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Weather Report

Partly cloudy sky and light to moderate rain likely over Sri Vijaya Puram. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 32.0°C and 25.5°C respectively on Sunday 01/11/2026.
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.8
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.5
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 075
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 085
Sunrise time on 01/11/2026 (in IST): 0511
Sunset time on 01/11/2026 (in IST): 1654
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 002.2
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm:000.7
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2026 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 2132.5

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Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor takes salute at National Unity Day March Past on the 151st Birth Anniversary of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Flags off 23 newly procured PCR Vehicles

Police Mobility and Emergency Response Capabilities to be strengthened across all three districts

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

On the occasion of the 151st birth anniversary of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and National Unity Day, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dr. Dinesh Sharma, today took the salute at the National Unity Day March Past organised by the Andaman and Nicobar Police at Marina Park, Sri Vijaya Puram. The March Past, organised from Dugong Guest House to Government Girls' Senior Secondary School, Sri Vijaya Puram, conveyed a strong message of national unity, integrity and social harmony.

Various contingents of the Police participated in the March Past and displayed exemplary discipline and coordination.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor flagged off 23 newly procured Police Control Room (PCR) vehicles. The induction of these state-of-the-art vehicles into the Police fleet will further strengthen police mobility, emergency response capabilities and law and order management across all three districts.









These vehicles will play an important role in providing prompt assistance to the general public.

In his address, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor recalled the unparalleled contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel towards national integration and stated that National Unity Day provides an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. He also appreciated the efforts of the Andaman and Nicobar Police.

On the occasion, Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Director General of Police, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman), Senior Superintendent of Police (South Andaman), other senior officers of the Administration and dignitaries were present, a press release from Lok Niwas said.



The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Dinesh Sharma Ji, received a courtesy call today at Lok Niwas, Sri Vijaya Puram, A&N Islands, from the Hon'ble Convenor of the Third Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and Member of Parliament, Shri Shrirang Appa Barne, along with Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Shri Omprakash Rajenimbalkar, Shri Sanjay Seth and Dr. Dharmshila Gupta, and officials of the Committee.

GREETINGS



On the auspicious occasion of the Foundation Day of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the residents of these beautiful and historic islands.

Known as 'Mini India', the Andaman & Nicobar Islands present a unique example of national unity and integrity through the harmonious coexistence of diverse cultures, traditions and languages. The historic Cellular Jail stands as an enduring symbol of the indomitable courage, sacrifice and supreme martyrdom of our freedom fighters. The glorious legacy of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose further adds to the historical and national significance of these islands.

Endowed with extraordinary natural beauty, rich biodiversity and immense potential, these islands are continuously progressing in the fields of infrastructure, connectivity, tourism and public welfare. These developmental initiatives, coupled with environmental conservation and the preservation of tribal heritage, are making significant contributions towards realising the national resolve of 'Viksit Bharat @2047'.

On this auspicious occasion, let us all further strengthen our commitment towards the peace, prosperity and all-round development of the islands. I am confident that, inspired by the spirit of unity, patriotism and determination, we will collectively strive to make the Andaman & Nicobar Islands a progressive, prosperous and sustainably developing region while making a significant contribution towards building a 'Viksit Bharat'.

Jai Hind!

(Dr. Dinesh Sharma)
Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

National Unity Day celebrated at Lok Niwas; Reaffirms commitment to 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'

Kannada Sangh contributes to Lieutenant Governor's Relief Fund

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

National Unity Day was celebrated today at Lok Niwas, Sri Vijaya Puram, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Ji, with special emphasis on strengthening the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Dinesh Sharma Ji, administered the National Unity Day pledge to all senior officers and staff members of Lok Niwas. Everyone pledged to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and contribute towards ensuring the internal security of the country. The occasion also witnessed the remembrance of Sardar Patel's unparalleled contribution and his decisive role in the national integration of the country.

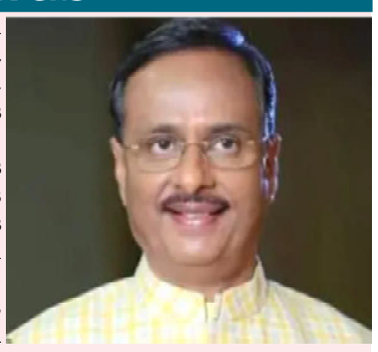




Following the pledge-taking ceremony, a delegation of Kannada Sangh, Sri Vijaya Puram, paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Dinesh Sharma Ji, at Lok Niwas. During the meeting, demonstrating a sense of social responsibility, the delegation presented a cheque of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) towards the Lieutenant Governor's Relief Fund.

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor expressed his gratitude to Kannada Sangh for this generous contribution and stated that such support plays an important role in extending assistance to the needy, a press release from Lok Niwas said.

GREETINGS



On the auspicious occasion of the Foundation Days of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Keralam, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Tamil Nadu, and the Union Territories of Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the people of all these States and Union Territories, particularly to the residents of the respective regions residing in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Each of these States and Union Territories represents a distinct facet of India's rich cultural heritage, glorious history and development journey. Their remarkable contributions in various fields, including agriculture, industry, education, technology, art, literature, good governance and social progress, have accelerated the nation's growth and further strengthened India's unity and integrity.

