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## Jarawa Facts

The 300 odd - strong Jarawa, along with the other Andaman tribes the Sentinelese, the Onge and the Great Andamanese, were the sole inhabitants of the Andaman Islands until the British and then the Indians arrived. Their ancestors are thought to have been part of the first successful migrations out of Africa.

## 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.

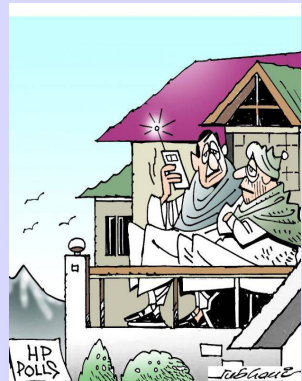
Most marine plants and animals are adapted to living in one of three regions- the sunlight, twilight, or midnight zone. These zones are defined by the presence (or absence) of light. They differ from one another in temperature amount of pressure, and nutrient supply. We will mainly focus here on the sunlight zone where most of the familiar animals and plants are present.

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

## People's Voice

Ye MV Swaraj Dweep jaise Ships ko Andaman Cruise Ships mein kyon nahi Convert kar dete ...??? Atleast White Elephants ka kuch toh kaam aayega ...

- A Citizen



**Alert! Glaciers may melt due to political heat in the state!**

## APWD Constructs Water Tanks of 10.66 Lakh Litre Capacity for Residents of Macachua and Afra Bay

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** Towards ensuring continued access to adequate quantity of potable water in extreme dry season to remote areas of Afra Bay and Macachua in Great Nicobar Island, APWD has successfully completed 2 tanks of capacity 10.66 lakh litres each. Every year, during summer, the tribal inhabitants residing in permanent shelters at Afra Bay and Macachua faces acute scarcity of water due

to drying up of wells/ available spring sources there. Both these places are accessible only through mechanized boat or engine dinghy by sea. Due to which, every year, potable water had to be transported from Campbell Bay to Afra Bay and Macachua by boat or engine dinghy during extreme peak summer for consumption of the residents.

To meet the demand, sufficiently large water



storage tanks were proposed for construction by making use of prefabricated GI tank with liner for storing 10.66 lakh litres water in each tank.

Despite several unforeseen hurdles in the wake of COVID pandemic, construction of the tanks has been successfully completed

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## Prayas Andaman Conducts Campaign on "Child Marriage Free India"

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** Our country has enacted stringent laws to combat the scourge of child marriage. But despite having strict laws, every year around 15 lakh under-age girls fall victim to child marriage. Child marriage has been a major hurdle in their holistic development like education, health and security. According to government figures, on an average only one case of child marriage is registered each year in every



district. This is a matter of deep concern.

In order to raise awareness in the public and change their attitude and behaviour towards child marriage and to ensure

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## Allu Arjun Army Conducts Cleanliness Drive Conducted at Marina



**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022, the Allu Arjun Army Andaman (AAAA) conducted the Swachtha Abhiyan in collaboration with Andaman Helping Hands, A&N Islands (AHHANI) and Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) at Marina Park Beach.

During the drive, 32 Volunteers participated and removed 14 bags of garbage from Marina Park Beach which

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## Awareness Programme on MMSY and RKVY Organised at Mithakhari GP

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** An awareness programme on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was organised by the Department of Fisheries at Mithakhari Gram Panchayat today. The programme was attended by Shri Mohd. Safiq, Pradhan, GP



Mithakhari, Shri Farooque, Asst. Fisheries Officer, Smti Prema Khujur, Up-Sarpanch, Smti Salina Abha Minj, PRI Member, Smti

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## JSS South Andaman Conducts Swacchata Campaign at GSSS Rangachang

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** JSS South Andaman organised an event by planting of saplings under Swacchata Campaign at Govt. Senior Secondary School, Rangachang on 17/10/22. Saplings were handed over to teachers and students by BOM member Mr. Vijay Kumar. The students enthusiastically planted the saplings in the school compound. Students



were briefed upon the importance and benefits of afforestation. Altogether 80 students had participated.

## Eye Screening Camp Conducted at Chatham Saw Mill



**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment, an Eye Screening Camp was conducted at Chatham Saw Mill today by an eye team headed by Dr. Kapil G. Shahare, Ophthalmologist, G. B. Pant Hospital as part of the observance of World Sight Day 2022.

