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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 (MCBT)**

## People's Voice

Pollution Check toh theek hai magar ye log sochte kyon nahi ki kitna Harassment ho raha hai Public ko ...

- A Citizen



I bought new clothes and footwear for the entire family for the whole year!

## Member of Parliament Demands Development of Model Fishermen Village at Durgapur, Diglipur under Central Sponsored Scheme

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The Member of Parliament, Kuldeep Rai Sharma has demanded development of Model Fishermen Village at Durgapur in Diglipur Tehsil under Central Sponsored scheme and allotment of land to the eligible beneficiaries.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, A&N

Administration, the Member of Parliament mentioned that some extent of land was allotted by the Administration at Durgapur during the year 2012 and thereafter in the year 2014 the committee constituted for the purpose has identified total 30 numbers eligible beneficiaries and

recommended their names for onward action for their settlement in the land under the scheme. However, as per fishermen no further action was taken in this regard.

The Member of Parliament requested the Chief Secretary to direct the nodal department of the Administration to redress the

grievances of the N&MDistrict Fisheries Coop. Federation and to ensure implementation of the scheme as per guidelines/rules at the earliest.

## Lt. Governor Launches Janbhagidari Programme and Initiated Vegetable Seed Distribution

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) in presence of Shri. Jitendra Narain, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration launched the Janbhagidari Programme on Evaluation of schemes and Vegetable Seed Mini-Kit Distribution Programme at Community Hall, Gram Panchayat

Chouldari. The Secretaries; Head of Departments; State, Block and Panchayats staff of Rural Development and Agriculture Departments were present during the event. Self Help Group members of Ferrargunj and Prothrapur Blocks



who will be participating in the evaluation drive were also present during the launch event.

On the occasion of India celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', commemorating 75 years of India's

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## ANC Dedicates 'Sankalp Smarak' to the Nation

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** In the saga of India's freedom struggle, 30 December 1943 holds a special place etched in time. It was on this day that a national flag was hoisted for the first time on Indian soil, at Port Blair. It is also significant is that Netaji escaped British surveillance from Kolkata on 16 Jan 1941 and stepped back on Indian soil after nearly three years, at Port Blair Aerodrome on 29 Dec 1943 at



11:30 am and unfurled a National flag the next day.

Netaji's visit to the islands as the Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind

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## Vice Chancellor Pondicherry University Visits Port Blair

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The Vice Chancellor, Pondicherry (Central) University, Prof. Gurmeet Singh is on a visit to Port Blair from 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December. During his visit he will be inaugurating the Department of Management Studies and launching the MBA programme in Pondicherry University Port Blair campus, Andamans.

He will review the ongoing Ph.D. Research work in the affiliated

institutions of Regional Medical Research Centre, ICMR, and Zoological Survey of India, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre besides will be visiting all the affiliated colleges and institutions in Port Blair.

The VC also will be witnessing the cultural programme organised by the Affiliated Colleges of Pondicherry University lieu of 75<sup>th</sup> Years of India's Independence "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

## INA Smriti Samiti and FANS to Organise Subhash Tiranga Rally

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The INA Smriti Samiti, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and FANS, Andaman & Nicobar Islands in association with Hindu Rashtra Shakti, ABVP, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Sewa Bharati, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Covid Care Muthu Foundation and other organisations will be organizing Subhash Tiranga rally on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021 at 0900 am. The rally will cover Andaman Club, Clock Tower, IP&T, VIP Road, Dairy Farm, Junglighat, Goal Ghar, Delanipur, Gandhi Statue, Cellular Jail and return towards Marina Park, where tributes will be paid to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at his statue in Marina Park.

## Jolly Congratulates Andaman's SQAY Team

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** Shri Vishal Jolly National Executive Member, BJP & Former State President Bharatiya Janata Party, A&N Islands has congratulated the A & N Islands team on winning the 17 medals (8 Gold, 5 Silver & 4 Bronze) and bringing glory to Islands in the recently held 22<sup>nd</sup> National SQAY Championship in Goa. In his message, he wished all the participants the best for their future endeavours and to make islanders proud.

## Food Safety Encourages FBOs to Registered Themselves Under FSSAI



**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The Food Safety Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration conducted Food Licensing & Registration drives at Ferrargunj, Shore Point, Haddo, Bathu Basthi, Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep during the week.

