's heart.

But yesterday while opening the old and worn well book I found she had scribbled these lines inside the cover, it is obviously from an old hymn and the title is 'Be Strong'.

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#### Be strong!

Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?  
And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame!  
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.  
Be strong, be strong, be strong!

#### Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,  
How hard the battle goes, the day, how long;  
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.  
Be strong, be strong, be strong!  
What lovely words they are. I wonder how often my dear aunt whispered these words to herself and derived strength as she struggled through life alone!  
Be strong my dear friends, for tomorrow comes the song of victory..!

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## NMSAR Board Confers Award to Isles' Fisherman and Forest Department for Search and Rescue

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from the UT of A&N, validate the collaborative structure of SAR in the islands.

Indian Coast Guard being the nodal agency for Maritime Search and Rescue

has dedicated Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCCs) and Maritime Rescue Sub Centres (MRSCs), which are manned 24x7 to respond to distress

messages received to coordinate Search and Rescue (SAR) missions. Till date, 10262 lives in distress at sea have been saved by the Coast Guard.

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## Job Vacancy

Looking for competent and professional individuals for a water sports company based in Corbyn's Cove Beach, Port Blair for the following designations:

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## Member of Parliament Demands Solving of Frequent Interruption in Power Supply in Swaraj Dweep and South Andaman Region

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due to frequent power cuts they are unable to focus on their studies.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that in Port Blair and adjoining areas of South Andaman, people are witnessing power interruption for nearly 8 to 10 times a day, which is leaving

the public deeply upset and disappointed.

He mentioned that in Swaraj Dweep there are power cuts of seven to eight hours on a daily basis just because the requirement of power is more and supply is less.

The MP added that according to the public, a

new DG Set sanctioned for Swaraj Dweep has already reached Port Blair but that has not been shipped to Swaraj Dweep yet. Swaraj Dweep being a hotspot of tourism activities, many people associated with the tourism industry are suffering a heavy loss on a daily basis, he added.

## Usha International Ltd. Initiates Usha Silai School at Nancowry

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tribal communities and have been selected from different villages.

The inaugural programme of the Silai School was organised on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2021. Shri Abishek Bhukal,

Assistant Commissioner, Nancowry, Shti Ayesha Majid, Chairperson Tribal Council, Nancowry, Shri Aslam Majid, First Captain, Kamorta, Shri Charles Jacob, Chairman, Tribal Council, Kamorta,

Shri Pilgrim Atkinson, Secretary Tribal Council, Commanding Officer, ICGS Kamorta and Shri Saikat Nasker, Regional Manager, East, Usha International Limited graced the occasion.

## E-Shram Registration Camp Organised at Bhathu Basti

**Port Blair, Dec. 3:** Shri N K Udhaya Kumar, Ex Chairperson (PBMC) and President of BJYM along with the Labour Department organized a camp for spot-registration of e-Shram Card at Community Hall, Bhathu Basti on Wednesday and Thursday. The camp was conducted by Shri Srinivas Rao, Labour Commissioner, Shri Vimla Venkateshwar, Vocational Guidance Officer, Shri Suranjan Mumhopadya, Labour Inspector, Shri Dinesh Moorthy, Assistant Employment Officer, Smti Babita Devi, Computer Assistant Gr 'B', Miss Jyothi & Miss Rimee from



the Labour Department. Altogether 165 beneficiaries benefitted with the camp. Shri N K Udhaya Kumar explained about the benefits of the e-Shram Card and appealed to all migrant workers, construction

workers, domestic helps, street vendors, waiters, beauticians, handicraft makers, fisher folks, agricultural labour of islanders to register, which is free of cost and proposed vote of thanks.

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## Health, Science /Tech

### 5 contacts of India's first Omicron cases test positive



Close to 500 primary and secondary contacts of the first two cases of Omicron, the most mutated variant of COVID-19 virus, detected in India have been traced and five have tested positive for COVID-19, according to a document viewed by The Hindu. The contacts have been isolated and further investigations are on.

The men (46 and 66) are the first cases of the variant in India. According to the document, the 66-year-old double-vaccinated man who travelled with a negative report from South Africa had his sample collected at the Karnataka airport, on November 20, after which he checked into a hotel.

"Upon arrival he checked into a hotel on Nov. 20 and his test result was positive. He was asymptomatic and was advised to isolate himself at the hotel. He did a self-investigation in a private lab where he tested negative and checked out on Nov. 27 12:34 midnight and took a cab. He travelled to Dubai. The authorities have traced 24 primary and 240 secondary contacts for the traveller," said the document.

