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Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa move around the forest in groups of 40 or 50 people. They build small temporary huts whilst on the move, and also build large huts where several families live together. They collect honey, roots and berries, hunt pigs and monitor lizards, and catch fish with spears.

Your Nature Guide

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

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

Bigger Plants: Amongst the other plants are the Algae that are of different colours-green, red and brown. Some algae are edible (for humans) and a good source of protein. Most make very good fertilizer if spread in the garden or farm. Bigger algae are called seaweeds.

The oceans also have grasses growing in them. Eelgrass is a very common one found in our seas. It is grazed on by dugongs and green sea turtles.

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

People's Voice

Ek taraf Pradhan Mantri ka logon ke liye Schemes aur ek taraf Banks ka rejection ... Kaise Implement hoga logon ke liye ye saara schemes agar aise chalta raha toh???

- A Citizen



75% attendance in Parliament should be made compulsory for contesting next elections!

Member of Parliament Congratulates Lt. Governor, Administration and Islanders for Achieving 100 % Second Dose Vaccination of 'Targeted' Population

Port Blair, Dec. 19: The Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has congratulated the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Admiral (Retd.) D K Joshi, the Chief Secretary of A & N Administration, Mr. Jitendra Narain, the Health Department, Police

Department, entire Administration and all Islanders for achieving 100 % second dose vaccination of 'Targeted' Population.

He said that despite the topographical challenges of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, achieving this milestone is a commendable job.

At this time, when the world is facing a new challenge because of the Omicron variant of Corona Virus, this remarkable achievement will not only provide a layer of safety to Islanders but also in the long run, will ensure smooth social and economic activities in Andaman &

Nicobar Islands. Sharma has urged all Islanders not to let the guards down and continue all Covid Appropriate Behaviours in coming days and also cooperate with Administration in this long battle against Corona Virus.

District Administration Cautions Encroachers, Removes Encroachments on Govt. Land

Port Blair, Dec. 19: The District Administration in continuation with its drive against encroachments on Govt. revenue lands in South Andaman District, the officials of Port Blair Tehsil carried out a mass eviction drive along the seaside area of Dairyfarm and removed RCC and temporary structures constructed upon govt. land.

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner (SA) cautioned the general public to refrain from indulging in such illegal activities and reiterated that drive against



such illegal encroachments shall be continued by the revenue department to protect the Govt. land from encroachments and strict action as per law shall be initiated against defaulters. He further urged the general public to come forward to pass on information of any such illegal activities to the District Control Room over the numbers 03192-240127/1077 or 9531888844 (Whatsapp).

Traffic Police Issues Advisory to Vehicle Users

Port Blair, Dec. 19: The number of Motor vehicles in Andaman & Nicobar Islands has drastically increased in the past few years, these motor vehicles emit various kinds of pollutants including gases and solid matter, to protect the environment of these emerald islands, we need to have control over the vehicle emissions.

The vehicle owners are advised to reduce smoke emission by adopting walking, riding instead of driving for going short distances and they are hereby encouraged to use public transport instead of the private transport. Further, they can opt for carpool to reduce the carbon footprint. They are advised to switch off the engine, when waiting at the junctions.

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Rajya Karamchari Mahasangh Conducts 'Parichay Samaroh'



Port Blair, Dec. 19: The Andaman Nicobar Rajya Karmachari Mahasangh (ANRKM) conducted 'Parichay Samaroh' in the presence of Shri B. Surendran, National Organising Secretary, BMS and Shri Ganesh Mishra, Zonal Organising Secretary (East Zone) with the members of different affiliated associations.

The programme was presided by the President, ANRKM, Shri. Sanjiv Rangaiah who welcomed the dignitaries as well as present members. The General Secretary, ANRKM Shri. S. Biju Pillai presented the report on the activities and achievements of the Association. The Secretary / President of different affiliated associations presented their report.

Shri Ganesh Mishra addressed the function on the basic principles of BMS and

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Bairagi Writes to Aviation Minister on Fare and Flight Frequency

Port Blair, Dec. 19: The State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Shri Ajoy Bairagi has written to Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation wherein he highlighted the issues and hardship faced by the general public and tourists visiting Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In his letter he has highlighted the points of exorbitant and unaffordable fare, which is also hampering the tourism in Islands. He also mentioned that reason for such high fare is due to restrictions in flight frequencies which was 27 flights per day before and now

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Halder Takes Stock of Medical Facilities in GB Pant

Port Blair, Dec. 19: The ANTCC President, Shri. Rangalal Halder visited G.B Pant Hospital on Saturday to take stock of the facilities at hospital and instil confidence among the patients.