These drives aim 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

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

## Falling short

To overlook the orgy of communal hatred at a recent event in Haridwar that was labelled a Hindu religious congregation as an inconsequential derangement of a fringe group may be a convenient pretext for the inaction by the police and the silence of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), but the reality is scary. The passivity of the BJP is a signifier and eloquent admission of the pernicious mainstreaming of bigotry. The Uttarakhand police have betrayed a cavalier attitude in their investigation by not naming any of the ringleaders, initially, and not showing the urgency the case requires, subsequently. Speakers at the event openly called for genocide and violence. Such bigotry is not the monopoly of adherents of any particular religion, and law enforcement authorities should be eternally vigilant. The murder of two people at Sikh places of worship in Punjab in separate incidents in recent days showed how matters of religion can inflame irrational passion. In one case in Punjab, a person has been arrested and charged with murder. The shameful lynchings were followed by responses from organisations ranging from the Congress to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, but none unequivocally condemned the violence. Most reactions appeared to justify the violence, privileging abstract religious sentiments over the fundamental right to life. The Congress chief in Punjab, Navjot Singh Sidhu, spoke for many politicians seeking to exploit religion for electoral purposes when he said those who offended the faith must be hanged publicly.

That mainstream parties are unable to take an unambiguous and universal position that violence and the call for violence, in the name of faith, are unacceptable is unsettling and bodes ill for Indian democracy. Despite sporadic bursts of communal violence, India, unlike its neighbours in South Asia, has survived and thrived as a multicultural and multi-religious nation till date. Keeping it that way requires vigilance and vision. Violence originates in thought, transmits itself through speech and manifests itself in action. Targets in the recent past have ranged from interfaith couples to carol singers to cattle traders to teachers setting question papers. New laws appear to reinforce and institutionalise prejudice and intolerance. The heavy hand of the state that falls too frequently on the critics of the Government has left the mobs that threaten national unity untouched. Those who committed murder in Punjab, those who called for mass murder from Haridwar and those who vandalised Christian institutions in different places must all be brought to justice as per the law. Political parties must rise above their narrow interests during the current election cycle and unite against hate. Later may be too late.

## BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



### Throw Those Glasses Away..!

"What's happening?" I ask as a man on the street with a loudspeaker shouted, "Free! Free! Free!"

"A political party is distributing spectacles free of cost for everybody!" says someone in the crowd.

"But I have my own glasses!" I tell him.

"But these are different," the man distributing glasses walks up to me and tells me, "they will help you look beyond what you've been taking for granted!"

And in innocence I put them on then look at a friend approaching, "Hey!" I shout, "You look different!"

"And you look different too!" he shouts back with his free pair on.

"I didn't know you worship God in a different way than I do!" I carry on, "How dare you!"

"With my new glasses on I realize you gave me friendship to forcibly convert me!" he growls.

And a friendship breaks.

And many a friendship has broken with these free glasses we've been given in our country!

But in my mind's eye, a host of writers meet me, "Take off those glasses, they say, "that's breaking your friendships, and that of millions of others in the country!"



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"Because walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light," whispers Helen Keller

"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them." smiles Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself," quips Jim Morrison

"A single rose can be my garden... a single friend, my world," whispers Leo Buscaglia

"Love is flower-like; Friendship is like a sheltering tree," says the voice of poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

"Some people go to priests; others to poetry; I to my friends," comments Virginia Woolf

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out," remarks Walter Winchell

"Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down," declares Oprah Winfrey

"One loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives," Euripides announces across time to me.

And as they gently remove the free glasses given by the political party from my eyes, I hear them say with urgency, "Don't put those glasses back again, but tell the people of this nation to throw them away, smash them, stamp on them, and pledge that they will start looking at each other again as a friend, a brother, a sister and nothing else!"

"Yes," I whisper as without those free glasses I see my friends as friends again, "Throw away those free glasses that are spoiling old friendships and dividing us as a nation! Throw away these free glasses that have made us look at each other with distrust and suspicion! Throw them away dear friends of mine and let our nation resonate with the harmonious sounds of brotherhood once again..!"

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## Food Safety Encourages FBOs to Registered Themselves Under FSSAI

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turnover of the FBO through online and deliver at their doorsteps. It is also to ensure that no food business is operating without a valid FSSAI License/Registration Certificates.

The Food Safety officers detailed the participants about the complete online process of uploading applications and the procedures to make modifications in licenses. Around 628 new Food Business Operators/Registration Certificate holders were covered in the drives conducted at six places. All queries of FBO's related to Licence/Registration were cleared by the FSO's on the spot.

