

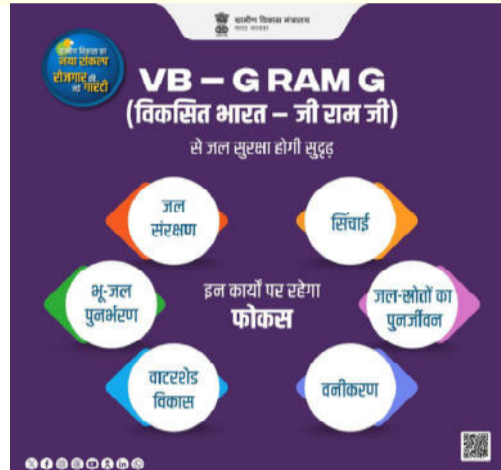


## VB-G RAM G Act comes into force; "A historic day for rural India": Hon'ble Union Minister

### National launch of VB-G RAM G to be held in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh today

#### Revised wage rates under VB-G RAM G notified; No notified daily wage below Rs. 300, national average wage increased by over 10 per cent

New Delhi, July 1 (PIB) Marking a historic milestone in strengthening rural livelihoods and advancing the vision of a developed rural India, the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025 has come into force across the country from today. With the commencement of the Act, eligible rural households will now have a statutory entitlement to 125 days of guaranteed wage employment. The Act seeks to make rural employment more effective, transparent and outcome-oriented while accelerating the creation of durable rural assets, conservation of natural resources, enhancement of agricultural productivity, livelihood promotion and women-led development. With the Act becoming operational, the Government of



India has also notified the revised wage rates under the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 for all States, Union Territories and notified wage areas. As a result, no notified daily wage anywhere in the country will be below Rs. 300. The national average notified wage has increased from Rs. 298.8 per day to Rs. 327.4 per day, reflecting an average enhancement of more than 10 per cent. States such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and

Himachal Pradesh have witnessed wage increases ranging from 15 to 25 per cent. To ensure seamless and effective implementation of the Act from day one, the Government has already released an interim allocation of Rs. 95,692.31 crore to States and Union Territories to facilitate uninterrupted employment generation, timely wage payments and execution of development works. Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers'

Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that today marks a historic and unprecedented day for rural India. He said that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the VB-G RAM G Act is not merely a new law but a transformative initiative that ushers in a new era of dignity, self-respect and livelihood security for millions of rural workers. He said that eligible rural families will now have a statutory right to 125 days of employment instead of 100 days. Shri

Chouhan emphasized that the Government's highest priority is to ensure that no eligible rural worker is deprived of employment even for a single day. He added that the Centre and the States have completed all necessary administrative, financial and technical preparations for the smooth rollout of the Act. Expressing confidence in the initiative, he said it would create new livelihood opportunities in villages, accelerate the creation of durable

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## Applications Open for Bharat Life Sciences Award 2026 Six awards to recognise research, innovation, startups, and scientific leadership

New Delhi, July 1 (PIB) Applications have been invited for the Bharat Life Sciences Award (BLSA) 2026 to recognise excellence in scientific research, innovation, and public health impact across India's life sciences ecosystem. Backed by Rs 7 crore in grant support, the Award is instituted to recognise outstanding scientists, research institutions, universities, startups, and ecosystem leaders advancing healthcare and life sciences. This initiative is organised by FICCI with Lilly and supported by the Office

of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) & Invest India. The Award comprises six honours across five categories, covering individual excellence, collaborative innovation, institutional excellence, healthcare and life sciences startups and scientific ecosystem development. While four categories carry grant support, two

categories recognise outstanding contributions to innovation and ecosystem building. Applications will be evaluated by an independent jury through a transparent assessment process. Applications are open from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and no application fee is required. Researchers, scientists, public research institutions, universities, private sector innovators can participate. For eligibility details and online applications, visit [www.bharatlifesciencesawards.com](http://www.bharatlifesciencesawards.com).

## Govt. to provide financial support for opening Pashu Aushadhi Vikray Kendras

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1 The Government of India has launched a new initiative under the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme to improve animal healthcare by opening Pashu Aushadhi Vikray Kendras - dedicated stores that will sell quality generic veterinary medicines at affordable prices to livestock owners, especially in rural and remote areas. These Kendras can be set up by registered Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PM-KSKs) and Cooperative Societies. To qualify, the applicant must have at

least 120 square feet of space, employ a registered pharmacist (B. Pharma or D. Pharma), and possess a valid drug sale license from the State Drug Control Authority. Only one Kendra will be permitted per revenue block, with priority given to areas having large livestock populations. The Government is offering attractive financial support to encourage participation. Store operators will receive a 20% margin on the selling price of medicines (excluding tax). A one-time incentive of Rs.1.5 lakh

is available for Kendras opened in aspirational districts, hilly areas, islands, and northeastern states. Additionally, a monthly incentive of up to Rs. 20,000 will be provided based on stock maintenance and sales performance. Only medicines supplied by the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) can be sold at these centres. Billing must be done through the official Point-of-Sale (PoS) system. Ethno-veterinary products and certified animal feeds can also be sold.

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## Hon'ble MP urges for implementation of GoI's decision for extending agriculture-equivalent benefits to fisheries sector in A&N Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1 Hon'ble Member of Parliament from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, has written to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah seeking their immediate intervention for

implementation of the Government of India's decision dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 to extend agriculture-equivalent facilities and subsidies to the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the Islands. In his letter, the Hon'ble MP pointed out that the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

had requested all States and Union Territories to examine the feasibility of extending to the fisheries and aquaculture sector the same benefits available to the agriculture sector, including subsidized electricity tariff, water supply connections, diesel subsidy and other welfare measures. The Hon'ble

MP has requested the Administration to obtain necessary approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs and other concerned Ministries, wherever required for the benefit of fishermen, fish farmers, fisheries cooperatives and other stakeholders, a press release from MP Office said.

## Launch of Framework for Fertilizer Sale through mobile application by Department of Agriculture

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1 The Department of Agriculture is introducing the Framework for Fertilizer Sale (FFS), a digital platform to ensure transparent, efficient and farmer-friendly distribution of subsidized fertilizers through a mobile application integrated with the Point of Sale (PoS) system and Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS). The FFS enables farmers to apply in advance for fertilizers, reserve stock, generate QR/Token-based

allotments and maintain digital records, ensuring timely and transparent distribution. To promote awareness and adoption of the new system, the Department is organizing Awareness-cum-Training Programmes across the Islands for progressive farmers, Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), Farmers' Interest Groups (FIGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Friends,

and other interested farmers. Farmers can submit applications through the FFS Mobile Application (available on the Google Play Store), the web portal, or through assisted facilities at Departmental Sub-depots, Common Service Centres (CSCs), PACS/Cooperative Societies, authorized fertilizer retailers, and extension workers. Aadhaar-based biometric e-KYC or OTP authentication is mandatory. Based on the selected crop and cultivated area, the system recommends the

fertilizer requirement and farmers can apply for the recommended or a lower quantity, subject to prescribed norms. In the initial phase, the system will facilitate the distribution of Urea, Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Murate of Potash (MOP), ensuring greater transparency, better inventory management, and improved service delivery to the farming community across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. For further information and technical guidance,

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## HVADA implementing 'Protected cultivation' Scheme under NHM to promote high-value horticulture in the Islands Farmers urged to avail benefit under the scheme

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1 The High Value Agriculture Development Agency (HVADA) is implementing the "Protected Cultivation" under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) of the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) during 2026-27 to promote climate-resilient and high-value horticulture in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Protected cultivation technologies such as Naturally Ventilated Poly houses, Shade net houses and weed mats help farmers overcome adverse weather conditions, improve

water-use efficiency and increase productivity. These structures are particularly beneficial for cultivating off-season vegetables, raising quality nurseries, and growing high-value flower crops. Under the project, financial assistance will be provided to eligible farmers for establishing protected cultivation structures. Assistance will be available for Naturally ventilated poly houses, bamboo/cable purlin poly

houses, shade net houses, and weed mats. As per MIDH guidelines, eligible farmers can avail 50% subsidy assistance for establishing protected cultivation structures as per MIDH norms.

