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# Andaman Basin Oil Exploration Drives India's Economic Transformation

## Understanding the Strategic Value of India's Andaman Basin Oil Exploration

The Andaman basin oil exploration initiative represents a transformative opportunity within India's energy landscape, where deepwater hydrocarbon exploration converges with technological advancement and geopolitical strategy. This geological formation, positioned within the Indo-Pacific region's complex tectonic environment, exemplifies how emerging basins with unproven reserves can reshape national energy security paradigms. Furthermore, the basin's development occurs against a backdrop of global oil price volatility and shifting trade war impacts that influence investment decisions.

## Geological Foundation and Resource Assessment Framework

The basin's positioning at the intersection of major tectonic plates creates unique geological conditions that can trap hydrocarbons effectively. These structural characteristics mirror successful petroleum systems found throughout Southeast Asia, where similar geological formations have yielded substantial commercial discoveries.

## Key Geological Advantages:

- ▶ Complex fault systems creating multiple trap configurations
- ▶ Deepwater environments with reduced surface

interference

▶ Proximity to proven petroleum systems in neighbouring regions

▶ Sedimentary sequences indicating favourable hydrocarbon migration pathways

Current assessment methodologies suggest the basin contains substantial hydrocarbon potential. However, specific volume estimates require careful verification through extensive seismic surveys and exploratory drilling programmes. The comparison to Guyana's Stabroek Block discoveries indicates industry recognition of the basin's commercial viability potential.

## Strategic Location Within Indo-Pacific Energy Corridors

The Andaman Basin's geographic positioning offers multiple advantages for India's broader energy security strategy. Located along major shipping routes connecting the Indian and Pacific Oceans, the region provides strategic access to both domestic and international energy markets.

## Geographic Advantages Include:

- ▶ Direct access to deepwater shipping lanes
  - ▶ Proximity to major Asian energy consumption centres
  - ▶ Reduced transportation costs compared to Middle Eastern imports
  - ▶ Enhanced energy supply diversification opportunities
- This positioning aligns with



India's objective of reducing dependence on traditional energy import sources whilst developing domestic production capabilities. In addition, the basin's location supports broader infrastructure development initiatives across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

## Analysing Recent Exploration Developments and Commercial Indicators

The progression from initial geological assessment to active exploration represents a critical phase in offshore basin development. Current activities within the Andaman basin oil exploration sector indicate advancing confidence in commercial viability, though significant technical challenges remain.

## Technical Progress and Exploration Milestones

Recent exploration activities demonstrate industry commitment to understanding the basin's hydrocarbon potential through systematic geological and geophysical studies. These investigations employ advanced seismic technologies and sophisticated drilling techniques adapted for deepwater

environments.

## Current Technical Achievements:

- ▶ Comprehensive seismic mapping across multiple basin segments
- ▶ Advanced drilling techniques adapted for complex geological conditions
- ▶ Enhanced data collection through modern logging and sampling methods
- ▶ Geological modelling incorporating regional petroleum system analysis

The technical complexity of deepwater operations requires specialised equipment and expertise. Consequently, these operations often necessitate partnerships with international operators possessing proven deepwater development capabilities. These collaborations bring essential technical knowledge whilst sharing the substantial financial risks associated with offshore exploration.

## Investment Framework and Capital Requirements

Offshore hydrocarbon development demands significant upfront investment before any revenue generation occurs. The capital requirements span exploration, development, and production phases, each

carrying distinct risk profiles and return expectations.

Development Phase	Capital Requirements	Timeline	Key Risks
Exploration	High initial outlay	2-4 years	Geological uncertainty
Appraisal	Moderate investment	1-3 years	Resource quantification
Development	Substantial commitment	3-7 years	Technical execution
Production	Ongoing operational costs	15-30 years	Market volatility

The Indian Government's licensing framework aims to attract international investment whilst ensuring domestic capability development. This approach balances foreign expertise requirements with national energy security objectives, particularly considering global exploration licensing impact trends.

## Economic Impact Projections and Development Scenarios

The potential economic contributions from Andaman Basin development extend beyond direct hydrocarbon revenues to encompass broader infrastructure development and regional economic transformation. According to Admiral DK Joshi's economic projections, Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, oil exploration in the region could strengthen India's long-term economic growth and support the nation's ambition of transitioning from a \$4 trillion to a \$20 trillion economy.