The Commissioner of Food Safety/Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has insisted all FBOs that since FSSAI has made it mandatory to register and display the FSSAI License/Registration Number on receipts/invoices/cash memo/bill etc. by the FBOs during the sale of food products w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2022, strict enforcement drives ensuring compliance with the said direction will be taken by Food Safety Department from the succeeding month.



A walk in interview is scheduled to be conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 11.30 am for meeting human resource requirement of One Stop Centre near AYUSH Hospital, JG-6, Type V quarter at Jungbhat, Port Blair.

The verification of certificate will start at 9:00 AM at Mini Conference Hall Secretariat. The interview maybe continued on next day also if required. Candidates who fulfill the requisite qualifications may appear for walk in interview in the Chamber of Secretary at Secretariat.

The candidates are advised to carry with them duly filled up application format in the prescribed format along with the copies of the entire certificates of educational qualification, date of birth, working experience and affixing the pass photo size photograph. Candidates are also required to bring their original certificate for verification. Further the candidates would have to maintain COVID-19 protocol

Following are the requisite Qualifications and Experiences required for the post as mentioned below:

Sl. No	Name of the Post	No. of post	Age	Qualification	Experience	Consolidated pay in Rs.
1	Para Legal Personnel	01	Not above 55 years	Any person having background in Law/ Social Sciences with para legal training	Knowledge of law with at least 3 years' experience of working within a Government or Non Government project/program on VAW at the district.	35,000
2	Psycho-Social Counselor	01	Not above 55 years	Any women having Postgraduate degree on Social Work/ Clinical Psychology	At least 3 years of experience of working as Counselor/Psychotherapist in a reputed Mental Health Institute/Clinic at the District/State level.	20,000
3	IT Staff	01	Not above 55 years	Any person having Graduate with a diploma in computer/IT etc.	Minimum of 3 years of experience in data management, process documentation and web based reporting formats, video conferencing in either at the level of state/district/Non Government/IT based organization.	15,000

**Terms and conditions:**

1. The appointment will be purely of contract basis as a project staff and no other regular service benefits will be admissible. The candidates will not have any rights to claim for regular employment.
2. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.
3. The Secretary (SW) has the right to accept/reject any application without assigning any reason and no correspondence in this matter will be entertained.

Director(SW)

Application format for Human Resource Requirement of One Stop Centre under Directorate of Social Welfare, A & N Administration			
<b>Post applied for:</b>			
	Name of candidate (in Block letters)		
	Name of Father/Husband		
	Marital Status		
	a. Date of Birth (proof to be enclosed)	Year	Month
			Day
	b. Age		
	Nationality		
	Permanent address with contact No.		
	Address for communication with contact No.		
	Email		
	Educational Qualification (proof to be enclosed)		
	Experience certificate to be enclosed		
<b><u>DECLARATION</u></b>			
I do hereby declare that the information given above is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of / any information stated above being false or incorrect or my intelligibility being detected after the test / appointment, my candidature / appointment is liable to be cancelled / terminated.			
Place:		Signature of applicant	
Date:			

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# Bharat Seema to Sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The Directorate of Shipping Services in consultation with the District Administration has scheduled the sailing programme of the vessel MV Bharat Seema for Diglipur via

Mayabunder on 01.01.2022 (Sat) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf. The vessel will sail back to Port Blair on 02.01.2022 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder.

Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued from 30.12.2021 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Stars Ticketing Counters, Phoenix Bay.

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## Lt. Governor Launches Janbhagidari Programme and Initiated Vegetable Seed Distribution

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Independence and the Government of India has curated a series of innovative programmes to celebrate the Mahotsav under the overall spirit of "Janbhagidari and Jan Andolan".

Taking cue from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's vision, the UT of A&N Islands has launched Janbhagidari Programme for Evaluation of Government Flagshipschemes of GOI being implemented in this UT by Andaman and Nicobar Administration to ascertain that the actual benefit is reaching the last mile.

At present, 68 Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Schemes of A&N Administration are being implemented in A&N Islands wherein benefits are directly being released to the end beneficiaries either in cash (through Bank) or kind. The Administration has planned to take an initiative to evaluate the actual benefit being reached to the beneficiaries through implementation of various schemes of Government of India and UT Administration through Janbhagi dari process. The objective of this process is to evaluate, 'How effectively the benefits under the schemes are reaching up to the end beneficiary?; Whether the beneficiaries are actually benefited by the scheme or not?; Whether the households are satisfied by the delivery mechanism of the scheme?; etc'.