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## Class XII Supplementary / Improvement exam: last date for online submission of forms on CBSE portal is July 8

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1 CBSE issued the notification for online submission of list of candidates by respective schools for Class XII 2026 Supplementary / Improvement examination in respect of all regular students and online submission

of forms on the CBSE portal personally by private candidates within schedule i.e. from 30.06.2026 to 08.07.2026 (without late fees). All regular students of Class XII who are placed as compartment / needs to apply for improvement have

been directed to contact their respective schools for further necessary action by school authority. In addition, all private candidates have also been instructed to apply online on the CBSE portal personally for their Supplementary /

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## Van Mahotsav celebration begins in Isles with ceremonial plantation at Biological Park, Chidiyatapu

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1 The Biological Park, Chidiyatapu, Department of Environment & Forests kick-started the Van Mahotsav 2026 celebrations with a ceremonial plantation drive, marking the beginning of the week-long nationwide festival dedicated to tree planting, environmental conservation, and public participation in protecting the Islands' rich biodiversity. Inaugurating the



plantation drive as the chief guest, Shri Ravi Horo, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)-cum-Chief Wildlife Warden, A&N Islands, said that Van Mahotsav is not merely a tree-planting programme but a nationwide movement that inspires collective responsibility towards protecting forests and preserving ecological balance. Highlighting the nationwide campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' he urged every citizen, especially the younger generation, to actively participate in

forest conservation and adopt environmentally sustainable practices. Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Shri Joju P. Alappatt, IFS, Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) also attended the programme, along with departmental officers, staff, frontline personnel, and workers of the Biological Park. A major highlight of the celebration was the enthusiastic participation

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Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules of Foreshore/Inter Island Sector vessels will be issued to the general public from 03.07.2026 (FRIDAY) at 0900 Hrs onwards.

Tickets can be booked through the DSS e-Ticketing Portal at <https://dss.andamannicobar.gov.in/eticketing>, which is available 24x7 on all days. For user convenience, a QR code linking directly to the portal has also been provided.

Tickets can also be booked from the STARS Ticketing Counter on all working days from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



**SRI VIJAYA PURAM – MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR**  
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f 06.07.2026 onwards will be issued from 03.07.2026.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Rani Lakshmi	03.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	04.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Bharat Seema	04.07.2026 2000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	05.07.2026 1400 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Rangat	06.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	07.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
4.	MV Rani Changa	08.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	09.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
5.	MV Hut Bay	10.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	11.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
6.	MV Bharat Seema	11.07.2026 2000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	12.07.2026 1400 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder

**SRI VIJAYA PURAM – LITTLE ANDAMAN**  
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f 07.07.2026 onwards will be issued from 03.07.2026.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV North Passage	02.07.2026 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	02.07.2026 1300 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	MV Sentinel	03.07.2026 2000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	04.07.2026 0800 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Sentinel	05.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	05.07.2026 2000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Bharat Seema	07.07.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	07.07.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	MV Rani Lakshmi	08.07.2026 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	08.07.2026 1300 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	MV North Passage	09.07.2026 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	09.07.2026 1300 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
7.	MV Kalighat	10.07.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	11.07.2026 0800 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
8.	MV Kalighat	12.07.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	12.07.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram

**SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAR NICOBAR via LITTLE ANDAMAN**

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Kalighat	03.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	04.07.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman
2.	MV Kalighat	07.07.2026 1500 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	08.07.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman

**SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAMPBELL BAY via ALL PORTS**  
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules on 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2026 will be issued from 03.07.2026.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Sentinel	09.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, Nancowry, Makachua & Afra Bay	12.07.2026 2100 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Afra Bay, Makachua, Nancowry, Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman.
2.	MV Kalighat	23.07.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, & Nancowry.	26.07.2026 1200 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry, Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman

**SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAMPBELL BAY – NANCOWRY – KATCHAL**  
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f 07.07.2026 onwards will be issued from 03.07.2026.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	Nalanda	07.07.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	09.07.2026 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
2.	Nalanda	14.07.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	16.07.2026 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
3.	Nalanda	21.07.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	23.07.2026 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
4.	Nalanda	28.07.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	30.07.2026 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry

Note: Embarkation of passengers will commence 02 Hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the vessel and boarding will be closed 30 Minutes before departure time. Passengers arriving late will not be allowed to board the vessel. The vessel will sail only after completion of survey procedure which will commence on completion of embarkation of passengers for issuance of 'B' Certificate as per MS Act. Further, with regard to cargo all the consignors are hereby advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

**FORESHORE SECTOR**  
02.07.2026 (THURSDAY)

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Hut Bay	02.07.2026 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	02.07.2026 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Kamorta	02.07.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	02.07.2026 0830 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Rangat	02.07.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	02.07.2026 0845 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Rani Lakshmi	02.07.2026 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	02.07.2026 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
					02.07.2026 1430 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	MV Strait Island	02.07.2026 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	02.07.2026 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
					02.07.2026 1530 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	MV Kamorta	02.07.2026 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	02.07.2026 1630 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
7.	MV Rangat	02.07.2026 1700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	03.07.2026 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

03.07.2026 (FRIDAY)

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Jolly Buoy	03.07.2026 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	03.07.2026 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Kamorta	03.07.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	03.07.2026 0830 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV North Passage	03.07.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	03.07.2026 0845 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Strait Island	03.07.2026 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	03.07.2026 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
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5.	MV Rangat	03.07.2026 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	03.07.2026 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
					03.07.2026 1530 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	MV Baratang	03.07.2026 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	03.07.2026 1630 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
7.	MV Hut Bay	03.07.2026 1700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	04.07.2026 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

**Nominations invited for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2026**

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1  
The Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, A&N Administration has informed that the Department of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India has invited nominations/applications for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2026.

The awards are conferred annually by the Government of India to recognize outstanding achievements and contributions towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities. Applications/Nominations are to be submitted online through the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal ([www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in)). The online nomination process commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 and will remain open till 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.

Eligible individuals, institutions, organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to submit their nominations/applications within the stipulated time. Detailed guidelines and eligibility criteria are available on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal and the website of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Deptt. of AH&VS said.

**Dial Women Helpline Number-181 & Child Helpline Number-1098 for any assistance**

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1  
The Govt. of India helpline numbers for Women Helpline-181 and Child Helpline-1098 are dedicated support service established to provide immediate assistance, protection and guidance to women and children facing any forms of distress, violence or exploitation. The main objective of these helplines is to ensure their safety, well-being and protection of their rights.

where the dedicated helplines (Women Helpline number-181 and Child Helpline number-1098) operates 24x7x365 days. The Women Helpline number-181 and Child Helpline number-1098 handles calls from women and children in danger, including those experiencing violence or in need of urgent help. The Helplines connect individuals with relevant services such as the Police, One Stop Center, Hospitals, District Legal Services Authority and other support services. Additionally, provides counselling, information

Government schemes and programs related to women and child welfare /protection. Any women or child can dial these Helpline numbers (Women Helpline-181 & Child Helpline-1098) at any time to access the services during times of distress. Women and children can also directly approach the WCD Control Room, VIP Road, for redressal of grievances and amicable settlement of family-related and other issues, ensuring women's safety and security in urban, rural and tribal areas, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

The Women and Child Development Control Room is functioning under the Directorate of Social Welfare at VIP Road,

**Rangat Monsoon Marathon to be held on July 4**

Rangat, July 1  
The "Rangat Monsoon Marathon - 2026" is scheduled to be held on 04.07.2026 as per the timings detailed below. The event is open for participation by school students, sportspersons and general public who are willing to participate. The route are as under:

Sl. No.	Event	Category	Starting Point	Finishing Point
1.	10 Km Run (Men)	Men(Open-To-All)	Nimbutala Chowk	Nimbutala Chowk
Route For Men: Nimbutala Chowk-Kalimandir-Amkunj-Chitrakut-Near Moricedera via same route (Finishing point)				
2.	5 Km Run(Women)	Women(Open-To-All)	Nimbutala Chowk	Nimbutala Chowk
Route For Women: Nimbutala Chowk-Kalimandir-Amkunj- Near Chitrakut via same route (Finishing point)				

Further, all participants have been requested to wear white T-shirt along with half pant/trouser during the marathon. (color not compulsory)  
The winners shall be awarded prizes as notified earlier, as detailed below:  
➤ 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Rs. 10,000/- + Medal  
➤ 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Rs. 7,000/- + Medal  
➤ 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Rs. 5,000/- + Medal  
Participants have been requested to report at Nimbutala Chowk before 5.20 AM positively. The race will commence at 5.30 AM, a press release from AC, Rangat said.