Several other Congress leaders including NSUI State President, Shri. M.A Sajid, Ex- Youth Congress General



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

For an honest broker

Days after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi, Russian President Vladimir Putin held a summit via video conference with Chinese President Xi Jinping. While the two meetings may have focused on bilateral issues, the conversations appear to have overlapped in unusual ways. According to a senior Kremlin official, after discussing with Mr. Modi India's problems with Chinese aggression, which were raised publicly during the visit by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Mr. Putin "briefed" Mr. Xi on his talks in Delhi. The official then indicated that a trilateral summit of the leaders of Russia, India and China (RIC) could be held in the near future, which would pick up on the Modi-Putin-Xi conversation during an RIC summit on the sidelines of the Osaka G-20 summit in 2019. However, much has occurred between that summit and today. China's aggression at the Line of Actual Control has dented hopes of peaceful coexistence and growth between the neighbours that had been outlined during the RIC as well as the Modi-Xi Mamallapuram summit, when the leaders last met face to face. Since April 2020, the two leaders have not spoken directly once, and while they have attended the same multilateral summits (BRICS, SCO, G-20, etc.), it would be hard to see them engaging in a face-to-face format unless the situation at the LAC considerably eases. In addition, the RIC summit should not be held before promises made by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in meetings with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar are fulfilled.

While India-Russia defence and bilateral ties have considerably strengthened, especially after the Modi government's decision to go ahead with its purchase of the S-400 missile defence systems despite the U.S. threat of sanctions, New Delhi must tread cautiously in its trilateral and multilateral cooperation with Moscow and any hint that Russia could play a facilitator of talks with China must be scrutinised closely. Russia and China have consolidated their support for each other in the face of U.S. concerns over Russian action against Ukraine and Chinese action on Taiwan. Russia is also deeply dependent on Chinese investment, particularly in the 30-year \$400 billion gas pipeline. On Afghanistan, Russia has shown that it was prepared to cut India out of negotiations held by the Troika plus group with the U.S., China and Pakistan. Any expectation that Mr. Putin could play "honest broker" between Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi must take these factors into account. While India must continue to walk the tightrope between Moscow and Washington, and its partners in Eurasia versus those in the Indo-Pacific, it needs to disentangle these threads from the very potent threat it faces directly and bilaterally from its northern neighbour, where it has little choice but to follow an independent path.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Beside the Still Waters..!

Santa Clauses, decorations and Christmas trees! All lit and ablaze! Santas in every mall, striding down streets, and Christmas trees, set up, lighting the sky and ground below! Such excitement! Every store screams 'Christmas Sale' with discounts as shop window seductively beckons you in!

They told me Christmas in New York would be sheer excitement! People smile, people wish you on the streets! Oh yes, there's exhilaration as children scream about Santa's gifts while fathers grin and mothers smile to see such festive cheer.

Ah yes, the music! It's not just from homes carols play, nor just malls where flash choirs sing out the Christmas message but in snow filled parks and by the riverside too, loud carols bring in the happiness of the Season..

...and it is here by the riverside I walk, and slowly look at the waters below.

Suddenly, sights, sounds, and santas cease. There is a stillness in the waters, and as the East River flows by me towards the nearby sea, a calm warms me, far greater than the excitement behind in city lights.

"What?" I ask the river, "Can be greater than the happiness this December to the city brings?"

The waters are still, but as I stare a message lifts up to me, "He leads me besides the still waters!"

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"The Lord is your shepherd," cry waters below, "you shall not want anything! He makes you lie down in pastures green! He leads you beside us waters!"

I look down and nod.

There's joy there and deep contentment! Peace and calm!

I stare at the water stillness, and hear echoing words, "He restores your soul!"

Not my mind, not my heart, nor body that craves excitement and new experiences all the time, but my soul whose cry for restoration comes not from the 'Ho! Ho! Ho!' of Santas in malls, not from axed trees lit by powered generators, not from carols sung by trained singers, but from the stillness of creation, from waters that are windows to the 'peace that passeth understanding!'

I turn back to the city lights, for a moment troubled with new thoughts, "Are the carols, the Santas, the trees and gifts all wrong?"