## Macroeconomic Growth Pathways and GDP Contribution

Large-scale hydrocarbon development creates multiple

economic multiplier effects through direct employment, supply chain development, and infrastructure investment. The Andaman basin oil exploration could contribute to India's broader economic expansion through several mechanisms:

## Direct Economic Contributions:

- ▶ Hydrocarbon production revenues and export potential
- ▶ Employment generation across technical and operational roles
- ▶ Technology transfer and capability development
- ▶ Supply chain localisation and industrial growth

## Indirect Economic Effects:

- ▶ Infrastructure development spurring regional economic activity
- ▶ Enhanced connectivity supporting tourism and trade
- ▶ Strategic positioning for broader Indo-Pacific economic integration
- ▶ Energy security improvements reducing import dependency

The transformation potential extends beyond energy production to encompass comprehensive regional development initiatives. These

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## Holi celebration by Art & Culture Deptt. 'Phag' & traditional culinary competition at Andaman Club today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar 1 The Directorate of Art & Culture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, will celebrate the festival of colours-Holi with a 'Phag' programme on March 2, 2026 at Andaman Club, Sri Vijaya Puram at 6 pm.

The highlight of this year's event will be a special traditional culinary competition titled "Holi Ke Pakwan", organized in collaboration with PANKH-NGO which aims to showcase and preserve the rich culinary

heritage associated with Holi. Participants are invited to prepare and present authentic traditional sweets, snacks, and festive dishes that are popularly prepared during Holi across different regions and communities.

First three winners of the culinary competition will be suitably rewarded. The general public have been cordially invited to join this joyous celebration at Andaman Club on March 2, 2026 from 5.30 PM onwards.

The evening will feature:

- ◆ Traditional folk and devotional music performances
- ◆ Live Holi songs and cultural presentations
- ◆ Display and tasting of traditional Holi delicacies
- ◆ Festive atmosphere with colours, music, and community bonding

This event promises to bring together the Islands' diverse communities in the true spirit of Holi - spreading joy, harmony, and cultural richness, a press release from Art & Culture Department said.

## 12 days Training Program for Tourist Guide and Eco-tourist guide & Birding to be held from March 9 to 20

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar 1 Tourism Department in association with Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITM), Bhubaneswar will be organising 12 days Training Program for Tour Guide Training Programme for Local Youths; and Eco-Tourist Guide Training & Birding for tourism stakeholders' unemployed youth/candidates in Sri Vijaya Puram from March 9 to 20.

Application form along with terms and condition can be downloaded from URL [id.tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in](http://id.tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in) and

submitted to Planning Section or it can also be submitted through google form via link

1. Tour Guide Training Programme for Local Youth <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1ZoanGigBgKZ6yrqoOP5j1lp2yslZSC77WzFcuZ8HhLRaUg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

2. Eco-Tourist Guide Training & Birding [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrv0zINh2w8MTmLRGBarSvWU\\_eRF9kri1qhyMrUypPp2pyQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrv0zINh2w8MTmLRGBarSvWU_eRF9kri1qhyMrUypPp2pyQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

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## A proud moment for A&N Islands Ms. Amrita Minj wins Gold at 1<sup>st</sup> Beach Sprint National Rowing Championship



Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 1 In a moment of immense pride for the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Ms. Amrita Minj has won the Gold Medal in CW 1X event at the 1<sup>st</sup> Beach Sprint National Rowing Championship held in Goa from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The prestigious championship was

organized by the Rowing and Sculling Association De Goa on behalf of the Rowing Federation of India, featuring top rowing athletes from across the country. Demonstrating determination, skill, and resilience, Ms. Amrita Minj emerged victorious in her event and brought

laurels to the Islands at the national level.

Notably, this Beach Sprint National Rowing Championship was conducted for the first time in the country, marking a historic beginning for this exciting and fast-growing format of rowing in India, a press release from A&N Rowing Association said.

## Training on integrated farming system in Animal Husbandry conducted at Gandhi Nagar

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 1 The Department of AH&VS, in association with UTATMA, successfully conducted a two-day training programme on 'Integrated Farming System in Animal Husbandry' at Gandhi Nagar. The programme focused on promoting sustainable and profitable

integrated farming models, including scientific integration of livestock with crop cultivation, resource recycling, and dual-purpose farming practices to enhance income and productivity for rural farmers. Participants were given practical knowledge on combining animal husbandry with agriculture

for better resource utilisation and year-round income generation.

The training received enthusiastic participation and is expected to encourage more farmers to adopt integrated farming systems for improved livelihoods and nutritional security, a press release from DAH&VS said.

## Demonstration on vaccination & deworming in poultry conducted at Little Andaman



Hutbay, Mar. 1 The Department of AH&VS in collaboration with Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), conducted a practical demonstration on 'Vaccination & Deworming Importance in Poultry' at the field of Smti. Jalpana Mistry in R

K Pur. A total of 15 participants, mostly members of Self-Help Groups, witnessed the live demonstration of vaccination and deworming in poultry birds and were sensitised about its critical role in preventing mortality and maintaining flock health.