**Van Mahotsav celebration begins.....**

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students and teachers from Government Primary School, Chidiyatapu. The chief guest, dignitaries, school children, officers, and staff planted native tree saplings within the park premises, symbolising their collective commitment to enhancing green cover and conserving the unique biodiversity of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.



As part of the programme, the students were taken on an educational tour of the Biological Park, where they learned about native flora, wildlife conservation, and the Park's role in biodiversity conservation and environmental education, a press release from Biological Park, Chidiyatapu said.

**HVADA implementing 'Protected cultivation'.....**

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Pattern of Assistance			
S.No.	Component	Target (ha)	Subsidy admissible
1	Naturally Ventilated Poly House (Tubular Structure)	0.50	50% subsidy limited to Rs.690 per sqmt; Upto 2500 sqmt per beneficiary or on pro-rata basis for small areas
2	Naturally Ventilated Poly House (Bamboo/Cable Purlin Structure)	0.40	50% subsidy limited to Rs. 517.50 per sq. m. Upto 2500 sqmt per beneficiary or on pro-rata basis for small areas
3	Shade Net House (Bamboo/Cable Purlin Structure)	0.40	50% subsidy limited to Rs. 517.50 per sq. m. Upto 2500 sqmt per beneficiary or on pro-rata basis for small areas
4	Weed Mat	2.18	50% subsidy, up to Rs. 57.50 per sq. m. Upto 4000 sqmt per beneficiary or on pro-rata basis for small areas

The Department has urged all the farmers of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to avail the benefit of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme -MIDH by approaching the Zonal Officers of the department and extension staff posted in their respective jurisdiction for the detailed information, submission of applications and guidance on availing subsidy benefits under the scheme, a press release from Agriculture said.

**VB-G RAM G Act comes into force; .....**

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assets, strengthen women's empowerment and give fresh momentum to the vision of an Atmanirbhar and Viksit Rural India. He also called upon all citizens to become partners in building prosperous, empowered and self-reliant villages. To mark the national rollout of the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, a National Launch Programme will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2026 at Mukkavaripalle Village, Obulavaripalle Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh. The programme will be attended by Hon'ble Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Konidela Pawan Kalyan, along with other dignitaries.

The National Launch Programme will feature the formal launch of VB-G RAM G, distribution of Rural Employment Guarantee Cards to beneficiaries, launch of the VB-G RAM G software platform, release of key publications, interaction with beneficiaries, and the inauguration of several initiatives aimed at ensuring the effective implementation of the Act.

**Last date for submission of online applications for various UG courses in MGGC extended**

Mayabunder, July 1  
Hence, the aspirants may avail the facility through the Common College Admission Portal (CCAP) [url:ncsbihl.sri.vijaya.puram.andamannicobar.gov.in](http://url:ncsbihl.sri.vijaya.puram.andamannicobar.gov.in) up to July 7. This is the last chance and there will be no further extension, a press release from MGGC said.

**MV Campbell Bay to sail for Vizag on July 3**

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1  
Embarkation of passengers will commence from 1300 hrs to 1500 hrs on 03.07.2026. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel, a press release from DSS said.

**IGNOU extends date for re-registration for July 2026 session**

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 1  
complete the process. The whole process for re-registration is online including payment. Re-registration is required for smooth and timely completion of the course. It should also be noted that fresh admission is also going on and the last date is 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2026. For queries, one may contact IGNOU Regional Centre. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111, Email: [rcportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:rcportblair@ignou.ac.in), then learner should reset the password and IGNOU said.

**Govt. to provide financial support for .....**

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Interested parties can apply online through the official portal <https://pashuaushadhi.dahd.gov.in/>. The detailed guidelines are available at: <https://dahd.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-10/ApprovedOGforPashuAushadhiComponentofLHDCP.pdf>. This scheme is expected to significantly reduce treatment costs for farmers, improve animal health, generate employment, and promote entrepreneurship through cooperatives and rural retail outlets. The Department encourages PM-KSK operators and cooperatives to take advantage of this opportunity and contribute to better animal healthcare in their communities, a press release from Deptt. of AH&VS said.

**Class XII Supplementary / Improvement .....**

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Improvement Exam-2026 for Class XII within schedule i.e. from 30.06.2026 to 08.07.2026 (without late fee). They can apply directly <https://cbse.gov.in>. The Supplementary Examination-2026 of Class XII will be held on July 28, 2026, a press release from Directorate of Education said.

**Launch of Framework for Fertilizer.....**

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farmers may contact the nearest Agriculture Sub-Depot/ Zonal Agriculture Office or contact at Kisan Call Centre -03192 243434, a press release from Department of Agriculture said.



ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT NOTIFICATION	
Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026. No. 227/2026/F. No. M/101/2022-Home-Section-Sect.— In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (3) of Section 1 of the 'Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fire and Emergency Service Regulation, 2026', the Lieutenant Governor/Administrator, Andaman and Nicobar Islands is pleased to appoint the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of July, 2026 to be the date from which the said Regulation shall come into force. The following Regulation, published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part II, and Section 1 is hereby re-published for information of General public. <b>Admiral D. K. Joshi,</b> PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) Lieutenant Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. By Order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor,  Sd./ Secretary (Home) A & N Administration	
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (Legislative Department) New Delhi, the 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026 / Jyaishtha 4, 1948 (Saka)	
THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE REGULATION, 2026 No. 5 of 2026	
Promulgated by the President in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India.	
A Regulation to provide for the maintenance of a Fire and Emergency Service and to make more effective provisions for the fire prevention and fire safety measures in various types of buildings and premises in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.	
In exercise of the powers conferred by article 240 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Regulation made by her :—	
CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY	
Short title, extent and commencement.	1. (1) This Regulation may be called the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fire and Emergency Service Regulation, 2026. (2) It extends to the whole of the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. (3) It shall come into force on such date as the Administrator may, by notification, in the Official Gazette, appoint.
	2. In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires— (a) "Additional Director" means the Additional Director of Fire and Emergency Service referred to in clause (ii) of Section 6; (b) "Appellate Authority" means the Appellate Authority referred to in Sub-section (1) of Section 31;
Reg. 5 of 1994. Reg. 1 of 1994. Reg. 7 of 1994.	(c) "Building" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994 or the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 or the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Town and Country Planning Regulation, 1994 or any other law for the time being in force in the Union territory in the area in which this Regulation is in force and includes places or premises comprising land or building, or part of a land or building, whether authorised or otherwise, outhouses, if any, pertaining to such building or part thereof and petrol, diesel or gas lines, installations or pumps connection therewith;
Reg. 5 of 1994. Reg. 1 of 1994.	(d) "Building bye-laws" means the bye-laws made under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994 or the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 or Town and Country Planning Rules and Regulations or any other bye-law for the time being in force in the area in which this regulation is in force; (e) "bye-law" means fire safety norms or guidelines made by the Government under this Regulation; (f) "Deputy Director" means the Deputy Director of Fire and Emergency Service referred to in clause (iv) of Section 6; (g) "Director" means the Director of the Fire and Emergency Service referred to in clause (i) of Section 6;
	(h) "disaster" means disaster as defined in clause (d) of Section 2 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005;
	(i) "emergency" means any serious situation or occurrence, including disasters, that happens unexpectedly and demands immediate action or response of the emergency service;
	(j) "employee" means a person appointed to the Fire and Emergency Service under this Regulation;
	(k) "erector" means a person or an association of persons, whether corporate or otherwise, who erects or makes a pandal or any structure for occupation of people on a regular or temporary basis;
	(l) "Fire and Emergency Service" means the Andaman and Nicobar Fire and Emergency Service;
	(m) "Fire Officer" means a person appointed as Fire Officer under Section 9;
	(n) "fire prevention and life safety measures" means such measures as are necessary for the containment, control and extinguishing of fire and for ensuring the safety of life and property as may be prescribed;
	(o) "fire property" means land and building used as fire stations, firefighting appliances, equipment, tools implements and things whatsoever used for firefighting and other means of transport used in connection with the firefighting, uniforms and badges of rank;
	(p) "Fire Safety Officer" means the person appointed as the Fire Safety Officer by the owners and occupiers of certain premises and buildings under Section 28;
	(q) "Fire Station" means a building erected to house the fire fighting equipment, appliances and staff declared generally or specially by the Government to be a fire station for the purpose of this Regulation;
	(r) "Government" means the Union Territory Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands headed by the Administrator;
	(s) "Joint Director" means the Joint Director of Fire and Emergency Service referred to in clause (iii) of Section 6;
	(t) "Local authority" means the authorities constituted under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994 or the Panchayati Raj Institutions created under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 or a body or authority created under any other law, which may be notified in this behalf by the Central Government or the Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as the case may be;
	(u) "Nominated Authority" means— (i) Fire Officer not below the rank of a station officer nominated by the Deputy Director by an order; or (ii) any other Municipal Officer, not below the rank of a station officer of fire service, nominated by the Government, as a Nominated Authority for the purposes of this Regulation;
	(v) "notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette and the expression "notified" shall be construed accordingly;
	(w) "occupancy" means the principal occupancy for which a building or a part of a building is used or intended to be used including subsidiary occupancies which are contingent upon it;
	(x) "occupier" means— (i) any person who, for the time being, is paying or is liable to pay, to the owner the rent or any portion of the rent of the land or building in respect of which such rent is paid or is payable; (ii) an owner in occupation of, or otherwise using his land or building; (iii) a rent-free tenant of any land or building; (iv) a licensee in occupation of any land or building; and (v) any person who is liable to pay to the owner, damages for the use and occupation of any land or building.
	(y) "Official Gazette" means the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Gazette;
	(z) "owner" means a person who, for the time being, is entitled to receive the rent of any land or building, whether on his own account or on account of himself and others and includes an agent, trustee, guardian or receiver or any other person, or who should so receive the rent or be entitled to receive it if the land or building or part thereof were let to a tenant;
	(za) "pandal" means a temporary structure with roof or walls made of straw, hay, ulu grass, gopatta, hogla, dama, mat, canvas, cloth or other like material which is not adopted for permanent or continuous occupancy;
	(zb) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made by the Government under this Regulation and the expression "prescribe" shall be construed accordingly;
	(zc) "Qualified Agency" means a person or an association of persons having technical specialisation in the field of Fire or Civil or Mechanical Engineering or Technology or Industrial Safety or Disaster Management or Chemical Science from a recognised university and has sufficient domain knowledge and accomplishments in the field of fire services;
	(zd) "Second Appellate Authority" means the Director of the Fire and Emergency Service;
	(ze) "specified" means as specified by an order under this Regulation and the expression "specify" shall be construed accordingly;
	(zf) "Standing Fire Advisory Council" means the advisory body constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Central Government to examine the technical problems relating to the Fire and Emergency Service;
	(zg) "Union territory" means the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
CHAPTER II THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE	
Function of Fire and Emergency Service.	3. (1) On and from the date of commencement of this Regulation, the existing Andaman and Nicobar Fire Service shall be called as the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fire and Emergency Service. (2) All officers and subordinate ranks of the Fire and Emergency Service shall be liable for posting to any fire station or field formations in the Union territory. (3) In case where the emergency service is not related only to fire, the decisions and directions of the authority in-charge of the emergency service shall prevail.