"No," say the waters, stirring within me, "In carols sung, trees lit, Santas seen and gifts given, feel the stillness that comes from a Christ child born to bring peace! Feel the calmness of that manger!"

And suddenly, like a Hallelujah Chorus breaking forth, the sights and sounds of the city bring a joyousness much greater than just a month of excitement: A lifetime of Stillness!

"He leads you beside the still waters!" the angels sing, as I smile at a Santa, carol singers and lit trees and whisper, "your messages of joy are right, it's just that we've read you wrong..!"

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Traffic Police Issues Advisory to Vehicle Users

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In a drive to check the pollution by the vehicles, all general public is advised to get the vehicular smoke emissions level checked and obtain PUC (Pollution Under Control Certificate). Vehicles emitting excess

smoke and failure to produce PUC will attract penalty as per M.V(A) Act, 2019.

Moreover, it is also advised to renew all vehicle related documents such as road tax, insurance etc. and additional

documents of permit, fitness etc. for commercial vehicles and to carry them either in original or in DigiLocker/ mParivahan app. Driving vehicles without valid documents will also attract penalty as per M.V (A) Act, 2019.

Bairagi Writes to Aviation Minister on Fare and Flight Frequency

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reduced to 12 flights per day post Covid. With almost 100 % completely vaccinated

status of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bairagi requested immediate intervention of Hon'ble

Union Minister of Civil Aviation in this issue.

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ANTCC Holds Mass Membership Drive Campaign at Junglighat

Port Blair, Dec. 19: As part of the ongoing membership drive, the Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee on Sunday held a mass membership drive at Junglighat Community Hall. The function was organized under the leadership of Social Worker Shri. Nagarajan (Tip Top Tailor)

ANTCC President Shri. Rangelal Halder attended the programme as Chief Guest while ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman Shri. G. Bhasker was the Guest of Honour.

The membership drive got massive response from all sections of the society. A total of 327 people had registered themselves to become primary members of the party. Shri.

Halder welcomed all of them and asked them to work with dedication for the betterment and expansion of the party.

The entire function was coordinated by DCC President Shri. V.K Abdul Aziz



Andaman Tourism Participates in 36th IATO Convention at Gujarat

Port Blair, Dec. 19: A delegation of Andaman Tourism attended the 36th Annual Convention of IATO held at The Leela, Gandhi Nagar from 16th Dec to 18th Dec 2021.

The Participants from Andaman were Shri Chander Rao, HK Asst. Manager.

Tourism Dept., Shri Mohammed Jadwet, ACCI, Shri M.Vinod, President, AATO, Shri Ratnam, President, Forto.

The theme of this year's convention was Brand India - Road to Recovery.

The Convention was inaugurated by the Honble

Chief Minister of Gujarat. The Stakeholders have expressed gratitude towards A&N Administration for providing them an opportunity to be a part of the successful event.

Halder Takes Stock of Medical Facilities in GB Pant

Continued from Page 1 Secretary, Shri. Tanmay Mallick and Congress leader Shri. Saji Varghese accompanied the ANTCC President on his visit.

Halder interacted and listened to the problems faced

by patients who were undergoing treatment and inquired about their health, food and treatment being provided at the hospital. He also enquired about the problems faced by medical staffs and

assured them that all the issues raised by them will be addressed on priority basis.

Rajya Karamchari Mahasangh Conducts 'Parichay Samaroh'

Continued from Page 1 its working culture and motivated the audience to work for the growth of the Nation by keeping the interest of the working class.

Shri B. Surendran National Organising Secretary in his address stated to be stay united and keep the National

Interest of Top before going for any agitation. He said that the report on different association's issues needs to be settled on a priority basis, which will take its own time for completion. All the needs are only time being and achievements are the result of your unity and continue efforts.

The function was attended by State President, BMS Shri. M. Veeranna and State General Secretary, BMS Shri. Ashok Kumar. The function concluded with the vote of thanks by Shri. Alagiri.

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Health, Science /Tech

Need a gender-sensitive approach to eradicate TB: Naidu



Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday urged parliamentarians, MLAs and heads of local bodies to be catalysts in the campaign against tuberculosis and ensure a gender-sensitive approach to eradicate it.