The samples in the case of the 46-year-old man who had symptoms of fever and body-ache were collected at a hospital on November 22. He was under home isolation from November 22-24 and was later hospitalised from November 25 to 27 after which he was discharged following three days of treatment.

His primary contacts were traced to 13 persons and 205 secondary contacts. "Three primary and two secondary contacts have tested positive for COVID so far," said the document.

"The variant, Omicron, has 45-52 amino acid changes (including deletions) across the whole genome, 26-32 changes in spike. RT-PCR test can be used as a marker for this variant, pending sequencing confirmation. Increased transmissibility, improved binding affinity make it easier for virus to attach to cells," said the Health Ministry.

It said that preliminary data suggested that there were increasing rates of hospitalisation in South Africa, but this may reflect force of infection, rather than increased virulence.

Ashok Seth, chairman, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, in his tweet after the detection of Omicron in India said: "Cases of Omicron in India: but why the panic & fear? It is unfortunate that it has become the most dreaded thing even before we know enough. Till now experts from South Africa state that it is causing mild illness. And anyway double masking and double vaccination can protect us from the worst variants. So be proactive but don't panic."





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**Employment Notice**

Applications are invited from the eligible local candidates for appointment to the post of Helper for 3D Theater in the Science Centre (A Society Under A & N Administration), Port Blair purely on contract basis for a period of 11 months. The particulars of the post and the requirements is as under:-

| Sl. | Name of the Post          | Helper   |
|-----|---------------------------|--|
| 1   | No. of post               | 01(one)  |
| 2   | Monthly Salary            | Rs.13,000/- Consolidated   |
| 3   | Age limit                 | 18-33 years for Male   |
| 4   | Educational Qualification | <b>Essential</b><br>1. X <sup>th</sup> Std. Pass.<br>2. One year diploma in electrical/computer.<br>3. Should be able to speak Hindi fluently.<br>4. Should qualify in the Trade Test. |

shall have to appear in Trade Test.

The eligible candidates may submit their application along with self-attested copies of Educational qualification certificates, Employment Exchange Registration Card, Proof of age, Local Certificate, Experience and a self-addressed envelope affixed with Indian postal stamp worth ₹ 10/- addressed to The Curator, Science Centre, Goodwill Estate, Corbyn's Cove Road, Shadipur Post, Port Blair – 744106 on or before 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 before 5.00 pm positively in the prescribed format appended below. No applications will be entertained after the due date.

**Curator  
Science Centre**

**FORMAT**

Application for the post of Helper for 3D Theatre (On contract basis) in the Science Centre (A Society under A & N Administration), Port Blair.

Paste duly self-attested Passport size photograph

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| 05. | a) Date of Birth (as recorded in Educational Certificate)<br>b) Age as on 21/12/2021 |          |
| 06. | a) Educational Qualification<br>b) Other Qualification                               | 1.<br>2. |
| 07. | Past Experience, if any  |          |
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I hereby declare that all the statement made in the application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of any information false or incorrect being detected before or after my selection, my candidature/ appointment is liable to be cancelled.

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## BJP President Meets Secretary RD, PRI, ULB's on Re-Construction of Vegetable Market in Diglipur

**Port Blair, Dec. 3:** The State President, BJP, Shri Ajoy Bairagi met the Secretary RD, PRI and ULB's Shri Suneel Anchipaka regarding restructuring and reconstruction of double storied vegetable market in Diglipur. During his recent visit to Diglipur, he visited the proposed site where the foundation work has already started. It was learnt that foundation laid is below ground level, which during rainy seasons will allow water to flow inside creating havoc. He further requested Secretary RD, PRI and ULB's



to look into the above matter with serious concern and do the needful. Secretary RD, PRI and ULB's assured

that he will look into the issue raised by State President, BJP A&N Islands.

## New Video Album 'Nazar Milti Jitni Dafa' Launched

**Port Blair, Dec. 3:** A new music Video Album was launched by Shri M.Vinod (Advisory Panel Member, CBFC Kolkata) in a function held at Maharashtra Mandal on 02.12.2021 at 6:00 PM. Nazar Milti Jitni Dafa, a romantic Hindi song is sung by the renowned singer of these Islands, Shri Anant Ram.