The eye team examined all the eye cases with special focus on cataract among 50 years or above, Glaucoma and Diabetic

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

## Questionable Urgency

The manner in which the Supreme Court has suspended the operation of a Bombay High Court judgment discharging G.N. Saibaba and others in an alleged Maoist conspiracy case is quite unusual and raises critical questions. It is true that their conviction by a trial court — with Prof. Saibaba and four others being sentenced to life and another to 10 years under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) — was set aside by the High Court not on merits, but only on technical grounds, and the state may feel aggrieved. However, the apex court could have been more restrained while entertaining an appeal against the order. The Court showed extraordinary zeal in fulfilling the Maharashtra government's wish to have an immediate hearing. A special Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and Bela Trivedi was formed to hear the appeal on a Saturday. Consider the circumstances: the accused have spent years in prison, Prof. Saibaba is disabled, and soon after their discharge, they were required to file a bond under a procedure that requires even those acquitted to be available for further proceedings in case there is an appeal. It is doubtful whether the Court should have responded with such swiftness just to suspend a judgment that has given detailed reasons for discharging the accused. After all, appeals against acquittals are not uncommon.

The gist of the High Court verdict is that in the case of five accused (one of them died in prison), the sanction for their prosecution under UAPA was invalid because material was placed before the sanctioning authority and sanction obtained on the same day, and that there was no summary of the analysis of the evidence made by an independent reviewer to assist the grant of sanction. In the case of Prof. Saibaba, cognisance was taken and even a witness was examined before the sanction order arrived, rendering the entire proceedings void. The Government may have an arguable case, going by Section 465 of the CrPC, that any error, omission or irregularity in the matter of sanction would not vitiate the trial, unless there has been a failure of justice as a result, and that it is a curable defect. However, these issues have been elaborately dealt with by the High Court. The Bench has concluded that when dealing with special laws such as the UAPA, every safeguard provided by the legislature, however small, must be zealously protected. A 1976 judgment does give the Supreme Court the power to suspend an acquittal order, but as a matter of principle, the benefit of acquittal or discharge must not be interdicted by an appellate court without a full hearing.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Dad And The Hills..!

One of my most vivid childhood memories and one I will always treasure is that of the awesome Nandi hills in the distance. I accepted those hills as part of my landscape and grew to love the evenings, when back from school, studying subjects I couldn't stomach, I gazed at those mighty peaks in the distance and felt the restful calm they gently extended back to my troubled mind across the many miles that stretched twist us.

It was in an old Ambassador car with an aunt and uncle who had come down from the Americas and who wanted to give our family a day out, in which I finally got to visit those lofty friends of mine. The road was long and the hills were steep. I sat by the window, silent, shivering with delight and also with some apprehension as the old car climbed up the steep mountainside. But it seemed as if the hillocks knew well their little friend and offered me glimpses of lush green hillsides and soothing valleys to quieten and still my worried mind.

And on top of those hills, what I remember so clearly is not Tippu Sultan's Drop, from which I was told he dropped English prisoners to their death below, nor the monkeys who were there in every tree and one who chased me when I threw an orange at him, but with a twinge of sadness, the strong arms of my father.

Those arms reached down to a little boy who was suddenly petrified of heights and also small chasms and gorges which the hills had in plenty. My father picked me up, put me

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across his broad shoulders and stepped confidently across those frightening spaces. Never, did he make me feel ashamed of myself, nor ever rebuked me for being afraid.

Today over twenty years since he passed away, I remember those hills and those strong arms carrying a fragile, petrified me. I visited my old home a few years ago but no more are the hills visible. The city has a smoke screen now, which hides the hills from those that try to glimpse them many miles away.

A play of mine may soon be put up in the city of my childhood and I plan to visit that old house of mine, and from there I will stand and remember those comforting hills, and what they meant to me.

Even now, thousands of miles away I can still see those hills in my mind's eye, and still feel my father's strong arms. A verse from the Holy Scriptures soothes my mind:

'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
From whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.'

Yes, like my earthly father, another Father, divine, does the 'carrying' I need..!

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## APWD Constructs Water Tanks of 10.66 Lakh Litre Capacity for Residents of Macachua and Afra Bay

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and commissioned by APWD. The augmented water storage will benefit 150 population of Afra Bay and 175 residents of Macachua.

