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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

Media ko peet kar kya Prove karna hai bhai... Ye he ki Police se panga mat lo? Police Public ke liye hai, na ki Public ko darane ke liye ...

- A Citizen



**It is an effigy of the minister who refused to buy our paddy!**

## Onge Tribal Chief, Tai Dies in PHC Ramakrishnapur

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** In a sad incident that happened in Little Andaman Island today, the Onge Tribal Chief, Tai breathed his last after having detained in the Primary Health Centre, Ramakrishnapur for more than ten days. He was around 60 years old and is survived by his wife.

Sources inform that Tai was taken to the Primary Health Centre after he was not feeling well. For nearly

ten days the tribal chief was detained in the PHC. When the condition of the tribal chief started deteriorating, it was decided to refer him to the GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair but the decision was too late. People are of the opinion that early diagnosis and refer to the GB Pant through airlift could have saved the Chief's life.

The Onge which number just more than a hundred

members are categorized as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of Andaman Islands. In the year 2008 as many as eight members of the tribe had died after they consumed some suspicious liquid which was washed away on the shore. This had led to the reduction of almost 10% of the entire population.

The Onge are protected under Protection of Aboriginal Tribe act and

have welfare workers, health workers and the entire government machinery to look after them. The death of the Tribal Chief Tai raises questions on the health care facilities provided in Little Andaman Island, not only for the vulnerable tribes but also for other residents of the Island.

## Member of Parliament Demands Bus Service from Attampahad to STS Bus Terminus at Early Morning Hours

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** Highlighting the problems of residents of Attampahad area, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Director of Transport Department to provide bus service from Attampahad to

STS Bus terminus at 5 AM daily. This is in addition to existing bus schedules to transport various categories of workers attending duties. Other than bus service, no private transportation like Autos and Jeeps are available from Attampahad to Port Blair (HQ) area.

## AATO President Calls on Gujarat Tourism Minister

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** Shri M. Vinod, President, Andaman Association of Tour Operators called on Shri Purnesh Modi, Cabinet Minister for Tourism, Transport, Roads and Civil Aviation, Gujarat Govt. at his official residence Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.

Vinod who was in Gujarat to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of IATO gave a courtesy call to the Hon'ble Minister. The Minister assured to visit the islands soon with a delegation of Gujarat Tourism.



## NSUI President Demands Re-evaluation of Answer Scripts of JNRM Students

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** The National Students Union of India (NSUI) State President Mr. M.A Sajid has written a letter to JNRM Principal on Tuesday requesting him to re-evaluate the answer scripts of those students who failed at the semester examination held at JNRM.

In the letter, Mr. Sajid wrote that a large number of JNRM students who failed in the semester examination approached him on Monday and demanded re-evaluation of their answer scripts as they believe that they have wrote the exams well. The students believe that there was some kind of goof-up made by the University authorities during valuation of their answer scripts.

He also said that the Counselling for M.A, M.Sc and B.Ed will commence soon. These students could not apply for the seat and their future will be at stake because of the improper evaluation carried out the Pondicherry University.

## LG Chairs Presentation on EOI for Upcoming Projects



**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency chaired a presentation on Expression of Interest (EOI) of various upcoming projects for infrastructure/ tourism development of these Islands by Andaman & Nicobar Administration led by Shri Jitendra Narain, Chief Secretary & other senior officers of Administration at Raj Niwas.

## LG Releases Pictographic Book authored by Vinay Kumar Jindal



**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency released the pictographic narrative book "Andaman & Nicobar Islands Nature at the Best" authored by Shri Vinay Kumar Jindal & Smti Deepika in presence of Shri Jitendra Narain, Chief Secretary and senior officers of A & N Administration.