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## Tourism Department to conduct Skill Development Training Prog. for Astro Guides at Mayabunder & Little Andaman

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 1 The Tourism Department, A&N Administration, will be conducting a Skill Development Training Programme for Astro Guides at Mayabunder from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 and at Little Andaman from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

The programme aims to build local capacity in Astro-tourism by equipping participants with essential knowledge and practical skills in night sky observation, basic astronomy, telescope handling, interpretation techniques, and responsible astro-tourism practices. The initiative is part of the Department's efforts to diversify tourism offerings and promote sustainable, experience-based tourism across the Islands.

Interested local youth, tourism stakeholders, and nature enthusiasts are

encouraged to participate and take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their skills and explore emerging livelihood avenues in Astro-tourism.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- ▶ Age: Below 40 years
- ▶ Educational Qualification: Minimum 12<sup>th</sup> pass from any recognized Board/University.

Interested candidates may download the form from website [tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in](http://tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in) or through link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBQ\\_1HhnCGhcKLT4bFDO3VWO9\\_bL0Cu0B5HRND7c4qX1Q8M2w/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBQ_1HhnCGhcKLT4bFDO3VWO9_bL0Cu0B5HRND7c4qX1Q8M2w/viewform?usp=publish-editor) and submit the filled in forms to Planning Section, Directorate of Tourism on or before Mar. 2 by 3 pm, a press release from IP&T said.

## Kisan Mela-cum-Exhibition at ICAR-CIARI concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 1 The Kisan Mela-2026 cum Exhibition concluded at ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CIARI), Sri Vijaya Puram, marking the culmination of a vibrant platform that brought together farmers, scientists, entrepreneurs, ADG and stakeholders from across the islands. The event served as an

important interface for disseminating innovative agricultural technologies, promoting climate-resilient farming practices, and strengthening farmer-scientist interactions.

In his valedictory address, Dr. A. Velmurugam, ADG and stakeholders from Delhi, emphasized integrating agriculture

with tourism through value addition, branding, and effective marketing to tourists and mainland markets.

Tribal Chief, Shri Lionald Nicomed from CTC, Car Nicobar, stated that such programmes provide valuable exposure, improve awareness, and help farmers enhance their

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could fundamentally alter the economic profile of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**Infrastructure Development and Regional Transformation**

Admiral DK Joshi highlighted that projects worth Rs. 82,450 crore are planned for Great Nicobar Island. These include a transhipment terminal, power plant, and proposed township. These initiatives would strengthen maritime trade, connectivity, and national security whilst advancing India's geo-strategic and economic interests.

**Major Infrastructure Components:**

- ▶ **Galathea Bay Port Development:** Notified as India's 13<sup>th</sup> major port, featuring an International Container Transhipment Terminal developed under Public-Private Partnership models
- ▶ **Integrated Township Development:** Supporting workforce accommodation and regional service provision
- ▶ **Power Generation Facilities:** Ensuring reliable energy supply for industrial and residential requirements
- ▶ **Transportation Networks:** Connecting production facilities with processing and export infrastructure

These infrastructure investments create foundation conditions for broader economic development. Furthermore, they support the technical requirements of offshore hydrocarbon operations.

**Regulatory Framework Evolution and Market Access**

India's approach to offshore hydrocarbon development has undergone significant regulatory transformation. This evolution moves from restrictive policies toward more open and competitive licensing frameworks. Consequently, it reflects recognition of the substantial technical and financial requirements for successful offshore development.

**Policy Transformation and Access Enhancement**

The most significant regulatory development involves the liberation of previously restricted exploration areas. Admiral DK Joshi noted that 63.5 percent of the 6 lakh square kilometre 'No-Go Zone' has been freed for oil exploration. This represents approximately 381,000 square kilometres of newly accessible exploration territory.

**Regulatory Evolution Timeline:**

- ▶ **Historical Restrictions:** Large offshore areas previously designated as no-exploration zones
- ▶ **Policy Review:** Systematic assessment of restriction rationales and commercial potential
- ▶ **Gradual Liberation:** Phased opening of previously restricted areas for commercial exploration
- ▶ **Enhanced Access:** Current framework enabling comprehensive basin evaluation

This regulatory transformation aligns with broader government initiatives promoting energy security and economic development through domestic resource utilisation.

**Licensing Mechanisms and Operator Selection**

Modern licensing frameworks emphasise competitive bidding, technical capability assessment, and performance-based contract structures. These mechanisms aim to attract qualified operators whilst ensuring optimal resource development for national benefit.

**Key Licensing Framework Elements:**

- ▶ **Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP):** Enabling continuous bidding and block allocation
- ▶ **Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP):** Streamlining approval processes and contract terms
- ▶ **Technical Evaluation Criteria:** Assessing operator capabilities and development plans
- ▶ **Revenue Sharing Models:** Balancing investor returns with government revenues

The framework emphasises transparency, competitive processes, and technical excellence. In addition, it provides sufficient commercial incentives for substantial investment commitments.