With the completion of this project, 10.66 lakh litres water can be stored in each tank during rainy season when it is available abundantly in the local water sources. This stored

water can be utilized for consumption by the native tribal inhabitants during peak summer without having to face any hardship.

## Awareness Programme on MMSY and RKVY Organised at Mithakhari GP

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Khadeeja, PRI Member apart from the fishers of the area.

Shri Mohd Safiq has extend his gratitude to the Department of Fisheries for

having conducted the awareness programme for the benefit of the fishers.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Doctor G Movie Review: Tales of a 'Misfit' Male Gynaec

**October 17:** Typically, a film cannot be split into two halves in terms of quality — pre-intermission and post-intermission. Anubhuti Kashyap's film an unwitting male gynaecologist goes against this rule. The movie is tempered with mediocrity in the first half, while the second half boasts of comparatively high quality content. The movie loiters in the first half, aimlessly making one believe that Ayushman Khurana just sheds synthetic tears and throws crass one-liners.

Uday Gupta (Ayushman Khurana) aspires to be an orthopedician but gets a seat in the department of gynaecology and obstetrics in a local government college. To make things worse for him, his boss is stern and non-sense Nandini (Shefali Shah). He suffers from further ignominy, isolation and embarrassment when his classmates — aspiring gynaecologists such as Rakul Preet Singh and the YouTube sensation Aiyyo Shraddha — try to bully and rag him. Uday plays along as he sees gynaecology as a stop gap before he can move to his desired specialisation in bones and limbs.

When the professor talks about vagina, Uday reacts like a layman than a graduate in medicine and surgery. The systemic gender challenges are clichéd, but they are tad loud. While women were gasping for breath and weaning in pain,

students behave like they are at a picnic.

After the intermission, however, the film picks up

pace and quality.

Uday transforms from a misfit male gynaecologist to a man, who is willing to address immediate human challenges in the GynObs ward. He develops crush for classmate Sameera, only to realize later that she was already engaged and wants him only as a friend. His single mother Lakshmi Devi (Sheeba Chadda), on the other hand, fights hard to find herself an identity and an emotional space (a repeat of Badhai Ho).

Uday, who faces multiple challenges, is forced to make decisions hard and fast. His romance crashes, and faces issues on the domestic front. The director has handled the latter part deftly and all artists have performed well.

Rakul Preet Singh, who has large audience in the south, leaves a whiff of fresh air. Even minor characters like Indranil Sen Gupta and Abhay Misra impress audience with their performance. Sheeba Chadda performs

amazingly, as the single mother, tries to overcome middle-class blues and middle-age inhibitions. She balances her lighter

moments of self-indulgence with the strong stand of her independent choices.

Ayushman Khurana literally grows to become the hero as the film progresses. He literally evolves from an apologetic professional to the man of convictions and decision making. He is exactly what the audience have to expect of him. More than just an experimental actor, gutsy and adventurous. He has the streak of the veteran, the confidence of success backed by the fine understanding of the media.

The central piece in the film, however, is Shefali Shah, whose performance is mind-boggling. She has the emotive capacity that is reminiscent of all-time greats and is also in great form. Albeit delayed, she is getting roles that justify her presence.

Doctor G gets to business late but once in form hits a great high both in style and in content. The icing on the cake is, of course, the top notch performances of Shefali Shah, Ayushman Khurana and Sheeba Chadda. This Doctor's treatment works slowly but cures effectively.



### Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai Actor Vaishali Takkar Dies by Suicide

**October 17:** Television actor Vaishali Takkar was found dead in her home in Indore on Sunday. An officer from the Tejaji Nagar police station confirmed that the actor died by hanging herself.

"It's a suicide case by hanging. We have found a diary in her room where she has written a lot. We will only be able to share more details about the reason after we have thoroughly investigated the content of the diary," the officer told indianexpress.com.

Known for playing pivotal roles in shows like Yeh

Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai and Sasural Simar Ka, Vaishali had been living with her parents in her hometown since last year.

In April last year, the actor had announced her engagement with Kenya-based dental surgeon Abhinandan Singh. While talking to ETimes, she had spoken about opting for an arranged-marriage setup and meeting her life partner through a matrimonial site. The actor was supposed to tie the knot and move with him. However, in just a month, she called off her



engagement. Vaishali Takkar had also been part of shows like Super Sisters, Vish Ya Amrit: Sitara, Manmohini 2, among others. Her last show Rakshabandhan aired on Dangal TV. The actor was also quite active on social media and would often share funny reels. Her last Instagram post was shared on October 1.