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

## A strategic bulwark

The third India-Central Asia Dialogue convened by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Sunday is one in a series of timely connections to the region by New Delhi this year, spurred in some measure by events in Afghanistan. The dialogue has been held a month before leaders of all five Central Asian Republics (CARs) come to New Delhi as chief guests for the Republic Day celebrations, and a month after National Security Adviser Ajit Doval's "Regional Security Dialogue" with his CAR counterparts to discuss Afghanistan. Among the issues discussed on Sunday were extending "immediate" humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, increasing trade, and improving connectivity. It is significant that the CAR Foreign Ministers chose to come to New Delhi, an indicator that India's outreach to Central Asia, a region neglected by South Block for several decades, is being reciprocated. The joint statement, that they share a "broad regional consensus" on Afghanistan, is apt, given that, like India, all the Central Asian neighbours of Afghanistan worry about the threat of terrorism, radicalisation, narcotics, and refugees. However, unlike India, most of the CARs maintain bilateral talks with the Taliban regime; Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan have reopened missions there. Trade between India and Central Asia has long languished below \$2 billion, with all sides keen to grow this. In addition, India's \$1 billion Line of Credit for projects in Central Asia, and connectivity initiatives such as Chabahar port, the International North-South Transport Corridor and the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India gas pipeline were all part of the dialogue.

While the strengthening of India-Central Asia ties and a revival of their traditional, historical and cultural links are much needed, it is also important to recognise the geopolitical cross-currents that complicate such efforts. While Russia continues to wield influence in the CAR governments, China's Belt and Road Initiative and \$100 billion trade (by some estimates) have made it a central figure in the region. The U.S. has also been seeking a foothold in the region, especially after Afghanistan. Meanwhile, India's land connectivity to Central Asia is hampered by Pakistan which is building strong links and transit trade agreements with each of the CARs. The alternative route, via Iran's Chabahar, has received a setback after the Taliban takeover of Kabul, and the development of the Indian-managed Shahid Beheshti terminal there continues to suffer due to the threat of American sanctions. While India has strengthened ties with other parts of Asia, it must now redouble its efforts towards Central Asia if it is to counter the 'Great Game' rivalries playing out in the region, and reclaim its shared history with countries that are an important market, a source for energy, and also a bulwark against the threats of extremism and radicalisation.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Befriending a Bully..!

Not just you and me but big and small nations burn their national fingers trying to befriend a bully! Over fifty years ago, President Nixon, quite a crafty man, and not just because of his Pinocchio nose, decided on something called 'ping-pong diplomacy' with a growing China. Today as China owns huge areas of real estate in the US and has managed to get their products sold replacing American ones, we realize what the bully finally did as it made inroads into the American economy and even as the very virus that threatens the world, seems to have sprung from a Chinese laboratory!

The late Prime Minister Nehru received the same 'stab in the back' from China, and many say his illness and subsequent death came from a feeling of betrayal!

Well, in the recent present, our own national leader must have felt the same, after hosting the Chinese leader in Mahabalipuram with much fanfare, and even beating the bongos in Peking only to have the bully, retaliating by first nibbling, and now eating huge chunks of Indian territory!

History shows the worst we can do is befriend a bully!

Why do we?

Generally, it's not that we believe we can change his nature to a more docile one, but in cozying up to him would help in being left alone. He does for some time. But a bully feeds on weaker ones and anyone who cuddles up to him is considered available prey!

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So how exactly do we handle a bully? Not like France which without much ado, succumbed to Hitler's threats and allowed Germany to walk in, but like tiny England which fought back, even to the brink of defeat and finally won, against a monster!

And that's what we have to do to a bully, stand up to it! Because what the bully isn't used to is being confronted! When Britain did, America joined in and Germany was battered!

But it isn't only nations which bully, political leaders do so too for political gain! Most often it's towards the weak and weaker sections of a national community. Trump did this when he tried to make the white majority into a country of bullies! How he succeeded was to draw out the bullying spirit in people, and oh yes we all have a bit of it; remember how we all made fun in school of the child with a stammer or other physical problem?

We did, till we learned compassion. And it is through this feeling of compassion we will be able to band together to handle bullies. When we are compassionate to the bullied, two things happen; we prevent bullying and we stop the bully from eventually bullying us!

Stop befriending a bully..!

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## Power Suspension Notice

It is brought to the notice of the general consumers and government departments that power supply will remain suspended at the following area on 24.12.2021 (Friday) from 0800 Hrs. to 1200 Hrs. in connection with urgent breakdown maintenance of transmission & distribution system near PMB vehicle gate at Haddo Wharf (Gate No.4).

24.12.2021 (Friday) 0830 Hrs.-1200 Hrs.: Foreshore road and Haddo Wharf

The above mentioned schedule is tentative, if the work completes earlier the line will be charged accordingly. The inconvenience caused is regretted.