**Technical Challenges and Development Timelines**

Offshore hydrocarbon development presents unique technical challenges that can significantly impact project timelines and commercial viability. The Andaman basin oil exploration deepwater environment compounds these challenges whilst requiring specialised technical solutions.

**Operational Complexity in Deepwater Environments**

Deepwater operations demand sophisticated equipment, specialised vessels, and advanced technical expertise. These requirements create both cost pressures and timeline extensions that must be carefully managed throughout project development.

**Major Technical Challenges:**

- ▶ **Water Depth Management:** Requiring specialised drilling and production equipment
- ▶ **Geological Complexity:** Demanding advanced seismic interpretation and drilling techniques
- ▶ **Weather Conditions:** Managing monsoon impacts and sea state limitations
- ▶ **Logistical Coordination:** Supporting remote operations with mainland supply chains

"The technical demands of deepwater development require sustained investment in specialised equipment and workforce development over extended timeframes."

**Development Timeline Considerations**

Offshore projects typically require extensive development periods from initial exploration through commercial production. These timelines reflect the complexity of technical operations, regulatory approvals, and infrastructure development requirements.

**Typical Development Phases:**

1. **Initial Exploration:** 2-4 years for geological assessment and resource confirmation
2. **Appraisal Activities:** 1-3 years for detailed reservoir characterisation
3. **Development Planning:** 2-3 years for engineering design and regulatory approvals
4. **Construction and Installation:** 3-5 years for infrastructure development
5. **Production Ramp-up:** 1-2 years to achieve optimal production rates

These extended timelines require sustained financial commitment and technical focus. Moreover, they involve managing various commercial and operational risks throughout the development process.

**Global Benchmarking and Comparative Analysis**

Understanding the Andaman Basin's potential requires comparison with successful offshore developments worldwide. These benchmarking exercises provide insights into development strategies, technical approaches, and commercial outcomes. However, global market conditions, including OPEC production impact and energy equity challenges, influence development decisions.

**Guyana Model Analysis and Applicability**

The comparison to Guyana's offshore success offers valuable insights into potential development pathways

for the Andaman basin oil exploration. ExxonMobil's Stabroek Block discoveries demonstrate how systematic exploration and advanced technology can unlock significant deepwater resources.

**Guyana Success Factors:**

- ▶ **Systematic Exploration Approach:** Comprehensive geological and geophysical studies
- ▶ **Advanced Technology Deployment:** Cutting-edge drilling and production technologies
- ▶ **Integrated Development Strategy:** Coordinated infrastructure and production planning
- ▶ **Strong Operator Capabilities:** Proven technical expertise and financial resources

The Guyana model emphasises the importance of sustained technical excellence and substantial financial commitment throughout the development process.

**Regional Comparative Framework**

Southeast Asian offshore developments provide additional benchmarking opportunities for Andaman Basin development strategies. Countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand have successfully developed deepwater resources through various technical and commercial approaches.

**Regional Development Patterns:**

- ▶ **Malaysia's Deepwater Success:** Leveraging Petronas capabilities and international partnerships
- ▶ **Indonesia's Basin Development:** Coordinating multiple operators across diverse geological settings
- ▶ **Thailand's Gulf Exploration:** Demonstrating systematic resource development and infrastructure integration

These regional examples highlight various approaches to offshore development. Furthermore, they emphasise the importance of sustained technical and financial commitment.

**Investment Opportunities and Market Dynamics**

The Andaman Basin's development creates diverse investment opportunities across the hydrocarbon value chain. These opportunities span exploration and production activities, supporting services, and infrastructure development.

**Upstream Sector Investment Landscape**

Direct participation in exploration and production activities represents the primary investment opportunity. However, these positions require substantial technical expertise and financial resources.

**Investment Categories Include:**

- ▶ **Primary Operators:** Companies holding exploration and production licences
- ▶ **Joint Venture Partners:** Entities sharing technical and financial risks
- ▶ **Service Providers:** Specialised companies supporting exploration and development activities
- ▶ **Equipment Suppliers:** Manufacturers and suppliers of specialised offshore equipment

**Supporting Infrastructure Investment Opportunities**

The infrastructure requirements for offshore development create substantial investment opportunities in supporting industries and services.

**Infrastructure Investment Areas:**

- ▶ **Port and Terminal Development:** Supporting offshore operations and product handling
- ▶ **Pipeline and Transportation:** Connecting offshore production with onshore processing
- ▶ **Processing Facilities:** Refining and petrochemical operations
- ▶ **Power Generation:** Supporting industrial and regional energy requirements

These supporting investments often provide more predictable returns. For instance, they benefit from the broader development of offshore resources.