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### Health, Science /Tech

### Young Neuroscientist Maitreyee Makes India proud



**October 17:** The announcement of 'Inspiring Women in Science' awards came as a moment of pride for India as Maitreyee Wairagkar, a neuroscientist and neuroengineer who is currently a postdoctoral scholar at the University of California, Davis was declared a runner-up.

The award is given by the leading scientific journal 'Nature' in partnership with Estée Lauder. She is the first Indian to achieve this distinction.

Kizzmekia Corbett, whose work led to the development of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine, and the Tem Menina no Circuito initiative were named the winners.

The awards are split into two categories - The Science Outreach category and the Scientific Achievement category. Maitreyee is the runner-up in the Scientific Achievement category.

"It is a great recognition. I got a wonderful platform to share my research. This recognition certainly gives a boost to my work. It is very encouraging," Maitreyee told 'Deccan Chronicle.'

Maitreyee said that she encourages other girls and young women to pursue their studies and research in science. "The level of research here is undoubtedly high quality. I hope we have more pathways to choose from when it comes to research in India as well," she added.

It may be recalled that Maitreyee was the only Indian shortlisted for the award.

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## Calicut University Reserves One Seat Each in UG & PG Programmes for Isles' Students

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** All concerned candidates have been informed that the Assistant Registrar, Directorate of Admissions, University of Calicut has reserved one seat each in all UG & PG programmes, additional created and reserved over and above the sanctioned strength in the affiliated Arts and Science Colleges under this University, but within the Statutory maximum limit for the native students of the Union Territory of

Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the academic session 2022-23. The closing date for admission for Under Graduate and Post Graduate programmes in the affiliated colleges under University is Oct. 28, 2022.

The candidates who are interested for admission in UG & PG Programmes in the University of Calicut have been asked to go through the website of the University (<https://www.uoc.ac.in/>) for details of the courses

offered in UG and PG programmes.

Interested and eligible candidates seeking admission in UG & PG Programmes in the University of Calicut have been requested to submit the application to the Development-IV Section, Secretariat by Oct. 21, 2022 upto 5 pm, so that the same can be forwarded to the University of Calicut for consideration of the admission against the seats reserved for the students of A&N Islands.

## Category Wise Merit List of JNRM Displayed, Applicants Advised

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** The category-wise final merit list of candidates who have applied for admission to various Undergraduate Courses in JNRM, Port Blair for the Academic Session 2022-23 has been uploaded duly attending all the claims and objections in the Common College Admission Portal (CCAP) website (<https://collegiadmission.andamangov.in>). The counseling for admission to these courses shall be held in JNRM, Port Blair as per the following schedule. No separate information will be given for counseling. Candidates selected for admission during counseling session shall be given admission on the same day. Candidates have been advised to attend counseling to commence from 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022.

The candidates who have applied online for admission to above said

courses have been asked to be present by 8.30 AM on their respective day of counselling in the places designated at JNRM. They should bring documents in original for verification and one set of photostat copies (to be submitted during admission) viz. XII Marks Statement and Pass Certificate (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); A a d h a a r / A a d h a a r Enrolment Slip and one Passport size photo of candidate.

Certificates downloaded through Digilocker are valid during counseling session for taking provisional admission by JNRM.

However, original marksheet of 12th is required to be submitted to JNRM in due course of time for verification and grant of final admission by the Pondicherry University.

As per the Pondicherry University norms, Physical Fitness Test will be conducted for admission to BPES and the candidate must come in proper sports dress on the day of counseling for their Fitness Test for the events viz. 100 Meter Sprint, Shot Put, Standing Board Jump, Vertical Jump & 12 Minutes Run/Walk Test.

Those who fail to attend the counseling session on specified date and time will not be considered for admission to the respective course and the next eligible candidate from the merit list will be considered for admission.

## General Body Meeting of ASNVMS Held

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** The General Body meeting of the ASNVMS was held at Port Blair on 15.10.2022. Hundreds of workers from various Divisions of APWD at Port Blair attended the meeting which was presided over by Shri B. Chandra Choudan, President of the Union.