"While the prevalence of TB is higher among men, it can have a disproportionately higher impact on women. Women are more susceptible because adequate priority is not given to their health and nutrition. TB is responsible for more deaths among women of reproductive age than all causes of maternal mortality combined. Facing the misery of abandonment and violence if found to have TB, it is not surprising that there are a large number of unreported and therefore untreated cases of TB amongst women," Mr. Naidu said at a national conference on "Women Winning against TB".

He said only 18 lakh of the 26 lakh estimated new TB cases in 2020 were reported to the TB programme signifying a wide gap of 8 lakh because of the stigma attached to the disease.

He also underlined that ensuring nutrition to women and children will be key in the fight against TB.

Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Rajesh Bhushan, said his Ministry was working with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to explore possibilities of additional nutritional support for pregnant women and lactating mothers and children to achieve the target of eradicating TB by 2025.

"If our country is to achieve TB elimination goals, exhaustive and inclusive collaborations are imperative to reach more vulnerable populations and increase the depth of TB services. TB affects over 10 lakh women and girls and more than 3 lakh children every year in our country. Hence it is vital to ensure women and children not only have equitable access to healthcare but also actively seek and complete appropriate TB regimen," Mr. Bhushan said.



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Vaccination Drive in A&N Islands

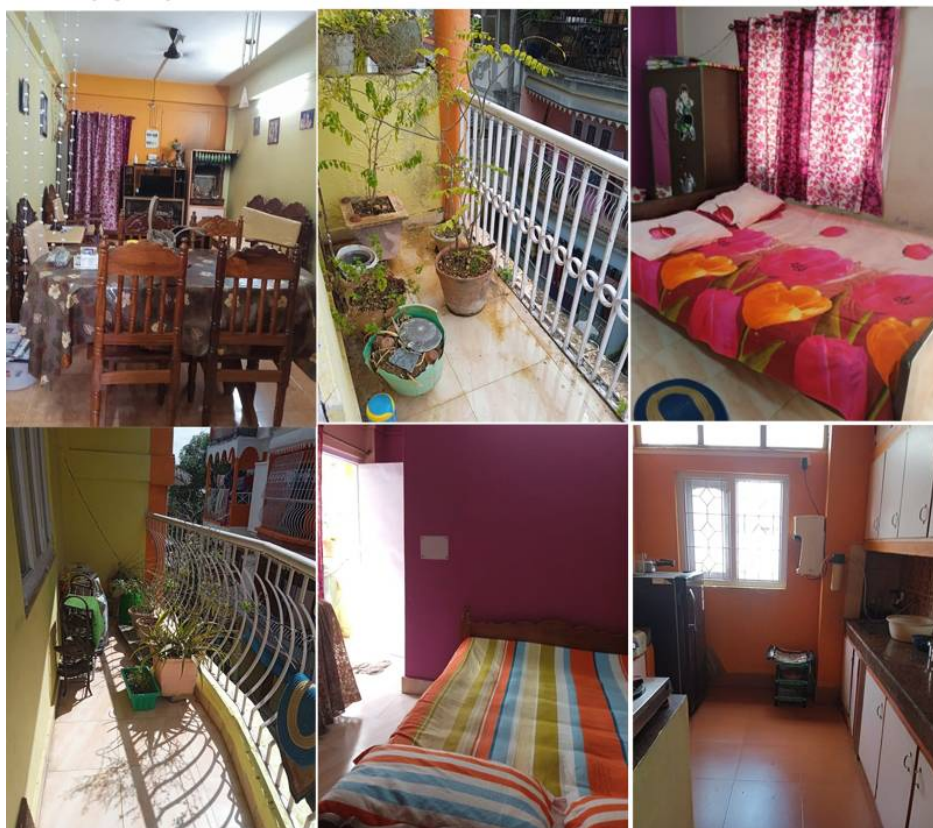
Port Blair, Dec. 19: A total of 5,86,145 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands out of the target beneficiaries of 2,86,600 (approx.). A total of

1,77,259 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 285 people were vaccinated today in South Andaman District,

out of which 38 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.