The music for the video is given by Bidyut Roy, famous music director of Odia Film Industry while the lyrics has been written by Manoj Mahanta from Bhubaneswar. The song is produced by Aniruddha Deo Ojha featured Prateek and Priya under the banner of Andaman Islands Film Society.



Shri M.Vinod congratulated Anant Ram for his achievement and assured all the possible help for the development of music in these Islands.

Artists from many Cultural Associations were present on that occasion. Programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Anant Ram, Secretary Ankur Social & Cultural Society.

## Congress Leaders Honour Brave Heart Jet Ski Operators

**Port Blair, Dec. 3:** The Congress members under the leadership of Shri. Ranglal Halder President, Pradesh Congress Committee and G Bhasker, Chairman Campaign Committee honoured and felicitated the brave heart Jet Ski operators in the Corbyn's Cove who rescued six fishermen after their boat capsized.

They braved the rough sea and saved the lives of the fishermen keeping their own lives at stake.

Shri. Ranglal Halder and Shri. G Bhasker has assured to recommend their names for the LG's commendation. Shri. V.K. Abdul Aziz,



President District Congress Committee, South Andaman, Shri. Abdul Shabir, District Delegate, South

Andaman, Shri. Saji Verghese, Sr. Leaders and others were present in this occasion.



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## PMAY-Gramin in A & N Islands Treads Towards Realising the Goal of 'Housing for All' by March 2022



**Port Blair, Dec 3:** The Department of Rural Development, A&N Administration has been relentlessly implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin, the flagship scheme of the Government of India across the Islands since its inception by providing a pucca house with basic amenities inclusive of a hygienic cooking space to the houseless with financial assistance of Rs.1.2 lakh along with 90 person days of unskilled labour wage amounting to Rs. 24,030/- through convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Additionally, an incentive of Rs.12,000 for construction of toilets through convergence with Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin (SBM-G) is also provided to the beneficiaries.

Out of the target 1337 beneficiaries, the Department has already constructed 965 houses. 372 beneficiaries have been provided installments in various stages of construction of their houses and a large number of them are expected to complete the house by December 2021.

One beneficiary Shri Simon Kujur had a very dilapidated kutch house in Bamboo Nallah, Rutland. He is a farmer by profession and earning his livelihood by farming. He has two

daughters and two sons. Under PMAY(G), he was sanctioned a house in the financial year 2020-21. He completed the construction of house in a very short period with the assistance provided under PMAY-G, 90 person-days' work under MGNREGA and his own resources amounting to Rs.3.00 lakhs despite all odds of COVID lockdown. He expressed his gratitude towards the Department of Rural Development for providing him 50 sq mtr land and financial assistance of under PMAY (G) for construction of the house. He cheerfully expressed that earlier his children had to stay away from family in Ashram within city limits for education purpose. At least now after the construction of his new house in Kodyaghat, they will all get to stay together.

It has been noticed that there has been a huge boost in the feeling of Social Status, Self-worth, Confidence Level, Sense of Ownership, Feeling of Safety & Security, Improvement in Health, Overall Quality of Life, and Satisfaction after construction of New Houses of the beneficiaries.

At this stage of implementation, it is worth to note that the scheme is now playing a vital role in fostering security, welfare and social well-being of the rural populace by providing safe, stable and secure atmospheres for them and especially women, children and other vulnerable groups too.

The RD department expects to reach a total completion of 1000 houses by the end of this year.

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# SPORTS

## World Tour Finals: Already qualified for semifinals, Sindhu loses final group match, Srikanth bows out

**Bali, Dec 3:** Already Assured of a semifinal berth at the BWF World Tour Finals, India's P V Sindhu on Friday suffered a three-game defeat to top seed Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand in her third and final group Awomen's singles match in Bali on Friday.

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, couldn't apply enough pressure on the world no.10 Chochuwong to go down fighting 12-21 21-19 14-21 in a match that lasted an hour and 11 minutes.

This was Sindhu's third loss to the 2016 world junior champion Chochuwong in seven meetings.

Sindhu thus finished in the second position in group A, behind Chochuwong and her opponent of the semifinal stage will be decided in a draw later in the day.

Earlier, Kidambi Srikanth bowed out of the season-ending tournament after losing to second seeded Malaysian Lee Zii Jia 19-21 14-21 in 37 minutes in his third and final group B match.

It was Srikanth's second loss to the world no. 8 Malaysian, who had defeated the Indian at Hylo Open in straight games.

Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy too ended their campaign though they eked out a hard-fought 21-19 9-21 21-14 win over England's Chloe Birch and Lauren Smith in the inconsequential third and final group match.

Sindhu, the reigning world champion, was quite erratic and couldn't control the rallies against Chochuwong, who rode on her quality of strokes to stay a step ahead.

In the first game, Sindhu erred in her lengths early on as Chochuwong led 5-3. The Indian managed to collect a few points but she never looked in control.

Chochuwong took the initiative and kept things under her control, leading 11-6 at the interval.

The Thai player got rewarded for her angled and crisp returns,



while Sindhu lacked consistency as Chochuwong took 17-9 lead.

An attacking return gave Chochuwong eight game points and she sealed it when Sindhu went wide again.

After the change of sides, Chochuwong, playing with the drift, committed few unforced errors as Sindhu led 6-3 before managing a healthy five-point advantage at the break with her rival going long.

Three defensive lapses from Sindhu saw Chochuwong narrow down the lead to 9-12. The duo played some exciting rallies next with the Thai managing to level the scores at 16-16.

A lucky net chord helped Chochuwong get into a slender 18-17 lead but Sindhu again fought back to grab a game point when her rival made a judgement error at the backline.

Another excruciating rally ended with Chochuwong going

wide as Sindhu made a comeback into the contest.

The decider started on an even keel but Chochuwong managed to take 11-7 advantage at the breather. The Thai kept gathering points with her precise returns, moving to 17-14.

Chochuwong reeled off three straight points and then Sindhu made a judgement error at the backline as the Thai celebrated.

Earlier, Srikanth trailed 0-3 at the start but made his way to a slim 9-8 lead at one stage. An alert Lee, however, ensured a two-point advantage at the interval.

A six-point burst helped the Indian to again grab a 17-15 lead but he let it slip as Lee pocketed the opening game.

Srikanth made a good start in the second game, moving to 7-3 advantage but Lee once again turned the tables, jumping to 13-9 and kept his nose ahead to eventually shut the doors on the Indian.

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### Helpline Numbers

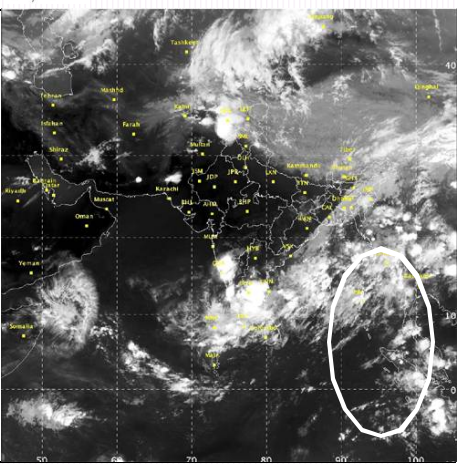
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| Police Control Room:      | 100                       |
| Fire Service:             | 101                       |
| Ambulance:                | 102                       |
| DC Control Room:          | 1070                      |
| Shipping:                 | 245555                    |
| Postal :                  | 232346, 232890            |
| Children:                 | 1098                      |
| Women:                    | 244701                    |
| Coast Guard for           | 1554                      |
| Search & Rescue (SAR)     |                           |
| Coast Guard RHQ:          | 232681                    |
| Coastal Security          | 1093                      |
| State Control Room:       | 1077, 238880              |
| PBMC Control Room:        | 245798                    |
| Kisan Call Centre:        | 1551                      |
| Wildlife Control Room : : | 245229,<br>200661, 200754 |

### Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs)

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| State Control Room:    | 03192- 238880<br>(Tele- Fax),<br>1070 (Helpline). |
| District Control Room: | 03192-238881                                      |
| EOC (Campbell Bay):    | 03193-264020                                      |
| EOC (Kamorta):         | 03193-263222                                      |
| EOC (N&M):             | 03192-262960                                      |
| EOC (Hut Bay):         | 03192-284014                                      |



## Weather



|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Max. Temp: 29.3 °C                            | Min.: 22.8 °C     |
| Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 87%              | 1730 Hrs: 86%     |
| Sunrise: 0525 Hrs.                            | Sunset: 1654 Hrs. |
| Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):        | 054.4 mm          |
| Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):        | 000.0 mm          |
| Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date): | 3450.9 mm         |

### Forecast

Light to moderate rainfall likely over Port Blair.  
Maximum and Minimum temperature will be  
around 30°C and 24°C respectively on  
Saturday 04/12/2021

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