## B.Ed Supplementary Examination to be Held from 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** B.Ed. I and II year supplementary examinations Dec 2021 of Pondicherry University shall be held in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair from 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Detailed time-table of these examinations are available on the College Notice Board. The last date for remitting the examination fee is 23rd Dec December 2021.

All eligible candidates are requested to deposit the prescribed fees to the Cashier of the College before the scheduled date for online registration for the above exams.

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# The Mind's Eye

## BEING DIVINE



**RAJYOGI  
BRAHMAKUMAR  
NIKUNJ JI**

The divine qualities are said to foster peace and lead to liberation while the demoniacal qualities lead to bondage.

**B**efore India gained independence from British rule, Mahatma Gandhi announced that Ram Rajya would be brought once the country was free. By Ram Rajya, Gandhi ji implied a state where the values of justice, equality, idealism, renunciation and sacrifice were practised. A society or nation is made up of individuals, and the character of those persons defines the society or nation. It is on this basis that a society is known as ram rajya or its opposite i.e ravan rajya. Both these terms are based on the two principal characters in the epic Ramayana. On one side there is Ram, who is a virtuous deity and on the other side is Ravana, a learned but evil-minded demon king. Ram and Ravan personify the qualities of people in Ram Rajya and Ravan Rajya, respectively. These contrasting qualities have been described at length in the Bhagavad Gita as divine nature and demonic nature. The 16th chapter of Gita lists the divine and demonic traits and urges eradication of the latter and cultivation of divine qualities. It explains the link between ethics and spirituality, and between a life of virtue and liberation from sorrow. The divine qualities are said to foster peace and lead to liberation while the demoniacal qualities lead to bondage. Fearlessness, purity of heart, cultivation of spiritual knowledge, charity, self-control, sacrifice, austerity, simplicity, non-violence, truthfulness, freedom from anger, tranquility, aversion to fault finding, compassion for all living beings, freedom from covetousness, gentleness, modesty, steady determination, vigour, forgiveness, fortitude, cleanliness, and freedom from envy and from the passion for honour — these qualities are said to belong to men endowed with a divine nature. On the other hand, hypocrisy, arrogance, self-conceit, harshness, anger and ignorance belong to the one who is born in a demoniacal state. Describing such persons at length, the Gita says: "The demoniacal know not what to do and what to refrain from; neither purity nor right conduct nor truth is found in them." Such persons are filled with insatiable desires and work with impure resolves. Given over to lust and anger, they strive to obtain by unlawful means hoards of wealth for sensual enjoyment. They also make a show of devotion, which is contrary to spiritual principles. Because of their evil deeds, such souls are reborn among people of similar demoniacal nature birth after birth, continuing their slide into hell.... **To be continued**



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### Health, Science /Tech

## No Evidence to Suggest That Existing COVID-19 Vaccines Don't Work on Omicron: Union Health Minister



**New Delhi, Dec. 21:** There is no evidence to suggest that existing vaccines do not work on Omicron variant of coronavirus, though some of the mutations reported on spike gene may decrease the efficacy of existing vaccines, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

"There are limited available data, and no peer-reviewed evidence, on vaccine efficacy or effectiveness to date for Omicron," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said in a written reply.

He was responding to a question on whether the vaccinations that are given in the country are effective to develop immunity for this variant. "However, vaccine protection is also by antibodies as well as by cellular immunity, which is expected to be relatively better preserved. Hence vaccines are expected to still offer protection against severe disease and, vaccination with the available vaccines remains crucial," he added.

Listing the steps taken by the Government after the news of the spread of Omicron variant of COVID-19 in various countries, Mr. Mandaviya said his Ministry, on the basis of risk assessment, reviewed the existing travel guidelines and revised rules for international arrivals were issued on November 28 which were further amended two days later. According to the guidelines, regions or countries have been re-classified as 'at-risk' based on epidemiological situation of COVID-19 there and reporting of Omicron variant from these countries. List of such 'at-risk' regions or countries is dynamic in nature and has been updated from time to time. All travellers coming from countries deemed 'at-risk' will also mandatorily undergo COVID-19 testing on arrival through RT-PCR, followed by mandatory home quarantine for 7 days, Mr. Mandaviya said.