	4. On and from the date of commencement of this Regulation, the superintendence of, and control over, the Fire and Emergency Service shall vest in the Government and the Fire and Emergency Service shall be administered by the Government in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation and the rules made thereunder.	Superintendence of Fire and Emergency Service to vest in Government.
	5. (1) The Fire and Emergency Service shall consist of the following, namely :— (a) Director General of Police, ex-officio-Director; (b) Additional Director General of Police or Inspector General of Police or Deputy Inspector General of Police, ex-officio- Additional Director; (c) Senior Superintendent of Police, ex-officio-Joint Director; (d) Deputy Director; (e) Chief Fire Officer; (f) Assistant Divisional Officer; (g) Station Officer; (h) Sub-Officer; (i) Leading Fireman; (j) Fireman.	Composition and classification of Fire and Emergency Service.
	(2) The existing workshop, Control Room and other field formations shall function as per the rules made under this Regulation in accordance with the instructions issued by the Standing Fire Advisory Council. (3) The number of employees, method of their appointment, grade of post, qualification, pay, allowances and other conditions of their service and the matters connected therewith shall be such as may be prescribed. (4) The uniform and badges of employees shall be such as may be prescribed and they shall be in conformity with instruction issued by the Standing Fire Advisory Council. (5) The employees of the Fire and Emergency Service shall be governed by the Central Civil Service Rules as are applicable to the other employees of the Government in relation to the terms and conditions of their service and all other allied matters. (6) Save as otherwise provided by or under this Regulation, every person holding office either as a Fire Officer or staff or an employee (by whatever designation called) of existing fire service on the date immediately before the commencement of this Regulation, shall continue to hold office on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to him immediately before such date and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as before and in addition to those as are conferred on them by or under this Regulation.	
	6. On and from the date of commencement of this Regulation, — (i) the Director General of Police, Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall be the Director of Fire and Emergency Service, who shall exercise such powers and perform such duties and other functions as are specified by or under this Regulation; (ii) the Additional Director General of Police or Inspector General of Police or Deputy Inspector General of Police, Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall be the Additional Director of Fire and Emergency Service; (iii) the Senior Superintendent of Police, Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall be the Joint Director of Fire and Emergency Service; (iv) the Deputy Director of Fire and Emergency Service shall be appointed as per notified Recruitment Rules made in this behalf and shall function as Head of Office.	Director, Additional Director, Joint Director and Deputy Director of Fire and Emergency Service.
Power, duties and functions of Director, Additional Director, Joint Director and Deputy Director	7. (1) Subject to the control, directions and superintendence of the Government, the Director shall direct and regulate all matters of fire safety and prevention, firefighting equipment, machinery and appliances, training, observation of persons, events of mutual relations, distribution of duties, study of laws, orders and modes of proceedings and all matters of executive detail or the fulfilment of duties and maintenance of discipline of fire officers and employees of the Fire and Emergency Service under him, as per the relevant Government rules. (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Regulation, the Director shall— (i) function as the Head of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services; (ii) keep liaison with the Government for the development of the Fire and Emergency Service; (iii) frame the policies in relation to the development of the Fire and Emergency Service and, on approval by the Government, take steps to implement the same; (iv) prepare and submit plans and proposals to the Government with regard to the periodical review of fire equipment, fire property and fire manpower for effective implementation of the Fire and Emergency Service; (v) take or cause to be taken such effective steps and measures in cases of major fires, house collapse and other emergency services; (vi) investigate or cause to be investigated the reason of fire and advise the concerned authorities for implementing fire precautionary measures; (vii) enter into agreement, in consultation with the Government with any person or agency who employs and maintains personnel or equipment or both for firefighting purposes, for the purpose of dealing with fires occurring in any area; (viii) implement the effective Human Resource Development policies of the Government in accordance with the prescribed tasks at each level of fire service personnel and for that purpose, he may establish advance training centres; (ix) represent the Government on National and International forums with a view to updating the standards of Fire and Emergency Service in the Union territory; and (x) perform any other function or duty as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Regulation. (3) The Additional Director, the Joint Director and the Deputy Director shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are conferred and imposed upon them, by this Regulation or by the rules made thereunder, subject to the control, directions and superintendence of the Director.	
Setting up of Fire Station.	8. (1) For the purpose of providing adequate number of officers and staff for meeting the needs of Fire and Emergency Service, the Government may, for the purpose of securing fire prevention and life safety measures within the Union territory, by notification, set up as many Fire Stations and other field formations as it deems fit in conformity with the recommendations of Standing Fire Advisory Council and Urban and Regional Development Plans Formulation and Implementation Guidelines. (2) Every notification issued under Sub-section (1) shall define the limits of each Fire Station and other field formations as may be necessary for administrative and operational efficiency.	
	9. (1) For the purposes of this Regulation, the Director may appoint Fire Officer not below the rank of Leading Fireman, who shall be officer-in-charge of a Fire Station or other field formations as per the size of the Fire and Emergency Service as prescribed by the Government. (2) The Director may appoint such number of staff to assist the Fire Officer as may be prescribed. (3) The qualifications for appointment and other conditions of service of the officers designated under this Regulation shall be such as may be prescribed.	Appointment of Fire Officer.
	10. (1) Subject to the control, direction and superintendence of the Director, the Fire Officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are conferred and imposed upon him by this Regulation or rules or orders made thereunder. (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (1), the concerned Fire Officer shall be— (a) responsible for maintenance of communication system, water resources including hydrants within his station areas, and shall be in-charge of operations of the Fire and Emergency Service within his area; and (b) the Commanding Officer in the case of fighting a fire and preventing the fire spread, and the emergency service engaged, shall work under his command.	Powers, duties and functions of Fire Officers.
	11. (1) Every employee, appointed to the Fire and Emergency Service shall receive a certificate under the seal and signature of the Director and thereupon such person shall have the powers, functions and privileges of an employee of the Fire and Emergency Service under this Regulation. (2) The certificate received under sub-section (1) shall cease to have effect when the person named therein ceased for any reason to be an employee of the Fire and Emergency Service and on his ceasing to be such employee, he shall forthwith surrender the certificate to any fire officer empowered by the Director to receive the same. (3) A certificate referred to in sub-section (1) shall become null and void or remain inoperative during the period such person is suspended from the Fire and Emergency Service.	Issue of certificate to employees of Fire and Emergency Service.
	12. Whenever, it appears to the Government that it is necessary or expedient to augment the Fire and Emergency Service, it may raise an auxiliary service by enrolment of volunteers for such area on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.	Auxiliary Fire and Emergency Service.
	13. The powers, functions and privileges vested in a Fire Officer shall remain suspended while such Fire Officer is under suspension from office :— Provided that notwithstanding such suspension, such person shall continue to be subject to the control of same authorities to which he would have been if he had not been under suspension	Effect of suspension of Fire Officer.
CHAPTER III FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE		
	14. The Fire Officer shall ensure the timely turnouts of fire units to respond to fire and emergency related calls in accordance with such Standard Operating Procedures as may be determined by the Government.	Response to calls.
	15. The Fire Officer shall ensure deployment of the Fire and Emergency Service resources, equipment and fire personnel at stand-by duties during any fire response or any other emergency as may be prescribed.	Personnel and scale of equipment

Operation management	16. The Fire Officer shall ensure planning, organising and staff deployment of the staff and ensure regular monitoring of the fire or emergency site.	
Powers of employees of Fire and Emergency Service on occasion of fire or rescue	17. (1) On the occasion of fire or rescue operation, in any area in which this Regulation is in force, the employee may— (i) order any other member of the Fire and Emergency Service to remove any person who by his presence interferes with or impedes the operation for extinguishing the fire or for saving life or property; (ii) close any street or passage in or near which a fire is being fought or rescue operation is in progress; (iii) require the Authority in-charge of water supply in the area to regulate the water mains so as to provide water at a specified pressure at the place where fire has broken out and utilise the water of any stream, cistern, well or tank or of any available source of water, public or private, for the purpose of extinguishing or limiting the spread of such fire and carrying out rescue operations; (iv) exercise the same powers for dispersing an assembly of persons likely to obstruct the firefighting operations, as if he is an officer of a Police Station and shall be entitled to the same immunities and protection as an officer of a Police Station; (v) detain a person who wilfully obstructs and hinders Fire and Emergency Service personnel in firefighting and rescue operations and handover him over to a police officer or at the nearest Police Station without delay along with a brief note giving the time, date and reason of detention; and (vi) take such other measures as may appear to him to be necessary for extinguishing the fire or for the protection of life or property, or for both. (2) The employee shall break into or through or pull down, any premises for the passage of hose or appliances or cause them to be broken into or through or pulled down, doing as little damage as possible for the purpose of extinguishing fire and carrying out rescue operation.	
	CHAPTER IV WATER SUPPLY	
Power to arrange for water during emergency.	18. It shall be lawful for the Fire Officer to draw water from any source in the area which he considers necessary during firefighting operations and on such occasions as may be required and the authority or owner or occupier having control over such water source shall supply water for that purpose at such rates as may be prescribed.	
Duty to arrange water supply	19. (1) The Fire Officer shall take all reasonable measures for securing that an adequate supply of water shall be available for the use in the event of fire. (2) The Fire Officer shall ensure that the water demand for firefighting in the area is in accordance with Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO) Manual. (3) The Local Authority and Andaman Public Works Department shall provide all assistance in meeting the water demand for firefighting as per Sub-sections (1) and (2).	
Power to enter into agreement for water supply.	20. The Fire Officer may enter into an agreement with an agency for meeting the demand of water supply and emergent need of water as per such procedures and terms and conditions for the payment as may be prescribed.	
No compensation for interruption of water supply.	21. No authority or in-charge of water supply in any area shall be entitled to any claim for compensation for damage by reason of any interruption of supply of water caused in compliance with clause (iii) of sub-section (1) of Section 17. 22. No charge shall be made by any local authority for water consumed in firefighting operations by the Fire and Emergency Service.	Exemption of charges for water consumed
CHAPTER V GENERAL MEASURES FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY LIFE SAFETY MEASURES		
	23. (1) The Government may, by notification, require owner or occupier of premises or goods in any area, which in its opinion, are likely to cause risk of fire, to take such precautions as may be provided therein. (2) The Deputy Director shall ensure that provision for Fire Services Management, Prevention and Preparedness including preparation of Fire Hazard Response Mitigation Plan is as per the guidelines issued by the National Disaster Management Authority. 24. (1) The erectors of pandals shall be deemed to be self-regulatory for taking fire prevention and life safety measures under this Regulation. (2) The erector of a pandal shall display a declaration regarding compliance of fire prevention and life safety measures in such form as may be prescribed. (3) It shall be lawful for the Nominated Authority to enter and inspect the pandal with a view to verify the correctness of the declaration so made by the erector under Sub-section (2) and to point out the shortcomings, if any, with directions to rectify them within a specified time and if the directions of the Nominated Authority are not complied with within the time so given, the Nominated Authority shall remove the pandal in such manner as may be prescribed.	Preventive measures.
	25. (1) Where a notification has been issued under sub-section (1) of section 23, it shall be lawful for the Nominated Authority to direct the removal of encroachments or objects or goods likely to cause a risk of fire or any obstruction to firefighting, to a place of safety, by means of a notice served in such manner as he may think fit, and on failure of the owner, occupier or erector, as the case may be, to do so, the Nominated Authority may, report the matter to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, in whose territorial jurisdiction the premises or building or pandal is situated, requesting to decide the matter: Provided that where the Nominated Authority considers such encroachments or objects or goods to be an imminent cause of risk of fire or obstruction to firefighting, he may direct Station House Officer having jurisdiction in the area to seize or remove the encroachments or objects or goods forthwith and report the matter to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate accordingly. (2) On receipt of a report under sub-section (1), the Sub-Divisional Magistrate shall give, by means of a notice served in such manner as he may think fit, an opportunity of showing cause against the removal of encroachments or objects or goods likely to cause a risk of fire or obstruction to firefighting. (3) After giving the owner or occupier or erector, as the case may be, an opportunity of making representation under sub-section (2), the Sub-Divisional Magistrate after considering the representation, may withdraw the notice or make an order to seize, detain or remove such encroachments or objects or goods. (4) The person charged with the execution of the order as made in Sub-section (3) shall forthwith make an inventory of the objects and goods which he seizes under such order, and shall give a notice in writing as may be prescribed in this behalf, to the person in whose possession the objects or goods were at the time of seizure, that the said objects or goods shall be sold as mentioned therein, if the same are not claimed within the period stipulated in the said notice. (5) On the failure of the person in whose possessions the objects or goods were at the time of seizure to claim the seized objects and goods pursuant to notice given under sub-section (4), the Sub-Divisional Magistrate shall sell such objects or goods through public auction.	Fire prevention and life safety measures in pandals to be self-regulatory Removal of encroachments or objects or goods likely to cause risk of fire or any obstruction to firefighting.
Owner or occupiers liability to provide fire prevention and life safety measures.	26. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of the bye-law and any other law for the time being in force in the Union territory, the owner or the occupier, who are either individually or jointly responsible, of a building or part thereof as specified in this Regulation, shall ensure and provide fire prevention and life safety measures therein :— Provided that the owner or the occupier, as the case may be, shall— (i) provide firefighting and life safety measures; (ii) maintain the fire prevention and life safety measures in operational condition at all times. (2) Any person proposing to construct a building as mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) of this sub-section or pursuant to the rules made in this behalf, shall apply for approval of the fire and life safety measure along with the building plan to the Nominated Authority in this behalf, in such form along with such fee as may be prescribed, in case of— (a) multi-storied buildings having more than fifteen-metre height; (b) special buildings including— (i) hotel or resort or eating houses, apartment exceeding 500 square metres of floor area on adding area of all floors, educational, assembly, institutional, business, mercantile, hazardous industry or factory, storage; (ii) mixed occupancies, where any of above buildings have floor area more than 500 square metres on adding area of all floors. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force in the Union territory, no authority shall issue the occupancy certificate, unless it is satisfied that the owner or occupier, either individually or jointly, has complied with the provisions as provided in Sub-section (2). (4) Without prejudice to the existing Building bye-laws applicable and enforcement of bye-laws by the local authority, the owner or occupier, as the case may be, shall obtain "fire safety certificate" from the Fire and Emergency Service for the buildings mentioned in Sub-section (2), which shall be valid for five years from the date of issue of such certificate.	