The detailed analysis of Flagship Schemes of GOI and UT Administration shall be done through Janbhagidari with the support of the SHG members of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) and National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM).

During the event, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor has also inaugurated the programme for distribution of Vegetable Seed Mini-Kit to the Islanders to have self-sustainability in food supply. Knowing the issue of insufficient food supply during the lockdown period due to outbreak of COVID-19, the Hon'ble Home Minister had advised the UT to start campaign for food self-sufficiency during his visit to A&N Islands. On this ground, the Administration of UT of A&N Islands has initiated the distribution of 50000 Vegetable Seeds Mini Kits procured from National Seeds Corporation, Chennai among the Islanders free of cost. Each kit comprises of 4 types of open pollinated vegetable seeds, namely Amaranthus (Marsa), Brinjal (Egg-plant), Okra (Bhindi) and Cow pea (Lobia), so that the beneficiaries can preserve the seeds for growing in the coming season.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration highlighted the appreciable works being done by the members of Self Help Groups (SHG) across India. He appreciated the activities being done by the SHGs of A&N Islands such as SHE markets, catering services through GeM, sale of handicraft through GeM, sale of ground masalas, farming activities, Sakhi Saheli Café, Social Audit of RD Programmes, Swachh Survekshan and many more. Knowing the efficient work done by the SHG members in the Islands, he encouraged them to help the Administration to conduct survey for evaluation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and UT schemes being implemented in this UT and to check the actual benefit reaching the end beneficiaries. Also, he encouraged the SHG members to make nutri-gardens in their house with the vegetable seed mini-kits provided by the Agriculture Department to have sustainable supply of nutritional diet for their family with less dependence on market. He also directed the Education and Social Welfare Departments to take up development of nutri-garden in the School and Anganwadi compounds and use the produce for providing nutritional mid-day meal to the children.

The Secretary (RD) gave the welcome address and the Secretary (Planning) delivered vote of thanks during the event.





## DCPU Conducts Awareness Programme on POCSO Act at Various Schools of South Andaman

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** District Child Protection Unit under District Administration, South Andaman in collaboration with Police Department conducted an awareness programme at Govt. Senior Secondary School, Garacharma on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2021 for the students on the Topic "POCSO Act 2012". The aim was to sensitize children on POCSO related issues as child Sexual Abuse is a major concern, which is increasing day by day and children being most vulnerable section of the society are susceptible to physical and psychological abuse.

Police professionals were the resource persons of the programme. They highlighted about POCSO Act, and sensitized the children on special provisions of legislations and encouraged them to stand up



for their own safety and security in order to prevent crime against children.

Similar program were also conducted at Govt. Senior Secondary School Junglighat and Govt. Middle School Dollygunj. Altogether, 150

children were benefitted through the programme.

The District Administration looks forward for more such positive ventures in future to educate children towards their Protection and better future.

## ANC Dedicates 'Sankalp Smarak' to the Nation

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and Supreme Commander of Indian National Army marked a symbolic fulfillment of his promise that the Indian National Army would stand on Indian soil by the end of 1943. This historic visit also marked a declaration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as the "first liberated territory of India".

The location of Netaji's historic arrival on 29 Dec 1943 (accompanied by Sarvashri Anand Mohan Sahay (Secretary with Ministerial Rank), Captain Rawat - ADC and Col DS Raju (personal physician of Netaji), lies within the premises of what is now Andaman and Nicobar Command's Air Station INS

Utkrosh, in close proximity to the present day runway. Upon his arrival as the Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army by a Japanese Air Force Aircraft, Netaji was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour by soldiers of Indian National Army at the Air Field.

In order to preserve this important event in history, a Sankalp Smarak was dedicated to the nation by Lt Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief Andaman and Nicobar Command, exactly 78 years after Netaji's arrival on 29 Dec 2021 at 11:30 am. The Smarak is a tribute not only to the resolve of the soldiers of the Indian National Army and

their innumerable sacrifices, but also reminds us of the values enshrined by Netaji himself, "Nishtha, Kartavya aur Balidan" or "Commitment, Duty and Sacrifice" that continue to underscore the ethos of the Indian Armed Forces and the resolve of the Indian Soldier.