The meeting discussed the pending demands of the workers. The pending demand of 1/30th of pay plus DA to all Daily Rated Mazdoors as per the Govt. of India's order of 1988 is yet to be considered favourably by the Administration despite favourable orders of

the High Court and Supreme Court.

The demand of the Union to regularise the services of the daily rated workers against the vacant posts available in the APWD is also yet to be considered by the authorities. The meeting also observed that the APWD workers are not being paid the bonus as per the orders of the Govt. of India.

The meeting after a detailed discussion decided to resort to agitation as intimated to the department earlier on the above demands. The meeting further decided to stage

mass dharna in front of the office of the Chief Engineer, APWD from 19th October, 2022 onwards till the demands are achieved.

Shri R. Surendran Pillai, President, CITU, Shri D. Ayyappan, Vice President, CITU State Committee also addressed the meeting. SP Kalairajan, General Secretary, ASNVMS proposed vote of thanks.

## Prayas Andaman Conducts Campaign on "Child Marriage Free India"

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security of young girls, Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi has appealed for a nationwide campaign to end this social evil. The campaign will run for 3 years for creating a "Child Marriage Free India".

The three main objectives of the campaign are: 1- To ensure the strict implementation of law, 2- To enhance participation of children and ensure their empowerment and 3- To provide safety to children against sexual exploitation.

The aim of the campaign is to bring about a positive change in the social behaviour and perception of people against a social evil like child marriage. This was launched today at Navranpura and in over

300 districts across the country. It was led by lakhs of women in a torchlight procession expressing solidarity with the campaign and to ensure safety of young girls. Millions of people across the country participated in the campaign.

In Andaman, the NGO Prayas conducted a campaign at Brookshabad in which around 40 had participated. The main speakers at the campaign included Ms. G. Mini, Advocate - Legal Officer, Access to Justice Project, Prayas Andaman and Ms. Sushila Bage, Counsellor, A2J, Prayas, Andaman.

The participants also took a candle march to show their solidarity against this evil practice. The team will start a signature campaign pledging to support the cause in the Islands.

## Allu Arjun Army Conducts Cleanliness Drive Conducted at Marina

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consisted all type of mixed garbage like plastics materials, liquor bottles (two bags containing about 207 bottles), Tetra packs, Water bottles, wastage shoes, sandals, plastic bags followed by waste plastic rope etc.

The cleanliness drive was graced by Smti. Rekha Sudhakar and Smti. Bharti both teachers from Carmel Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair and Dr. Muruganandam, Scientist D', RMRCPB, ICMR, Port Blair.

## Eye Screening Camp Conducted as Chatham Saw Mill

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Retinopathy. Altogether 101 eye cases were examined, of which 12 cataract cases (11 cataract cases from above 50 years), 3 glaucoma, 3 diabetic retinopathy, 14 refractive error cases were detected and given spot treatment. All needy eye patients have been referred to G.B. Pant Hospital for further investigation and further treatment.

Earlier, Dr. Kapil sensitized the staff and workers in details about

management of eye disease like cataract, glaucoma, refractive error, dry eye, diabetic retinopathy and age related macular degeneration.

The camp was facilitated by the officials of State NCD Cell, NPCDCS and Department of Community Medicine, ANIIMS. The team screened around 101 persons for diabetes and hypertension who were advised for proper diet and lifestyle changes. Some patients were diagnosed and referred to G. B Pant for specialized treatment.

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### Heavy Rain Forecast for A&N

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Oct. 18, 19, 20 & 21. Due to squally weather, wind speed exceeding 45 kmph is likely to prevail over Andaman Sea along & off Andaman and Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea from Oct.18 till further order. For further enquiries/ information contact helpline of State Emergency

### Sailing Time of MV Kalighat Revised

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** This is to inform to the passengers/general public that due to Administrative reasons the scheduled departure time of the vessel MV Kalighat for Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teresa, Katchal & Nancowry (all ports) on 18.10.2022 at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf has been revised. Now the vessel will sail for Campbell Bay via all ports on the same day at 1400 Hrs instead of 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.



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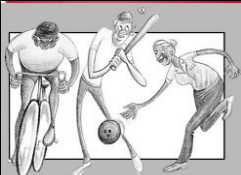
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### COVID-19 Status in A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Oct. 17:** No COVID positive case has been detected today in A&N Islands. Today, 14 flights with 2184 passengers arrived, out of which, 1987 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 145 passengers and the reports are awaited.