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Fire safety certificate.	(5) The owner or occupier, as the case may be, shall furnish to the Qualified Agency or Nominated Authority, a self-certified certificate in such form as may be prescribed, regarding the compliance of the fire prevention and life safety measures in his building or part thereof, as required by or under the provisions of this Regulation while applying for fire safety certificate.	
	(6) The owner or occupier, after receipt of fire safety certificate, shall furnish a certificate in such form as may be prescribed, once a year in the month of July regarding the maintenance of fire protection system in good and efficient condition as provided in Sub-section (1).	
	27. (1) The Qualified Agency or the Nominated Authority, as the case may be, shall scrutinise the compliances with regard to the requirement of section 26 made by owners or occupiers or applicant, as the case may be, either independently or jointly and after making necessary enquiry, if any, issue fire safety certificate within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the application subject to the condition that all necessary required documents, designs, drawing, and the like shall be submitted by the owner or occupier or applicant.	Appointment and functions of Fire Safety Officer
	(2) If the owner or occupier, as the case may be, fails to comply with the directions issued by the Qualified Agency or the Nominated Authority, the fire safety certificate, issued under sub-section (1), shall be cancelled after giving the owner or occupier or applicant, an opportunity of hearing to show cause.	
	(3) The owner or occupier of the building or premises whose fire safety certificate has been cancelled due to default on his part, shall not be entitled to occupy the building or premises on the ground of non-compliance of fire prevention and life safety measures.	
	(4) No person shall tamper with, alter, remove or cause any injury or damage to any fire prevention and life safety equipment installed in any such building or part thereof or instigate any other person to do so.	
	(5) For the purposes of section 26 and this section, the manner of selecting the Qualified Agency, and the responsibilities of such Qualified Agency, shall be such as may be prescribed.	
	28. (1) To ensure effective fire prevention and life safety measures of the factory or building or premises as may be specified by an order by the Government in this behalf, every owner and occupier or occupiers individually or jointly, as the case may be, shall -	
	(i) appoint a Fire Safety Officer, having such qualifications and experience as may be prescribed;	
	(ii) send the compliance report to the Nominated Authority.	
	(2) The Fire Safety Officer appointed under sub-section (1) shall be issued the enrolment certificate by the Nominated Authority under his signature and seal of the office, in such form as may be prescribed.	
	(3) In case of any vacancy of the Fire Safety Officer appointed under Sub-section (1), either on resignation or otherwise, the owner and occupier or occupiers, as the case may be, shall be required to immediately appoint another person as the Fire Safety Officer.	
	(4) In case of the non-appointment of the Fire Safety Officer, as provided under Sub-section (1), the Nominated Authority may take such steps as he deems necessary, which includes report to the Labour Commissioner for the closure of the factory and in other cases to the relevant authority for necessary action under relevant law.	
	(5) The Fire Safety Officers shall undergo training at Fire and Emergency Service Training Institute as may be identified by the Government in this behalf.	
	Provided that a person who has already undergone such training at the National Fire Service College, Nagpur or at any other equivalent institution recognised by the Government, shall not be required to undergo such training.	
	29. (1) The Nominated Authority may, after giving three hours' notice to the Power of occupier, or if there is no occupier, to the owner of any place or building or part inspection, thereof, enter and inspect such place or building or part thereof at any time between sunrise and sunset where such inspection appears necessary for ascertaining the adequacy or contravention of fire prevention and life safety measures.	Power of inspection.
	(2) The Nominated Authority shall be provided with all possible assistance by the owner or occupier, as the case may be, of such place or building or part thereof for carrying out the inspection under Sub-section (1).	
	(3) The owner or occupier or any other person shall not obstruct or cause any obstruction to the entry of a person empowered or authorised under this section into or upon any land or building and shall not abuse such person after such entry for inspection.	
	(4) When any such place or building or part thereof used as a human dwelling is entered under sub-section (3), due regard shall be paid to the social and religious sentiments of the occupiers, and where any flat, apartment or a part of such building is in the actual occupancy of any woman, who, according to the custom does not appear in public, notice shall be given to her that she is at liberty to withdraw, and every reasonable facility shall be afforded to her for withdrawing.	
	(5) Where the inspection is carried out by the Nominated Authority under the preceding provisions of this section, he shall give a report of any such inspection to the Nominated Authority.	
	(6) The Nominated Authority shall, after completion of the inspection of the place or building or part thereof under this section, record his views on the deviations from or the contraventions of, the requirements with regard to the fire prevention and life safety measures or the inadequacy or non-compliance of such measures provided or to be provided therein with reference to the height of the building or the nature of activities carried on in such place or building or part thereof and issue a notice to the owner or occupier of such building or part thereof directing him to undertake such measures within such time as may be specified in the notice.	
Information on outbreak of fire.	30. Any person who possesses any information regarding an outbreak of fire Information on shall communicate the same without delay to the nearest Fire Station.	Information on outbreak of fire.