During the dedication ceremony, Soldiers of the only Quad Services Command of India led by the Commander-in-Chief himself along with other senior officers, soldiers and families paid homage, honouring the sacrifices of the soldiers of the Indian National Army. The event was conducted in a simple and solemn ceremony befitting the occasion.

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**1. NIT NO. EE/PRI/SAD-I/GEN/2021-22/1133 Name of Work: -** Construction of Compound wall of Panchayat Bhawan at Ward No.01 under Wimberlygunj Gram Panchayat. **Estimated Cost Rs: - 7,56,507/- Earnest Money Deposit: - Exempted** (Proforma for EMD declaration may be submitted) **Time of Completion: -** Three (03) Months, Tender Fee: - Rs 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: - 03/01/2022 (1500 hrs)  
The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.  
**Tender ID: - 2021\_RDPRI\_4731\_1**

Executive Engineer,  
Panchayati Raj Institution,  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Port Blair  
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PRESS RELEASE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned found eligible for the post of mazdoors to be borne on the Industrial Establishment of the Division of Wildlife, Haddo, Department of Environment & Forests, A & N Administration, vacancy notification of which was published vide notification No. WL/LS/48-A/3869 in the Daily Telegram dated 04.04.2017, the Physical Endurance Test (PET) of which shall be conducted from 10.01.2022 to 12.02.2022.

<http://ls.and.nic.in:8080/mazdoor/authforht.php>.

The admit card for attending Physical Endurance Test of all such eligible candidates are uploaded in the official website of the Department of Environment & Forests, A & N Administration at <https://ls1.and.nic.in/forest> and/or <http://ls.and.nic.in:8080/mazdoor/authforht.php>.

The candidates are hereby requested to download their respective admit card along with instructions and scheme of Physical Endurance Test from the notified links only upto 07.01.2022. No physical copy of the admit card shall be issued. Candidates are also directed to paste recent coloured passport size photographs in the space provided in the admit card and read the instructions carefully before attending PET.

The last date for downloading of Admit Card from the above website is 07/01/2022

For any further clarification and or query, the Range Forest Officer, Protection Range, Haddo may be contacted in person or over phone number 03192-245229 on all working days between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm upto 07.01.2022.

Yours Faithfully

(Nabanita Ganguly, IFS)  
Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Wildlife Division  
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COVID-19 Status in A&N Islands

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** During the RT-PCR test conducted on 502 passengers who arrived here yesterday, one positive case has been detected. Today, 12 flights with 2107 passengers arrived, out of which, 1641 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 466 passengers (includes 20 international travellers) and the reports are awaited.

During RAT conducted on 154 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 48 passengers and all were found negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 58 passengers were tested with RAT and all were found negative. At Helipad, test was conducted on 11 passengers and all were found negative. RTPCR test was conducted on 48 crew members of MV Chowra, the report of which is awaited.

Today, till 3 pm 187 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated out of which 167 were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Vaccination Drive Updates

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,91,979 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. A total of 470 people were vaccinated in South Andaman District today.

412 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 59 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 36 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 8 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 22 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

IGNOU Admissions Open for January 2022 Session

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has announced Admissions to its Distance Education Academic programmes for the Academic Cycle commencing from January 2022. The admission is open for the academic programmes of Bachelors, Masters, PG Diploma, Diploma & Certificate Programmes. For Online admission click at - <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in/>. For more details, regarding the programmes, visit IGNOU Website - [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111, Email: [rcportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:rcportblair@ignou.ac.in) or any of its Study Centres at Mayabunder, Hut Bay, Car Nicobar, Nancowrie & Campbell Bay. The last date for submission of admission form is 31st January 2022.

DCC President Requests for Pollution Testing Centre at Bambooflat

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The District Congress Committee President, Shri. V.K Abdul Aziz has requested the Secretary (Transport) to start one pollution testing centre at Bambooflat.

In a letter to Secretary (Transport), Aziz highlighted the difficulty faced by residents of Bambooflat in coming at Port

Blair for conducting "Pollution Under Control Test". He mentioned that the process is very time consuming and it is not possible to complete the process in a day.

He added that, bringing vehicles from Bambooflat to Port Blair through vehicle ferry just for getting a PUC certificate

will cause hardship for the residents of Bambooflat. He therefore requested the Secretary (Transport) to start one pollution testing centre at Bambooflat.