A repeat RT-PCR testing shall also be done on eighth day of arrival in India to be monitored by State health authorities. Two per cent of travellers from 'non-at-risk' countries will be tested at random for COVID-19. Individuals tested positive shall be subjected to Whole Genomic Sequencing at identified INSACOG network laboratories to determine the presence of SARSCoV-2 variants (including Omicron).

States and Union Territories have been asked to undertake several activities which include strict monitoring of international travellers in the community, contact tracing of positive individuals and follow up for 14 days, genome sequencing of positive samples through INSACOG Labs in a prompt manner, Mr. Mandaviya said.



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### FSD Conducts Food Licensing & Registration Mela in Junglighat

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** The Food Safety Department A&N Administration today conducted a Food Licensing & Registration Mela at Fisheries Zonal Office Hall, Junglighat, Port Blair. The Mela aims at facilitating the Food Business Operators to upload applications for grant/renewal of licenses, modifications in licenses, conversion of Registration Certificates into licenses as per annual turnover of the FBO through online and get it delivered at their doorsteps.

The Food Safety officers detailed the participants about the complete process of uploading applications and procedures to make modifications in licenses through online. Around 53 Nos. of new Food Business Operators attended the mela. All queries of FBO's related to Licence/



Registration were cleared by the FSO's on the spot.

Further the Food Safety Dept. is going to organise Food Safety Training & Certification (FoSTaC) of 500 Nos. Central & State licensed FBO's under FSS Act, 2006 in the last week of December, 2021. As per the FSS Act, 2006, it is mandatory for all the FBO's to have at least one FoSTaC trained Food Supervisor for every 25 persons engaged in their premises. The Food Safety Dept. is imparting this training at free of cost and

those FBO's or Employees engaged in food business willing to attend the training may enrol themselves in advance. The FBOs can enrol themselves for the training at phone No. 03192236168 or may contact Food Safety Office, South Andaman District.

The Commissioner of Food Safety / Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has directed all FBOs to take advantage of the opportunity and undergo FoSTaC training.

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## Revert to Night Curfews, Containment Zones to Combat Omicron: Centre tells States

**New Delhi, Dec. 21:** The Union Health Ministry has written to States to impose restrictions such as night curfews and declare containment zones if districts either have a 10% positivity rate or occupancy in oxygen-supported or Intensive Care Units rises to 40%.

The Health Secretary's letter said Omicron was at least "three times more transmissible" than the Delta variant and therefore, "greater foresight, data analysis, dynamic decision making and strict & prompt containment action" was required at the local and district level.

So far about 200 cases of COVID's fast-spreading strain Omicron have been confirmed in India, 77 of whom had recovered or migrated, according to the Ministry on Tuesday.

Maharashtra and Delhi have reported the highest number of cases of the new variant at 54 each. They are followed by Telangana (20 cases), Karnataka (19), Rajasthan (18), Kerala (15) and Gujarat (14).

India had reported 5,326 cases of COVID infections over the past 24 hours, the lowest daily case count in 581 days. The total number



of cases reported in the country now stands at 3.48 crore. As per the Ministry bulletin, there are now 79,097 active cases in the country, the lowest in 574 days.

The Centre has specified a multi-point action plan that recommends that States impose night curfew, strictly regulate large gatherings, curtail numbers in marriages and funerals, restrict numbers in offices, industries and public transport.

Where new clusters of COVID-19 positive cases emerged they should be promptly notified as "Containment Zones" and samples from clusters ought to be sent to designated labs for genome sequencing, the

note by Health Secretary, Rajesh Bhushan, notes.

Authorities should also be undertaking "right proportion" of RTPCR tests in total tests being conducted daily, contact tracing of all positive persons.

Bed capacity, other logistics like ambulances, mechanism for seamless shifting of patients, availability and operational readiness of oxygen equipment, buffer stock of drugs and ensuring that vaccines be made available to the unvaccinated and those eligible for a second dose. Special focus ought to be given to those districts where the first & second dose coverage was less than the national average. The door-to-door vaccination campaign needed strengthening, the Ministry said.

## NSUI Demands Enhanced Rate of Honorarium for Guest Faculties

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** The National Students Union of India (NSUI) State President Mr. M.A Sajid has written a letter to Chief Secretary on Tuesday requesting him to enhance the rate of honorarium of Guest Faculties as per UGC Guidelines.