**Future Outlook and Strategic Implications**

The Andaman Basin's development represents a significant component of India's broader energy strategy. Consequently, it balances domestic resource development with energy transition objectives. This balance requires careful consideration of long-term energy requirements and environmental commitments.

**Energy Transition Integration**

Hydrocarbon development must align with India's broader energy transition goals whilst providing essential energy security during the transition period.

**Strategic Balance Considerations:**

- ▶ **Domestic Production Benefits:** Reducing import dependence and enhancing energy security
- ▶ **Natural Gas Utilisation:** Supporting cleaner energy applications and industrial processes
- ▶ **Technology Development:** Building technical capabilities for broader energy sector applications
- ▶ **Economic Growth Support:** Contributing to economic development during energy transition

**Regional Development Vision**

Admiral DK Joshi emphasised the archipelago's potential to play a significant role in advancing Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision of self-reliance, innovation, and citizen empowerment. The proposed transformation includes developing the islands into a ship repair and shipbuilding hub within the Indo-Pacific region. Furthermore, this leverages their strategic maritime location.

**Long-term Regional Vision:**

- ▶ **Maritime Industry Hub:** Shipbuilding and repair facilities supporting regional maritime activities
- ▶ **Energy Processing Centre:** Hydrocarbon processing and petrochemical development
- ▶ **Strategic Logistics Platform:** Supporting Indo-Pacific trade and security objectives
- ▶ **Technology Innovation Centre:** Advancing offshore and maritime technology capabilities

The integration of hydrocarbon development with broader regional development objectives creates synergistic opportunities for sustained economic growth and strategic positioning. However, according to recent deepwater exploration insights, the technical challenges require careful management throughout development phases.

This analysis is based on publicly available information and should not be considered investment advice. Offshore hydrocarbon development involves substantial technical and financial risks, and potential investors should conduct thorough due diligence and consult with qualified professionals before making investment decisions.

**Could India's Oil Boom Transform Your Investment Portfolio?**

India's Andaman Basin oil exploration represents the type of transformational resource development opportunity that can create substantial investor returns when identified early. Discovery Alert's proprietary Discovery IQ model delivers real-time notifications of significant ASX mineral and energy discoveries, helping investors capitalise on similar breakthrough announcements before broader market recognition occurs. (Source: <https://discoveryalert.com.au/>)

**Two-day workshop on Science and Technology for a Greener Future concludes**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 1

The two-day workshop on 'Science and Technology for a Greener Future' conducted by Zoological Survey of India, A&N Regional Centre concluded yesterday. The programme included eight expert lectures along with sessions focused on skill development and capacity building. Total of 76 participants attended the workshop, including students and teachers from various schools and colleges, such as JNRM, Government Boys Senior Secondary School, Government Model Senior Secondary School, Kamaraj English Medium School, Sagritha School, TGCE, ANCOL, Andaman Law College, and Pondicherry University, besides trainees of the



Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP). Dr. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Department of Environment and Forests, A & N Islands, in his valedictory address said that such programmes not merely provide answers but also encourage participants to think critically and develop a deeper interest in scientific and environmental issues. Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Scientist-F / Officer-in-Charge, ZSI, A&N Islands said the workshop, conducted over the last two days, featured eight expert lectures delivered by eminent scientists and academicians on diverse themes related to science and technology for a sustainable and greener future, a press release from ZSI said.

**National Conference on 'One Health Synergy' at ICAR-CIARI concludes**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar 1

The National Conference titled 'One Health Synergy: Integrating Human, Animal, Plant and Aquatic Life for a Sustainable Future' concluded on Feb. 27 at the ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute. In his

valedictory speech, Dr. A. K. Nayak, DDG (NRM), ICAR, New Delhi as the chief guest stated that the workshop focused on the critical elements of One Health. Dr. A. Velmurugan, ADG (SWM), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, CCF

(Wildlife); and Dr. Sunita Roy, Joint Director, Department of AH&VS also addressed the gathering. Earlier, Dr. Jai Sunder, Director, ICAR-CIARI, and President, Andaman Science Association welcomed the gathering, a press release from CIARI said.

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productivity and income. Awards were presented to the winners of the Fruits and Vegetables Competition, which was held as a segment of the Kisan Mela. Contestants displayed an extensive range of high-quality produce grown through enhanced agricultural methods. The competition was divided into two categories, namely Fruits and Vegetables, motivating farmers to present their finest products. The winners received recognition and accolades for their contributions to advancing excellence in horticultural production.

In his address, Dr. Jai Sunder, Director, ICAR-CIARI, reported that over 1,000 farmers, students, and stakeholders actively engaged in the event, gaining from the technical discussions and exhibitions, a press release from CIARI said.