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# Member of Parliament Demands Atleast One Pollution Testing Center at Baratang, Kadamtala and Billiground Areas

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of A & N Administration direct the concerned departments to open atleast one pollution testing centers each at Baratang, Kadamtala and Billiground areas so that people of these regions can get pollution test done for their vehicle, without any trouble.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament today said that the Andaman & Nicobar Administration has started "Catch the Polluter" drive and has announced a heavy penalty on vehicle owners, who don't have a

PUC certificate. Like always, law-abiding people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have taken this direction positively and are trying their best to get PUC certificates from different pollution testing centers.

He pointed out that from Baratang to the Mayabunder region there is only one pollution testing center at Rangat.

The Member of Parliament said that Middle Andaman is a vast region and taking a two-wheeler, three-wheeler or four-wheeler from places like Baratang to Rangat, just to get a PUC certificate is a difficult task, which in many cases is not possible to complete in one day.

He mentioned that the condition of ATR is also not favourable for two-wheelers and three-wheelers for such a long distance journey.

The MP added that People of the Middle Andaman region are now worried that in case they fail to get a PUC certificate on time, they will have to pay a hefty fine, which most of the Islanders can't afford.

Sharma also pointed out that the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands are willing to get pollution tests done for their vehicle and get a PUC certificate but people of Middle Andaman have the genuine problem of reaching a pollution testing center.

## BAANI Conducts 2<sup>nd</sup> Atal Memorial Badminton Team Championship

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Atal Memorial Badminton Team Championship 2021 was organised by the youth of Dairy Farm in collaboration with Badminton Association of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (BAANI) at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Indoor Badminton Court, Dairy Farm from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The tournament commenced on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and concluded on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with prize distribution ceremony.

The tournament was inaugurated by Shri. Kishore Kshirsagar Laskman, Secretary, PBMC Port Blair in the presence of Shri. Narra Chaitanya, Superintendent of Police, CID Port Blair and Y Sajeevan, General Secretary, Badminton Association of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (BAANI) who graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.



Altogether 08 teams with 40 players participated in the tournament in which Team Suresh defeated Team Yashwant in a thrilling Finals and clinched the championship trophy. Shri. B Eswar Rao, Ex. Ward Councillor was the Chief Guest while Shri. Y Sajeevan, General

Secretary, BAANI was the Guest Honour of the closing ceremony who gave the prizes to winners and runners-up. The winners and runners-up were awarded with trophies, medals and cash prize of Rupees five thousand & three thousand respectively.

## Revenue Department Carries Out Encroachment Eviction Drive at Shoal Bay

**Port Blair, Dec. 29:** The Revenue Department of South Andaman District carried out eviction drive against encroachments committed over Government land in Ferrargunj Tehsil in South Andaman District wherein Tin sheet shed was demolished at Shoal Bay 19. The entire staff of Revenue Inspector (Circle 1) along with the Dy. Tehsildar, Ferrargunj were present at the spot during the eviction drive.

General Public is once again cautioned to refrain from encroaching Government land. In case of any inquires/complaints, the general public can communicate with the District Control Room at the following numbers 03192-240127/1070. The identity of the person providing the information will be kept anonymous so as to protect the individual.



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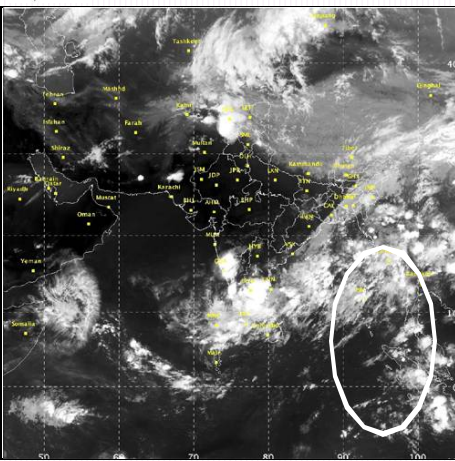
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PBMC Control Room:	245798
Kisan Call Centre:	1551
Wildlife Control Room :	245229, 200661, 200754

### 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: 30.6 °C	Min.: 24.6 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 79%	1730 Hrs: 80%
Sunrise: 0538 Hrs.	Sunset: 1705 Hrs.
Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	001.5 mm
Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.):	000.0 mm
Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date):	3461.1 mm

### Forecast

Light rainfall likely over Port Blair.  
Maximum and Minimum temperature will be  
around 30°C and 25°C respectively on  
Wednesday 29/12/2021

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