Sajid in his letter said that the UGC has directed all States and UT's to enhance the honorarium of Guest

Faculties to Rs. 1,500 per lecture subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 per month on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 but the guidelines of UGC has not been followed by the A&N Administration even after two years of implementation.

He said that education is the most powerful weapon to change the world and requested the

Chief Secretary to take this matter favourably in the welfare of higher education and the teaching community of A&N Islands.

He added that if the issue is not resolved on or before 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, NSUI will be forced to opt to undergo on Strike along with Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee.

## MV Chowra to Sail for Nicobar Group on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** The vessel MV Chowra which was supposed to sail for Nancowry via Chowra, Teressa & Katchal on

23.12.2021 (Thus) will now sail on 24.12.2021 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Port Blair on

26.12.2021 (Sun) at 1700 Hrs from Nancowry via Teressa, Chowra & Car Nicobar.

## Appeal for Claiming Dead Body

**Port Blair, Dec. 21:** On 18/12/2021, an UD FIR was registered at PS Ograbraj and the dead body of the deceased identified as Shamal Mondal. Since then, no family member/relative has come forward to claim the body. The body of the deceased has been preserved at cold mortuary of GB Pant Hospital. The family members of the aforesaid person are hereby requested to approach PS Ograbraj and take over the deceased body from GB Pant Hospital.

General public is hereby requested to share/pass on information to Police if the aforesaid person belongs to their family members to Phone No. 9531856271 or 100 and may approach to PS Ograbraj to identify the dead body.

## Jammu and Kashmir Delimitation Draft 'Divisive', Says Gupkar Alliance



**Jammu, Dec. 21:** The People's Alliance for the Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), an amalgam of the regional political parties, on Tuesday described the proposed distribution of seven fresh Assembly seats for Jammu and Kashmir as "divisive, unacceptable" and "with potential to further deepen the alienation among people".

The Gupkar Alliance has called for a "peaceful protest" against the proposed increase of six seats in the Jammu province and one in the Kashmiri division in the Union Territory on January 1.

In a joint statement released on Tuesday evening, the Gupkar Alliance, said, "The leaders of PAGD have unanimously expressed their deep dissatisfaction and shock with regard to recommendations of the Commission. The constitutionality of the Commission under the reorganization act has been challenged in the Supreme Court of India. The recommendations are highly disappointing and divisive and will further disempower the people of Kashmir."

The Commission's recommendations are "unacceptable to the people of the region", the alliance appealed to the people "to remain united and not fall prey to the divisive and disruptive designs of BJP".

"It's unacceptable to all the communities. It will divide the ranks of people and further deepen their alienation," Gupkar Alliance spokesman and CPI(M) leader M.Y. Tarigami said, after the Alliance's meeting in Jammu.

The Alliance meeting was chaired by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and was also attended by Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti.

Mr. Tarigami said the decisions of the August 5, 2019, "which were unconstitutional and unilateral" and "without taking stakeholders from J&K and Ladakh onboard", have already been challenged before the Supreme Court by many political parties and individuals.

"Many among us have challenged the J&K Reorganisation Act, under which the delimitation was constituted. The Government of India should have avoided to go forward with this commission in a hurried rush, as it is neither in national interest and not in the interest of people of Jammu and Kashmir," Mr. Tarigami said.

He said the constitutional frame of delimitation, including census, "have been ignored in proposal of delimitation commission".

"The delimitation in J&K should be as per fresh census across country. The criteria of delimitation should have been as per population and followed in letter and spirit," Mr. Tarigami said.

Dr. Abdullah, during the Alliance meeting, expressed his unhappiness over the report, terming it "not as per the wishes and interest of people" and "a step to create wedge on regional and community basis".

Besides the allocation of six seats for the Jammu division and one for the Kashmir division, the commission has also reserved 16 seats, out of 90, for the Schedule Tribes and Schedule Castes.

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# SPORTS

## Nicholas Latifi Speaks Out after Death Threats Following Abu Dhabi Crash

Canadian Nicholas Latifi spoke out on Tuesday after receiving death threats and online abuse over a crash at the Dec. 12 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix that led to Red Bull's Max Verstappen winning the Formula One title and Lewis Hamilton missing out.