**Refresher Training-cum-Exhibition for Trained Nodal Teachers organised**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 1 A 3-days Refresher 'Training-cum-Exhibition' for Trained Nodal Teachers of Govt. & Govt. Aided Schools of South, North & Middle & Nicobar District on HWA under AB-SHPW jointly initiated by the MoHFW and MoE, GoI was organized by the Science wing of the Directorate of Education in collaboration with the Health Department, A & N Administration from Feb. 26 to 28 in the Conference Hall of Shiksha Sadan. Earlier,

Shri Gyan Sheel Dubey, Head of Office, Directorate of Education, SVP as the chief guest & Dr. Shiny Varghese, Deputy Director (Family Welfare), DHS as the guest of honour inaugurated the programme. A total of 55 teachers, including GTTs, PETs, and PGTs, from all Educational Zones participated in the Refresher Training-cum-Exhibition. On the second day, a field visit to GSS Calicut was conducted, during which the teachers displayed their innovative and remarkable TLMs to the students. The valedictory session was held today in which Shri Ram Parvesh, Deputy Director of Education (Sc.), was the chief guest, a press release from DEO Science, Shiksha Sadan said.

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Addressing the gathering, Dr. R K Singh, Retired Joint Director of the Department, shared valuable insights on best practices. At the end of the programme, participants were distributed poultry feed worth Rs. 3,200/- to encourage adoption of scientific management. In another location, two dairy farmers were also supplied fodder stem cuttings to initiate backyard fodder plot development. The vote of thanks was proposed by Smti. Promila Roy, Pashu Sakhi, a press release from Deptt. of AH&VS said.

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editor The eligibility is 12<sup>th</sup> Pass. Seat Matrix: 100 seats (Tour Guide - 50 & Eco-Tourist Guide Training and Birding - 50) and age limit is below 40 years (as on 01/03/2026).

Area	No. of Candidates	Female	Male
Diglipur	5	2	3
Mayabunder	5	2	3
Rangat	5	2	3
Baratang	8	3	5
Sri Vijaya Puram	20	7	13
Ferrargunj	10	3	7
Shaheed Dweep	15	5	10
Swaraj Dweep	15	5	10
Little Andaman	7	2	5
Nicobar	5	2	3
Campbell Bay	5	2	3
Total Candidate	100	35	65

To select the candidates, 50% weightage will be given to merit & 50% weightage to experience in travel trade. No TA/DA or accommodation shall be provided for attending the training. The candidates who have undergone Tourist guide training during 2023-24 & 2024-25 will not be eligible for Tourist Guide Training.

The filled in application form for the tourist guide training is to be submitted to Planning section, Directorate of IP&T on or before 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 by 12 Noon. For queries regarding the training, contact Smti. Nalini K. Nair, Sr. Investigator, Dte. of IP&T, 9434281308 during working hours, a press release from Directorate of IP&T said.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Smti. Shipra Halder, Wife of Shri Sukharanjan Halder, presently residing at Prothrapur Village under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, and formerly residing at Madhupur Village under Diglipur Tehsil, North Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That I am a permanent resident of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
2. That my marriage with Shri Sukharanjan Halder was solemnized on 10.12.1999 in accordance with Hindu rites and customs.
3. That prior to my marriage, my name was Shipra Bagchi.
4. That subsequent to my marriage, I have adopted the surname of my husband and changed my name from Shipra Bagchi to Shipra Halder.
5. That the names Shipra Bagchi and Shipra Halder refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself.
6. That hereafter, I shall be known and identified as Shipra Halder for all official, Legal and Personal Purposes.
7. That this affidavit is made for the purpose of declaration of my change of surname and for updating my name in all concerned records.

Hence, this affidavit is sworn. I declare that the contents of Paragraphs 1 to 7 of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

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**NOTICE**

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\*\*All respected Members of the Sikh Sangat are hereby informed that a General Body Meeting is being Called to discuss and deal with urgent matters relating to the functioning of the Gurudwara Dr. Diwan Singh Committee and Course of action to be taken for welfare of the administration of the Gurudwara Dr. Diwan Singh and all members of the Sikh Sangat.

\*\* All members are requested to attend for effective and meaningful discussions in the interest of the Gurudwara Dr. Diwan Singh. Accordingly, the meeting has been scheduled as per the details below:

Day: SUNDAY  
Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2026  
Time: 4 PM.  
Venue: GURUDWARA SINGH SABHA, MINNIE BAY, SRI VIJAYA PURAM.