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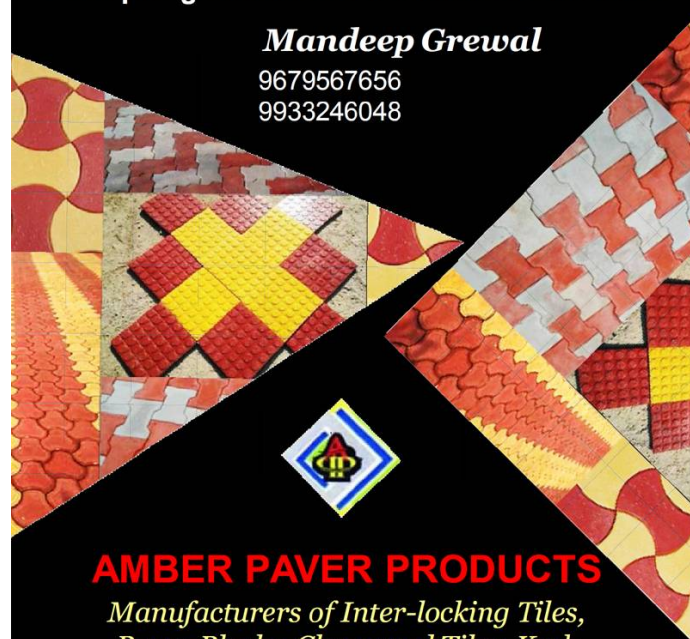
Appeal!

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration is on a war-footing to end the corona cases in our Islands. Let's support the Administration by being responsible citizens and follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

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Dr C Sivaperuman; A scientist who aims to aid economic development of the Islands through science research



The Andaman & Nicobar Islands is part of two Biodiversity Hotspots i.e., Andaman group is part of Indo-Burma; Nicobar group is part of the Sundaland. The Andaman & Nicobar archipelago is rich in biodiversity and hosts an about 11,000 faunal species under 24 faunal group from Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystem.

The Islands comprises only 0.25% of India's geographical area but is home to more than 10% of country's faunal species. Thus, presence of such large number of species in such small area makes A&N Islands one of the richest ecosystems and biodiversity hot spots in India.

The Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) was established at Port Blair on 21st April 1977 under the Sixth Five Year Plan of Government of India. It is one among the 16 Regional Centres of ZSI. The jurisdiction of the centre covered entire Andaman & Nicobar Islands and its territorial waters. The faunal communities of marine and terrestrial ecosystems of these islands are being inventorized by the Centre by conducting exploratory surveys.

Since its inception the ZSI Regional Centre has conducted about 90 research programmes on several faunal groups of this archipelago. The major areas of studies at this Centre are on Taxonomy, Ecology and Zoogeography of Protozoa to Mammalia from marine and terrestrial ecosystems.

ZSI, Port Blair is a nodal centre National Coral Reef Research Institute (NCRRI) for monitoring the coral reef research in Indian waters; Recognized research centre for Ph.D., M.Phil., in Ecology, Taxonomy, and Zoogeography under Pondicherry University, Puducherry; recognized field training centre for Islands Biodiversity by Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) and Tamil Nadu Forest Academy, Coimbatore (TNFA); Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP), MoEF&CC, GOI; training centre under the Accelerate vigyan programme, Science Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science & Technology, GOI; Indian Navy to study the Bird

Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair has intensively and extensively carried out faunal exploration from Landfall Island, North Andaman to India Point, Great Nicobar Island as a result, reported more than 70 species of birds as a new distributional record to A&N Islands, India and South Asia. This led to Andaman & Nicobar Islands to receive international attention in the East-Asian Australasian Migratory Flyway.

Dr Sivaperuman also reported many species of Ants, Earthworm, Scorpion, Spiders, Moths, Butterflies, Tree Frog, Freshwater Molluscs, Tree Shrew for the first time from this archipelago. He has successfully participated and conducted research studies in 36th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctic during December 2016 - April 2017 to assess the diversity distribution of Birds and Mammals of Southern Ocean & Antarctica and only representative from Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

He has provided Bird Guide Training through Directorate of Tourism & Department of Environment & Forests, as the outcome of the training few islanders have chosen as Bird Guide/Bird Watching tourism in this island. Conceptualized and bringing "National Coral Reef Research Institute" to the islands, through Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India which would give recognition to the islands not only Nationally but also Globally.

In addition, the ZSI Regional Centre also proposes to develop state-of-the-art Interpretation Centre to showcase marine biodiversity, Live Aquarium, Coral Museum, Souvenir shops/cafeteria, and Wi-Fi hotspot in the establishment. The ministry has sanctioned budget grant for construction of the compound wall, and establishment of NCRRI will

Hazards studies & Flight safety in Naval Air Stations.

The Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, ZSI presently holds 1,70,000 preserved (Dry & Wet) specimens of various faunal group, of which 3500 of 22 faunal group are displayed in its museum for the viewing of researchers, students and general public. The ZSI museum is recently renovated and will be opened by officials of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change soon. Scientists of this centre have reported more than 20 new species to science from different faunal group, which includes Narcondam Tree Shrew, besides about 900 new records to A&N Islands, India and Southeast Asia from this archipelago.

Recently, the Hon'ble Union Home Ministry had inaugurated the National Repository for Island Faunal Diversity, which hosts the voucher specimens of fauna of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and adjacent southeast Asian countries. These voucher specimens form the basis for research on evolution, speciation, distribution, taxonomy, systematics, ecology and evolutionary biology. Besides, this repository building will also be used as museum through LED display of endemic, endangered fauna of this archipelago.



Dr Chandrakasan Sivaperuman, Scientist-E & Officer-in-Charge, Zoological Survey of India,

be initiated by next financial year.

ZSI, Port Blair has trained 35 local unemployed youths



through the certificate course on Para-Taxonomy including People's Biodiversity Register, Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) under the Skill India Mission during 2017-2019. Presently it is conducting training under the GSDP & Accelerate Vigyan in which more than 45 participants are undergoing Training on Bird Identification and Basic Ornithology. About 25 candidates have registered for the certificate course on Para-Taxonomy including preparation of People's Biodiversity Register.

brochures to the general public.

Several print materials on fauna of the islands were created for the benefit of general public, which are otherwise not accessible to common citizen. The centre under Dr Sivaperuman has published about 300 research papers in various National and International Journals on different aspects of faunal diversity of this island ecosystem. Besides 40 books both National and International of these Avifauna of A & N Islands, a coffee table book was the first pictorial representation of birds, Mesmerizing Fauna of Great



As a scientist Dr. Sivaperuman is actively involved in conservation of Biodiversity of the islands by providing technical advice to the agencies who are starting up any development work in the islands in the form of Environmental Impact Assessment, thus keeping development of the island and conservation of biodiversity in balance. He has also served as member in various committees in A&N Administration and other scientific organisations of this island.

Over 100 plus outreach activities have been conducted in the islands through Rajya Sabha TV, local print and mass media, seminars, workshops and webinars for the benefit of students, teachers and general public. The Centre also participated in the Island Tourism Festival in 2018 for the first time in the history of ZSI and had displayed endemic, endangered & threatened animals through LED displays and disseminated information through pamphlets /

Nicobar illustrates the terrestrial and marine faunal diversity of Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve.

Dr Sivaperuman has Established Molecular Systematics Laboratory in ZSI, Port Blair which is aimed to increase our understanding of eco-evolutionary processes of the long-isolated, environmentally diverse and rich biodiversity of this island ecosystem. He has also initiated to creation of ENVIS Centre (Environmental Information System) in ZSI, Port Blair through MoEF&CC, Government of India. Through ENVIS centre the following works will be disseminated, i.e. inventory of authentic information on the Biodiversity of A&N Islands, providing baseline information for the researchers, academicians etc., undertake various application oriented research on biodiversity, awareness workshop, seminar to the school, college students and general public. ENVIS Centre will also be helpful to identify an area to promote eco-tourism and to enhance the revenue of government.



SPORTS

India Thrash Japan 6-0 in Asian Champions Trophy

Dhaka, Dec. 19: Defending champions India crushed Japan 6-0 to remain unbeaten in the round-robin stage of the Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament here on Sunday.

Harmanpreet Singh scored a brace (in 10th and 53rd minute), while Dilpreet Singh (23rd), Jaramnpreet Singh (34th), Sumit (46th) and Shamsher Singh (54th) also registered their names on the scoresheet for India at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium.

India, who have already sealed a semifinal berth, ended the round-robin stage of the five-nation tournament at the top of the standings with 10 points, ahead of Korea (6), Japan (5), Pakistan (2) and hosts Bangladesh (0).

This was India's third win on the trot. Held to a draw by Korea in their lung-opener, the Manpreet Singh-led side turned things around defeating Bangladesh 9-0, while also getting the better of arch-rivals Pakistan before easily overcoming the Japanese challenge.

India's semifinal opponent was yet to be decided.

The dominant victory will be a huge boost for India as they head into the business end of the tournament full of confidence.

They completely outperformed Japan, the Asian Games gold medallists, in all departments.