The Williams driver brought out the safety car late in the race, with a change in procedure giving Verstappen the opportunity to pass Mercedes' Hamilton on the last lap.

Before the crash, Hamilton had been heading for a record eighth title.

Latifi said in a statement on his website that he had decided to address the issue of abuse after staying off social media to let things settle down.

He said he hoped to spark another conversation about the "drastic consequences" of online bullying.

"I've received thousands of messages to my social media accounts...most have been supportive, but there's been a lot of hate and abuse, too," said the 26-year-old.

"As we've seen time and time again, across all different sports, it only takes one incident at the wrong time to have things completely blown out of



proportion and bring out the worst in people who are so-called 'fans' of the sport.

"What shocked me was the extreme tone of the hate, abuse, and even the death threats I received."

Latifi said that he had apologised to his team for the crash and that the rest was out of his control. He said that he was no stranger to negative comments about his performances and that having a thick skin was part of being an athlete.

"But many of the comments I received last week crossed the line into something far more

extreme. It concerns me how somebody else might react if this same level of abuse was ever directed at them," he added.

Latifi's situation was similar to that of German Timo Glock in 2008, when the Toyota driver received death threats after being passed by Hamilton on the last corner of the last lap of the final race in Brazil.

Hamilton won that title, his first, with Ferrari's Felipe Massa losing out.

Verstappen spoke out in Latifi's defence last week, saying accidents were just a part of motor racing and it would be unfair to blame the Canadian.

## Japan Stun India 5-3 to set up Title Clash against Korea in ACT Hockey

**Dhaka, Dec. 21:** Defending champions and Olympic bronze medalist India suffered a stunning 3-5 defeat against Japan in the second semifinal of the Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament here on Tuesday.

India were the overwhelming favourites before the start of the match after having thrashed the same opponents 6-0 in their last round robin match and also on head-to-head record, but the Japanese had other plans.

The Japanese looked a completely different side on Tuesday as they toyed with the defence of the Manpreet Singh-led side from the beginning. Japan scored through Shota Yamada (1st minute, penalty), Raiki Fujishima (2nd minute), Yoshiaki Kirishita (14th), Kosei Kawabe (35th) and Ryoma Ooka (41st).

India's goals were scored by Hardik Singh (17th, 58th minute) and vice-captain Harmanpreet Singh (43rd).

India and Japan had met 18 times before with the hosts winning 16 games, while Japan emerged victorious on one occasion and one ended in a draw.

Japan will now take on South Korea in the summit clash, while India will be once again up against Pakistan in the bronze medal clash on Wednesday.

The tournament ended in a anti-climax for India as after having topped the round robin stages with an unbeaten record.

In the other semifinal of the day, South Korea beat Pakistan 6-5 in a thrilling contest.



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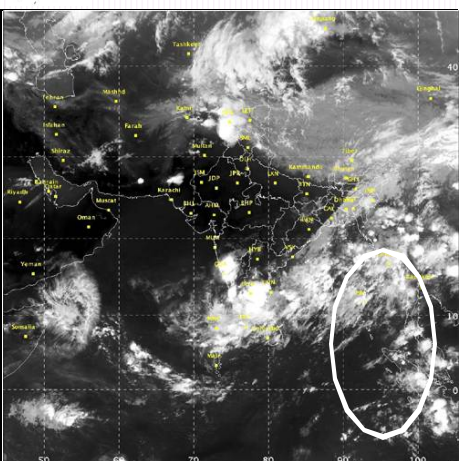
Police Control Room:	100
Fire Service:	101
Ambulance:	102
DC Control Room:	1070
Shipping:	245555
Postal :	232346, 232890
Children:	1098
Women:	244701
Coast Guard for	1554
Search & Rescue (SAR)	
Coast Guard RHQ:	232681
Coastal Security	1093
State Control Room:	1077, 238880
PBMC Control Room:	245798
Kisan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

### Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs)

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



Max. Temp: 29.8 °C	Min.: 22.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 79% 1730 Hrs: 83%	
Sunrise: 0535 Hrs.	Sunset: 1701 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	003.4 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3456.6 mm

### Forecast

Dry weather likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 22/12/2021

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