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The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Rabindra Nagar, Little Andaman invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors for the below mentioned work:

1. NIT No. EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR(CCA)/2025-26/207 Name of Work: Black Top Road from Sudhanshu Mondal to Nilkamal Roy at Rabindra Nagar Ward No. 05 under Gram Panchayat Rabindra Nagar, Little Andaman. Estimated Cost: Rs. 17,24,449/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 34,489/-, Time of Completion: Eight (08) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 09/03/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocedure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.  
Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22145 1

Executive Engineer  
Panchayati Raj Institution  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram  
South Andaman

I.D. No. 12000

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE (FC), AT PORT BLAIR

### AFFIDAVIT

I, MANWAR LALL, Son of Late Chinappa Gounder, aged about 53 years, Resident of Bimblitan Village, P.O. Garacharma, District of South Andaman, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, PIN-744105, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-

1. That I am the permanent resident of these Islands.
2. That I alongwith my Legally Wedded Wife, namely Smti. Geeta, have Legally Adopted a minor Girl Child, formerly known as R. Rukshar, who was born on 13.11.2016, in accordance with Law.
3. That I am the lawful Adoptive Father of the aforesaid minor Girl Child and I am competent to swear this affidavit on her behalf.
4. That by virtue of a Registered Adoption Deed dated 24.09.2025, was duly registered before the Sub - Registrar, District of South Andaman, Whereby and Where under I became the Lawful adoptive Father of the aforesaid minor Girl Child.
5. That after the registration of adoption deed, the name of my adopted Daughter has been duly corrected, amended and recorded as MANSI MANWAR in the Birth Certificate issued by the Office of Registrar Birth and Death, G.B. Pant Hospital at Sri Vijaya Puram.
6. That hereafter, my adopted Daughter shall be known and recognized as MANSI MANWAR for all purposes, including official, Legal and social and for any other purpose as the case may be.
7. That hereinafter my adopted Daughter name may be corrected, recorded, known, called and read as MANSI MANWAR in all future purpose and intent.
8. That this affidavit is made for the purpose of placing on record the change of name of my adoptive Daughter and to enable the publication of the same in the Official Gazette of India.
9. That I affirm that this change of my adopted Daughter's name is not made for any fraudulent purpose.

I hereby declare that the contents made in Paragraph No. 1 to 8 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed or misrepresented.  
Affirmed and Verified at Sri Vijaya Puram, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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### NOTIFICATION

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

No.48/2026/F.No.1-5/Haj/2023-Rev./ E. Comp No. 16171.- In exercise of powers conferred under Section 21(1) of the Haj Committee Act, 2002 read with Sub-section (i) of Section 2 thereof and in supersession of earlier Notifications made to this effect, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands hereby appoints Shri T. Alvi, S/o Late T. Mohammed Haji, Phoenix Bay, Sri Vijaya Puram as the Chairperson of the State Haj Committee for Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The tenure of the Chairperson shall be co-terminus with the Tenure of the Members of the State Haj Committee appointed vide Notification No.113 of 2025 dated 22.12.2025.

Admiral D.K. Joshi  
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)  
Lieutenant Governor,  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor,  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands  
Sd/-  
Assistant Secretary (Revenue)

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, S. DAMODHARAN, S/o P. SELVAM, resident of Dignabad Village, under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That I am a permanent resident of these Islands and residing in the above mentioned address.
2. That my Daughter's name is recorded in her Birth Certificate Vide Registration No. 276/2014/02, dated 06.05.2014 as JOSHINI, D/o DAMODHARAN & HEMA instead of D. JOSHINI, D/o S. DAMODHARAN & R. HEMA which is recorded in my Daughter's Education records and other documents.
3. That my Daughter's actual and correct name is D. JOSHINI, my actual and correct name is S. DAMODHARAN and my Wife's actual and correct name is R. HEMA.
4. That JOSHINI & D. JOSHINI is the same and one identical person, DAMODHARAN & S. DAMODHARAN is the same and one identical person and HEMA & R. HEMA is the same and one identical person.
5. That the surname "D" is stands for "DAMODHARAN", the surname "S" is stands for "SELVAM" and the surname "R" is stands for "RAMANATHAN".
6. That I am swearing this affidavit to declare that the above name is the same and one identical person and having no any differences which is required for the purpose of obtaining Passport in respect of my Daughter and also for all purposes, hence this affidavit.

The above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram  
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**NOTIFICATION**

No. 49/2026/F. No. DAH&VS/PUB&EXTN/GENL/ACT/2016. - In pursuance to the letter No. 51-144/90-LDT(RP) Vol-V dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, Gol, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfares, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been pleased to constitute a committee for periodic inspection for compliance of the Andaman and Nicobar Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals (Check Post and Quarantine, Manner of Inspection) Rules, 2017 with the following composition :-

Sl. No.	Committee Member	Status
1.	Head, Animal Science Division, ICAR-CIARI, Garacharma, Sri Vijaya Puram.	Chairman
2.	Joint Director (HQ), Directorate of AH&VS.	Convenor
3.	Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Science), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sri Vijaya Puram	Co-opted Member

The Committee shall carry out periodic inspection at least once in a year for ensuring compliance of rules in the Andaman & Nicobar Union Territory and shall submit its inspection report to the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services for onward submission to the Ministry.