CHAPTER VI  
APPEALS

Appeals	31. (1) Any person aggrieved by any notice or order of the Nominated Authority issued or made under this Regulation may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Authority, who is an officer not below the rank of Deputy Director, within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the notice or order.	
	Provided that the Appellate Authority may entertain an appeal after the expiry of the said period of thirty days if he is satisfied that there was sufficient cause for not filing it within that period.	
	(2) An appeal to the Appellate Authority shall be made in such form and manner and shall be accompanied by a copy of the notice or order appealed against and by such fees as may be prescribed.	
	(3) Any person aggrieved by the order of the Appellate Authority may file an appeal within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of such order, to the Second Appellate Authority and the decision of the Second Appellate Authority shall be final and binding on the parties.	

CHAPTER VII  
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING

Functioning of Fire and Emergency Service Training Centre.	32. (1) The existing Fire and Emergency Service Training Centre shall provide courses of instruction in the prevention and extinguishment of fire for the fire service personnel, private candidates and other Government and Non-Government establishments and may close down or re-establish any such training centre in accordance with recommendations of Standing Fire Advisory Council.	
	(2) The training centre referred to in Sub-section (1) shall also provide training of specialised courses to private candidates or organisations as well as the Fire and Emergency Service of other States.	
	(3) The Government shall prescribe such procedure as it may deem fit for providing a course of instruction in the prevention and extinguishment of fire.	
	(4) Subject to the observance of the general rules applicable to other employees of the Government in relation to training, employees of the Fire and Emergency Service may be given training in the field of scientific and modern techniques of fire protection and fire safety measures, and allied matters in any institute, within or out of India at the cost and expense of the Government.	
	33. (1) The Fire and Emergency Service shall render assistance and consultations to the communities in matters related to fire prevention, in such manner as may be prescribed.	Community preparedness.
	(2) The Fire Officer as authorised by the Deputy Director shall conduct awareness programmes on preventive measures on fire and other emergencies.	

CHAPTER VIII  
LEVY OF FIRE TAX, FEE AND OTHER CHARGES

	34. (1) There shall be levied a fire tax on lands and buildings which are situated in any area in which this Regulation is applicable and on which property tax, by whatever name called, is levied by any local authority in that area.	Levy of fire tax.
	(2) The fire tax shall be levied over and above the property tax at such rates as may be specified.	
	35. (1) The authority empowered to assess, collect and enforce payment of property tax under the law authorising the local authority of the area to levy such tax shall, on behalf of the Government, assess, collect and enforce payment of the fire tax in the same manner as the property tax is assessed, collected and enforced.	Mode of assessment, collection, etc., of fire tax.
	(2) The Government may determine and earmark such portion of the total proceeds of fire tax to meet the cost of collection of fire tax.	
	(3) The net amount of fire tax collected under this Regulation reduced by the cost of collection of the fire tax, shall be deposited as mentioned in section 37, in such manner and at such intervals, as may be prescribed.	
	36. (1) Where employees of the Fire and Emergency Service are sent beyond the limits of any area in which this Regulation is in force, in order to extinguish a fire in the neighbourhood of such limits on the request of any local body or Fire and Emergency Service authority, they shall be paid such fee as may be prescribed.	Fee on deployment of Fire and Emergency Service
	(2) The fee referred to in sub-section (1) shall be payable, within one month of the service of a notice of demand, by the Deputy Director of the local body or the Fire and Emergency Service authority, as the case may be, and if it is not paid within that period, it shall be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.	
	(3) No fee shall be levied for extinguishing the fire and rescue operations within the Union territory.	
	(4) The Government shall, by notification, specify the fee for deployment of members of the Fire and Emergency Service along with equipment and appliances for stand-by-duty for a specific duration.	
	37. The proceeds of fees, fire tax and penalties recovered under this Regulation, shall be credited to the Government account under the head "Fire Protection and Control".	Deposit of fees, charges, fire tax and penalties, etc.

CHAPTER IX OFFENCES, PENALTIES AND COMPENSATION		
Penalty for contravention of Regulation, other than Chapter IV	38. Whoever contravenes any provisions of this Regulation or any rule or notification made or issued thereunder except as provided specifically in this Regulation, shall without prejudice to any other action taken against him under this Regulation and the rules made thereunder, be liable to a penalty which may extend to ten thousand rupees and where the contravention is a continuing one with a further penalty which may extend to one thousand rupees for every day after the first during which such contravention continues.	
Penalty for contravention of Regulation, other than Chapter IV	39. Whoever contravenes any provision of Chapter IV or the rules made thereunder shall, without prejudice to any other action taken against him under this Regulation and rules made thereunder, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, or with both and where the contravention is a continuing one with a further fine which may extend to three thousand rupees for every day after the first during which such contravention continues.	
	40. Notwithstanding any action which may be taken under the provisions of this Regulation, any member of the Fire and Emergency Service who -	Violation of duty
	(i) is found to be guilty of any violation of duty or willful breach of any provision of this Regulation or any rule or order made thereunder; or	
	(ii) is found to be abdication of responsibility; or	
	(iii) withdraws or abstains from the duties of his office without permission or without having given previous notice for fifteen days or more; or	
	(iv) being on leave fails without reasonable cause to report himself for duty on expiration of such leave; or	
	(v) accepts any other employments or office or engages himself in business in contravention of the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964,	
	shall be liable under the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965.	
Penalty in case of non-appointment of Fire Safety Officers under Section 28.	41. (1) If any owner or occupier or an association of such owners and occupiers of a building or premises fails to appoint Fire Safety Officers under Section 28 within a period of thirty days of the receipt of a notice given in this behalf by the Nominated Authority each one of them shall be deemed to be in default jointly and severally.	
	(2) When the person liable for appointment of such Fire Safety Officers is deemed to be in default, such sum not less than ten rupees per square metre and not exceeding fifty rupees per square metre of area owned or occupied by him including in the common areas in the premises as determined by the Government under this Regulation, may be recovered from him by way of penalty for each month of default or part thereof.	
Penalty for failure to give information.	42. Any person who without adequate justification, fails to communicate information in his possession regarding an outbreak of fire shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 211 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.	5 of 2023
Penalty for failure to take precautions.	43. Whoever fails without reasonable cause to comply with any of the requirements specified in section 23 or section 26 or makes any false declaration towards compliance of fire prevention and life safety measure or of a direction issued in this behalf shall be punishable with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with both and where the offence is a continuing one with a further fine which may extend to one thousand rupees for every day after the first during which such offence continues.	
	44. Any person who wilfully obstructs or interferes with any member of the Fire and Emergency Service, who is engaged in firefighting operations, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees, or with both.	Penalty for wilfully obstructing firefighting, rescue operation. Penalty for false report.
	45. Any person who knowingly gives or causes to be given a false report of the outbreak of a fire to any person authorised to receive such report by means of a statement, message or otherwise shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees.	Penalty for false report.
	46. Any person who removes the seal referred to in Section 56, except under an order made by the Chief Fire Officer, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees, or with both.	Penalty for contravention of Section 56.
	47. (1) Where an offence under this Regulation has been committed by a company, every person who, at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to the company for the conduct of the business of the company as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.	Offences by companies.
	Provided that nothing contained in this Sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he had exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.	
	(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-section (1) where any offence under this Regulation has been committed by a company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part, of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.	
	Explanation - For the purposes of this section, the expressions -	
	(i) "Company" means a body corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and	
	(ii) "Director", in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.	
	48. (1) Any offence committed under this Regulation, may either before or after the institution of prosecution, be compounded by the Nominated Authority and for such amount as may be prescribed :	Compounding of offences.
	Provided that no offence shall be compoundable which is committed by failure to comply with a notice, order or requisition issued by or on behalf of the Government or of any of the officers authorised under this Regulation and until the same has been complied with.	
	(2) Where an offence has been compounded under Sub-section (1), the offender if in custody, shall be discharged and no further proceedings shall be taken against him in respect of such offence.	
	49. (1) No court shall take cognizance of an offence punishable under this Regulation, except on a complaint in writing received from the Nominated Authority in this behalf.	Cognizance of offences.
	(2) No court inferior to that of a Judicial Magistrate of second class shall try an offence punishable under this Regulation.	
Liability of property owner to pay compensation	50. (1) Any person whose property catches fire on account of an action of his own or of his agent, done deliberately or negligently shall be liable to pay compensation to any other person suffering damage to his property on account of fire or any action taken under section 17 of this Regulation by an officer mentioned therein or any person acting under the authority of such officer.	
	(2) All claims under sub-section (1) shall be preferred to the Appellate Authority, within a period of thirty days from the date when the damage was caused.	
	(3) The Appellate Authority shall, after giving an opportunity of being heard to the concerned persons, may determine the amount of compensation and pass an order in this regard while fixing the liability of the persons for paying such compensation.	
	(4) The order passed under sub-section (3) shall have the force of decree of a civil court and shall be implemented within thirty days from the date of receipt of the order.	
CHAPTER X MISCELLANEOUS		
Reciprocal firefighting arrangements with other Fire and Emergency Service	51. The Joint Director may, with the previous approval of the Government, enter into an agreement with any Fire and Emergency Service or the Authority which maintains the said Fire and Emergency Service, beyond the limits of any area in which this Regulation is in force for providing personnel or equipment or both, for firefighting purposes, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by or under the agreement on reciprocal basis in public interest.	
Declaration of Fire and Emergency Service as technical service.	52. Without prejudice to the provisions of any other law on the subject, the Government may, by notification, declare the Fire and Emergency Service as technical service.	
Deployment to other area.	53. The Joint Director or any officer authorised by the Government in this behalf may, on the occasion of a fire or other emergency in any neighbouring area in which this Regulation is not in force, order the deployment of the employees of the Fire and Emergency Service with necessary appliances and equipment to carry out firefighting operations in such neighbouring area and thereupon all the provisions of this Regulation and the rules made thereunder shall apply to such areas, during such period of fire emergency or during such period as the Joint Director may specify in this behalf.	
Employment on other duties.	54. It shall be lawful for the Government or any officer authorised by it in this behalf, to employ the Fire and Emergency Service in any rescue, salvage or other works for which it is suitable by reason of its training, appliances and equipment.	
Power to obtain information.	55. The Fire Officer authorised by general or special order in this behalf may, for the purpose of discharging his duties under this Regulation, require the owner or occupier of any building or other property as may be specified in such order, to supply information with respect to the features of such building or other property as may be specified therein, the available water supplies and means of access thereto and any other material particulars, and such owner or occupier shall furnish all the information in his possession.	
Power to seal building or premises.	56. (1) Where an inspection under section 29 is conducted and it appears to the Nominated Authority that the condition of any building or premises is dangerous to life or property, he shall, without prejudice to any action taken under this Regulation, by order, require the person in possession or occupation of such building or premises to remove themselves from such building or premises forthwith.	
	(2) If an order made by the Nominated Authority under Sub-section (1) is not complied with, the Nominated Authority may direct any police officer having jurisdiction in the area to remove such persons from the building or premises and such officer shall comply with such directions.	

