



## December Diary

The chilly eves of December  
Bidding adiev, away away  
How many eves of December  
behind us  
amidst the clouds of the Time !  
penning diary in December  
once we too  
behind the curtain  
December !  
A beautiful kid  
of the Time she is  
Among the ashes  
she kindles the fire  
Among the agonies  
she moves the lips of love  
December !  
An innocent girl  
of the Time she is  
Love and peace  
her beloved symbols.

# SHAKESPEAREAN MARRIAGE

When was the marriage proposed ?

'TWELFTH NIGHT'

who were the Bride and Bridegroom ?

'ROMEO AND JULIET'

From whom did they buy the wedding ring ?

'THE MERCHANT OF VENICE'

what did the bride reply ?

'AS YOU LIKE IT'

who were the chief guests ?

'ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA'

who were the cooks at wedding ?

'THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR'

under whose steward ship did the marriage take place?

'KINGLEAR'

how would you describe the wedding ?

'MUCHADO ABOUT NOTHING'

what was their Honeymoon like ?

'A MID SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM'

where did they live Aftermarriage ?

'HAMLET'

what was their married life like ?

'THE TEMPEST'

what was the bridegroom, vocation ?

'TAMING OF THE SHREW'

what did the bride give him ?

'MEASURE FOR MEASURE'

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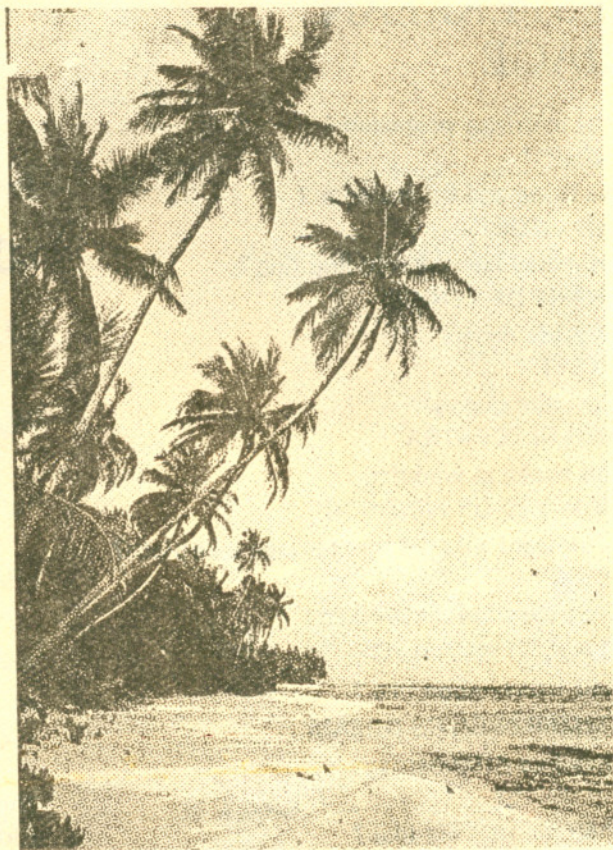


Dense greenery and a silver sandy beach, lined by corals. And there lies the reef keeping the pale-blue lagoon. On her laps the crystal-clear saline water of the lagoon reminding us of the innocence of the Islanders; for the former shows us even the fish that swim among the corals, and the latter love and solace. One can never fully explain the enchanting islands in the Arabian Sea called Lakshadweep.

The union territory of Lakshadweep is the Country's Coral Island. There are 36 Islands of which 10 are inhabited. Except in one the language is Malayalam. The Islands have a population of about 40,000 and an area of 32 Sq. Kms.

Regarding the geological evolution of the Islands there are no theories. The most acceptable one is given by the famous English evolutionist Sir Charles Darwin. According to him the formation of reefs and their further growth into coral islands is due to some volcanic eruption. And they naturally became the nesting place for the sea birds. There is an island fully inhabited by birds and declared as a bird sanctuary.

The early history of Lakshadweep is unwritten. The local



tradition attributes the first settlement on these Islands to the periods of Cheraman Perumal the king of Kerala. It is believed that after conversion to Islam, he slipped out of his capital, Kodungallur, an old harbour town near Cochin, for Mecca. On his disappearance the search parties spread after him it is believed that one of those search boats of Raja of Cannoor was caught in a fierce storm, and reached an island called Bangaram near the Agatti Island. Some days later they left Bangaram. On their way they came across other islands then another group of sailors discovered another island called Amini, and they settled down

there.

The advent of Islam dates back to 7th Century. It is believed that one Hazrath Ubaidullah while praying at Mecca felt asleep. He dreamt that the prophet Mohammed asked him to go to gedda take a ship from there, to go to a tiny island in the Arabian Sea. After sailing for one month his ship wrecked near a small island and he was swept ashore on the island of Amini. Being tired he fell asleep again and dreamt the prophet, asking him to propagate Islam in that island.

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The  
Coral  
paradise