India dominated the first half. They earned two back-to-back penalty corners within the first six minutes of the first quarter but were unable to convert either. Soon after Japan also wasted a penalty corner as their striker fired the shot wide.

India kept on attacking and received another PC, this time



Hardik Singh injecting the ball to perfection for Harmanpreet to flick it home and give the holders a 1-0 lead.

The scoreline could have been 2-0 towards the end of the first quarter had veteran Lalit Upadhyay not missed a sitter.

Just after the five-minute mark in the second quarter, Japan were handed a PC, India referred the decision but the TV umpire found no conclusive evidence to deny Japan.

In the 23rd minute, the trio of Mandeep Singh, Shilanand Lakra and Dilpreet combined well as Dilpreet doubled India's lead.

Japan, too, attacked but the Indian defence foiled their attempts as the Olympic bronze medallists headed into the break with a two-goal lead.

Japan began the second half on the offensive but it was India who scored their third goal courtesy Jaramanpreet's clean strike.

A crucial PC coming their way in the 36th minute, Japan looked to capitalise on the chance but India

keeper Suraj Karkera, who shone in the absence of regular custodian P Sreejesh, pulled off a superb save to deny them.

Japan tried to up the ante as they attacked in numbers. With India a man down, Japan looked to create an opportunity with Kenta Tanaka breaking the Indian defence with a solo run, but, once again, Karkera foiled the attack.

Japan continued to test the Indian defence but the backline stood tall.

India inflicted further pain on Japan as Sumit scored in the first minute of the final quarter. Harmanpreet then made it 5-0 by smashing the ball in the top right corner of the goalpost for his second of the match.

Two minutes later — juniors Shamsher and Shilanand — combined beautifully as the former scored India's sixth goal.

Japan tried their best to score but were unable to penetrate the Indian defence. Such was India's dominance that they defended all five penalty corners awarded to their opponents.

BWF World Championships | Srikanth Loses to Loh Kean Yew, Bags Silver

Spain, Dec. 19: Kidambi Srikanth's fine run in the BWF World badminton Championship ended with a silver-medal finish after he lost the men's singles summit clash to Singapore's Loh Kean Yew in straight games here on Sunday.

Srikanth went down 15-21, 20-22 in 43 minutes.

Former world number one Srikanth lost the first game after leading 9-3, as his opponent from Singapore staged a fine comeback.

The Indian lost the first game in just 16 minutes.

Srikanth fought better in the second game but Yew was too good on the day, emerging the winner.

The 24-year-old Yew stunned world number one and reigning Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen in the first round of the men's singles event at the prestigious championship.

Nevertheless, Srikanth still etched his name in the history books by becoming the first Indian man to reach the finals of the championships after his come-from-behind win over compatriot Lakshya Sen on Saturday.



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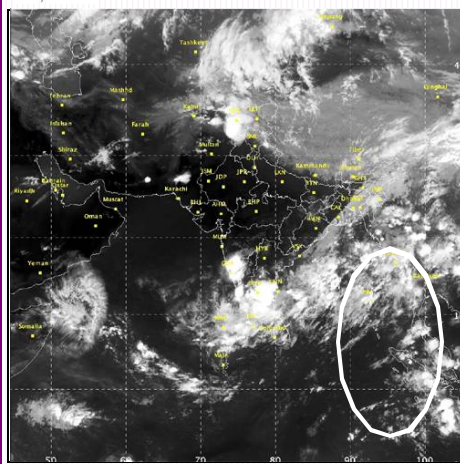
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| Police Control Room: | 100 |
| Fire Service: | 101 |
| Ambulance: | 102 |
| DC Control Room: | 1070 |
| Shipping: | 245555 |
| Postal : | 232346, 232890 |
| Children: | 1098 |
| Women: | 244701 |
| Coast Guard for | 1554 |
| Search & Rescue (SAR)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

Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs)

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|------------------------|---|
| State Control Room: | 03192- 238880 (Tele- Fax), 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



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|---|-------------------|
| Max. Temp: 31.0 °C | Min.: 24.2 °C |
| Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 76% | 1730 Hrs: 84% |
| Sunrise: 0534 Hrs. | Sunset: 1700 Hrs. |
| Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): | 000.0 mm |
| Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): | 000.0 mm |
| Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date): | 3453.2 mm |

Forecast

Dry weather likely over Port Blair.
Maximum and Minimum temperature will be
around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Monday
20/12/2021

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