	(3) After the removal of the persons under sub-section (1) or Sub-section (2), as the case may be, the Nominated Authority shall report to the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Fire Officer shall seal the building or premises with approval of the Director and no person shall remove such seal except under an order made by the Chief Fire Officer with the approval of the Director.	
	57. In firefighting operations or any other duties relating to seizure, detention or removal of any goods involving risk of fire, it shall be the duty of a police officer or employees of the police force to assist and aid to the Nominated Authority in the performance of such duties under this Regulation.	Police Officers and others to aid.
	58. In the event of death of a member of the Fire and Emergency Service (other than a Gazetted Officer), while discharging his duties, the Government shall pay adequate amount to the legal heir as funeral expenses or such amount as the Government may, by an order, determine.	Death of member of Fire and Emergency Service.
45 of 2023.	59. Every employee of the Fire and Emergency Service, acting under the provisions of this Regulation, shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of clause (28) of Section 2 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023	Officers to be public Servants.
	60. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Regulation or any rules made thereunder.	Protection of action taken in good faith.
	61. The Government may call for such returns, reports and statements on any subject connected with fire prevention and fire safety, the maintenance of order and the performance of duties by the employees of the Fire and Emergency Service and the same shall be furnished immediately.	Calling of returns, reports, statements, etc.,
	62. The provisions of this Regulation shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force in the Union territory.	Application of other laws not barred.
	Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, when anything in relation to the fire prevention and life safety measures is required to be done or approved under this Regulation, shall not be deemed to have been unlawfully done or approved by reason only of the fact that permission, approval or sanction required under such other law therefor has not been obtained.	
	63. The Government may, by notification, direct that any power exercisable by it under this Regulation shall, subject to such conditions, if any, be exercisable by any of the officers of the Government.	Delegation of powers.
	64. Any amount payable under this Regulation shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue.	Recovery of dues.
	65. Where the Fire Officer, who is in-charge of a firefighting or any emergency operation requires firefighting equipment and appliance or property of any other authority or any institution or individual, he may by order requisition such equipment or property for the purpose of extinguishing fire or any other emergencies in any area and take possession thereof from the authority or any institution or individual, as the case may be.	Requisitions of firefighting property.
Power to make rules.	66. The Government may, by notification and subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Regulation for carrying out the purposes of this Regulation.	
Laying of rules.	67. Every rule made under this Regulation shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament.	
Power to remove difficulties.	68. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Regulation, the Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Regulation as may appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing such difficulty.	
	Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of two years from the commencement of this Regulation.	
	(2) Every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament.	
DROUPADI MURMU, President. DR. RAJIV MANI, Secretary to the Govt. of India.		

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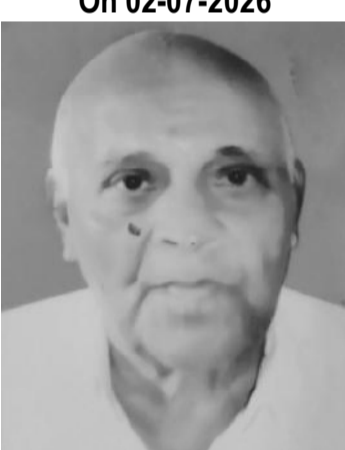
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**Late V. Parameswaran Nair**  
R/o Sitapur, Rangat  
"Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts."  
Fondly Remembered by:  
Family & Relatives

**The Memories Light up our hearts**  
**5th Anniversary Memorial**  
On 02/07/2026




**Late Kishen Lall**  
(Head Constable) Police Deptt.  
Remembered By: Smti. Kusumwati (Wife), Anil Lall (Son), Rekha Wati (Daughter), K.L. Transport and All Family Members.

**6th Death Anniversary**  
On 02.07.2026  
In Loving Memory of



**Late Saraswati Devi**  
W/o Lalsha Prasad  
R/o Bhatubasti, Sri Vijaya Puram.  
"Every Time at every moment and also at every occasion, we miss you in our life".  
Inserted by: Mithila, Sandhya & Shoba (Daughters).

**6th REMEMBRANCE**  
On 02-07-2026



**JOHNNY VARGHEESE**

"Like sands in an hour glass, we measure our lives in memory of you. You are invisible to the eye, but obvious in our hearts. Rejoice with your family in heaven as your family on earth remembers you."

**Came to Earth on: 03rd Sept.1975**  
**Called upon Heaven on: 02nd July 2020**

Inserted by: Everlyn Vargheese (Wife), Queen Elizabeth, Jenessa, Mercline (Daughters), Peter (Bro-in-Law) and other family members

**Johnny Vargheese**  
03.09.1975 - 02.07.2020