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# SPORTS

## Namibia's Win Might Have Made India's World T20 Road Tougher

**October 17:** Sri Lanka's defeat at the hands of Namibia may put the islanders in India's pool in the Super 12s. Despite the loss, they remain a formidable side and are likely to advance as one of the top two sides from the group. The Asia Cup champions should beat both the UAE and the Netherlands. If they finish runners-up in Group A, they will be pooled with India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and South Africa with only two of the teams going through to the semi-finals.

Sunday's upset has put Namibia in a great position to advance. One victory over either the Netherlands or the United Arab Emirates will probably do the needful.

The winners of Group A will join Australia, England, New

Zealand and Afghanistan in Group 1 of the Super 12s.

The Netherlands beat UAE by three wickets with a ball to spare in the other Group A match of the day. UAE managed 111 for 8 in 20 overs, and reduced the Dutch to 76 for 6 by the 14th over. It was Scott Edwards (16 not out) and Logan Van Beek (4 not out) who kept their cool in the final over to bring the team home. Brief Scores: UAE 111/8 (Muhammad Waseem 41; Bas de Leede 3/19, Roelof van der Merwe 1/19) lost to the Netherlands 112/7 (Scott Edwards 16, Tim Pringle 15; Junaid Siddique 3/24).

Group B features two-time champions West Indies, Zimbabwe, Ireland and Scotland



with the winners going to India's group and the runners-up to Australia's.

West Indies open their campaign in Hobart on Monday, and should be favourites to beat Scotland.

But it's the other match of the day – Ireland vs Zimbabwe – that may provide a pointer to which team is more likely to advance. West Indies face Zimbabwe on Wednesday and Ireland on Friday, and need to avoid any slip-ups to progress.

## Shami Bowls Full Tilt, Uproots Dinesh Karthik's Leg Stump During Training Session

**October 17:** Mohammed Shami looked to have attained close to full fitness as he bowled with full intensity during India's first training session at the Gabba on Sunday, ahead of their first warm-up fixture against England on Monday.

Shami, who had reached Brisbane after recovering from COVID-19 and getting a go-ahead, had replaced an injured Jasprit Bumrah in the squad of 15.

On Sunday, Shami had a full-fledged session with coach Rahul Dravid welcoming him in the mix after a lay-off of around three months.

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There is no hiding that a 80 per cent fit Shami with his skill-sets will be more effective than a completely out of sorts Harshal Patel, who was taken to cleaners by Dinesh Karthik during the net session on Sunday.

Karthik would disdainfully smash Harshal's length deliveries in the imaginary deep mid-wicket region and the low full-tosses through the square



leg. However, while trying to play the lap scoop off Shami, Karthik was bowled leg stump and the Bengal speedster had a wry smile.

But will Dravid and Rohit play Shami against England or allow him to have two more net sessions before checking him on Wednesday against New Zealand is the big question.

The two warm-up games, which will be aired live in the Indian sub-continent, will also provide everyone with a clear picture about what kind of playing XI will be fielded on October 23 against arch-rivals Pakistan.

Both Rishabh Pant and Karthik had a good hit at the nets but who will be featuring in the playing XI will possibly be clear while looking at the batting order of the two practice games.

Stand by pacers Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur have also reached Brisbane.

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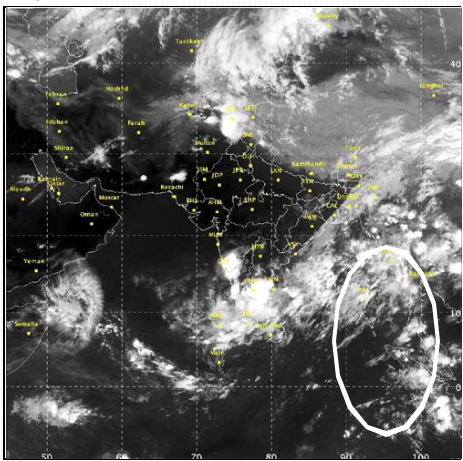
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### Weather



Max. Temp: 29.8 °C	Min.: 24.5 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 82%	1730 Hrs: 95%
Sunrise: 0509 Hrs.	Sunset: 1700 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	001.8 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	026.9 mm
Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date):	2298.3 mm

### Forecast

Generally Cloudy sky and Light to moderate rainfall is very likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 29°C and 24°C respectively on Tuesday 18/10/2022.

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