By order and in the name of Lieutenant Governor  
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PORT BLAIR**

No. NLA(1)/HCLSC/2026 Date: 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**NOTICE**

This is to inform all concerned that 1<sup>st</sup> National Lok Adalat of 2026 is scheduled to be organized by High Court Legal Services Committee, Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court, Port Blair on **Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.** in the Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court premises, Port Blair to facilitate settlement of cases pending in the High Court, Calcutta including pre-litigation matters likely to be filed before the High Court. Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Port Blair by and amongst the parties thereto through ADR mechanism.

This is to further inform all concerned that applications, submitted jointly by parties and / or their Learned Advocates interested in getting their cases / matters settled before the National Lok Adalat would be received upto **5.00 PM on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2026** at the Office of the HCLSC, Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court Complex, Port Blair.

Such applications can also be mailed to this office at [hcourt.and@nic.in](mailto:hcourt.and@nic.in) by the aforesaid date. The applications received after the aforesaid deadline, would be considered for the next Lok Adalat keeping in view the time taken to requisition the case records from the respective departments, as well as for finalization of the Benches and the respective cause-lists.

**This is for further information that**

- i) No reconstruction of file will be entertained, if case record is not available before the Lok Adalat Bench.
- ii) Cause List of this Lok Adalat will be prepared on the basis of availability of case records only.

Sd/-  
Secretary  
High Court Legal Services Committee

**RE-EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR  
EMPANELMENT OF FIRM FOR INSTALLATION  
OF MICRO IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

Expression of Interest is invited from the manufacturers/dealer, who have experience of planning, designing and installation of micro irrigation systems (drip & sprinkler) in the individual field/plots of farmers. The manufacturers/dealer should have sufficient experience in the design and installation of micro-irrigation systems. Those interested may submit complete profile of the manufacturer/ dealer i.e. past experience of this job and technical manpower etc. The installation of micro irrigation system will be undertaken in the individual farmers plot and Departmental Farms in different parts of A & N Islands.

After evaluation of technical bids those who are short listed shall be empanelled by the department for which registration fee @ Rs. 10,000/- would be charged which is non refundable. The empanelment shall be valid up to a period of three year from the date of empanelment.

Last date & time of submission of EoI document : 11/03/2026 at 1000 hrs.

Date & time of opening of EoI : 12/03/2026 at 300 hrs.

The EoI document can be downloaded from the website [www.eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in).

The Director of Agriculture, A & N Islands reserves the right to accept or reject in full or part of the Expression of Interest /technical bid by assigning the reasons thereof. (Tender ID: 2026\_AGPRO\_22083\_1)

Director of Agriculture

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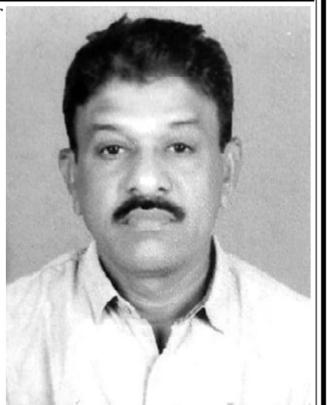
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We honour your 28 years of tireless service and unwavering commitment to this community, spanning from August, 1998 to February, 2026. As you trade your files for freedom of retirement, we wish you immense joy and endless happiness in this well-earned new season of life.

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2. Sealed Bids addressed to **Staff Officer (ESTATES), Headquarters 108 Mountain Brigade, PIN-908108, C/o 99 APO** are invited from interested parties by **1700 hrs, 20 March 2026**. Bids must be deposited in the tender boxes kept at TCP-1, Prothrapur, Chidiyatapu Road & TCP-2, Birchgunj. Bids will be opened on **23 March 2026** and contract will be awarded to the highest bidder meeting all other criteria. Interested parties may inspect the area and trees on any working day between **0900 - 1500hrs upto 18 March 2026**.

3. **Rs 50,000/- (rupees Fifty Thousand only)** cheque payable to **Birchgunj Military Station Welfare fund** shall be enclosed alongwith the bid as Earnest Money, which shall be refunded to the bidders who are not awarded the contract. BMS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

4. Person awarded the contract will be required to deposit **Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)** as security deposit and one month equivalent of contracted value price within ten days of opening the bid, failing which the bids shall be rescinded.

5. For any further information contact Estate Office, Headquarters 108 Mountain Brigade on the following numbers:

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**VACANCY**

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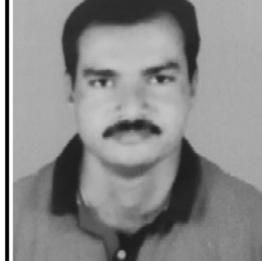


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