From the rich cultural and artistic traditions of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to the natural beauty and vibrant cultural heritage of Keralam; from the agricultural strength of Haryana and Punjab to the natural resources and industrial potential of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh; and from the technological advancements of Karnataka to the distinctive historical and cultural identities of Delhi, Chandigarh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry, each region is making a significant contribution to the nation's development journey. Their achievements stand as a strong testament to India's diversity, creativity, hard work and collective determination.

These Foundation Days provide an opportunity to celebrate our shared heritage, strengthen the bonds of mutual harmony and brotherhood, and reaffirm our commitment to national unity and inclusive development. Despite the diversity of languages, cultures, geographical conditions and traditions, we remain united as one nation. Let us embrace the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' and collectively move forward towards realising the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.

On this auspicious occasion, I once again extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the residents of all these States and Union Territories living in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. May these Foundation Days further deepen our sense of pride in our national heritage, promote mutual understanding and harmony, and inspire us all to contribute towards the progress, prosperity and welfare of the nation.

(Dr. Dinesh Sharma)
Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor flags off two Mobile Medical Vans for Cancer Screening; Safety equipment distributed to fishing community

Health Awareness and Screening Campaign to be implemented across the Islands for three years under the joint initiative of SBI Foundation and Ashray Foundation

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Dinesh Sharma Ji, today flagged off two mobile screening units (Mobile Medical Vans) for cancer screening of the citizens of the Islands at a programme organised at Hotel Lemon Tree, Sri Vijaya Puram, under the joint initiative of the State Bank of India Foundation and Ashray Foundation. These Mobile Medical Vans are equipped with doctors, paramedical staff and essential medicines to ensure the availability of necessary healthcare facilities.

Further, safety equipment was also distributed to the fishing community with the objective of ensuring their safety and reducing incidents of human-crocodile conflict.





The launch of these mobile screening units is an important initiative towards making healthcare services accessible to citizens residing in remote and inaccessible areas and enhancing public awareness about cancer. At the same time, the safety equipment distributed to the fishing community will prove helpful in ensuring their safety and reducing the risks of human-crocodile conflict.

This campaign will be continuously implemented over the next three years. This initiative is a commendable example of the Administration's commitment towards public health, public safety and the welfare of the Islanders.

On the occasion, Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Shri R. Natarajan,



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Foundation Day of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to be celebrated in TGCE Auditorium today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

The Department of Art & Culture, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, will celebrate the Foundation Day of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands tomorrow (1st November, 2026) with a special function at the TGCE Auditorium, Sri Vijaya Puram, commencing at 10 AM.

Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, will grace the occasion as the chief guest.

The celebration aims to commemorate the historic significance of the Foundation Day and provide an opportunity to reflect upon the rich cultural heritage, historical legacy, unity in diversity and developmental journey of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The occasion also seeks to recognise the unique contributions of the people of these Islands towards preserving their cultural traditions and strengthening the spirit of national integration. The

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Inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise begins

Exercise highlights the strategic importance of the A&N Islands & the role of ANC





Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

The inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise marks a significant milestone in advancing maritime cooperation among the Member States of BIMSTEC. Bringing together Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, the exercise reinforces the shared commitment of member states towards regional security, stability and prosperity in the Bay of Bengal.

Building upon the outcomes of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit under the theme "BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open", the exercise provides a practical framework for enhancing maritime cooperation and operational linkages among participating nations. It reflects BIMSTEC's collective resolve towards "Translating Vision to Action" by advancing cooperation in areas of mutual maritime interest and strengthening regional security mechanisms.

The exercise highlights the strategic importance of the A&N Islands and the role of the Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC), India's first Tri-Service Command. Its location astride critical sea lanes of communication and its capabilities in maritime surveillance, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, search and rescue, and regional engagement make it an important pillar of maritime security in the Bay of Bengal.

As BIMSTEC nations come together for this inaugural exercise, they reaffirm their commitment to a secure, open and inclusive maritime domain. The exercise embodies the spirit of 'Shared Seas, Shared Security and Shared Prosperity' and demonstrates regional solidarity in pursuit of peace, stability and sustainable development, a press release from ANC said.

Health Awareness and Screening Campaign.....

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Deputy Manager (Human Resources), Shri G.S. Rana, Managing Director, SBI Foundation, Shri Swapan Dhar, Programme Director, Ashray Foundation, Ms. Jenisha Dharani, Founder Trustee, Shri Naveen, along with the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police, South Andaman, senior officers of the Health Department and other dignitaries were present, a press release from Lok Niwas said.



As part of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observance, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Gyanesh Bharti, IAS, administered Rashtriya Ekta pledge to the Officers and Staff of A&N Administration at Secretariat on 31.10.2026.

District Administration, South Andaman conducts Special Revenue Camp at Shaheed Dweep

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

In accordance with the directions of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands, the District Administration, South Andaman, today conducted a Special Revenue Camp Court at Shaheed Dweep to expedite the disposal of long-pending revenue cases, reduce pendency and ensure timely delivery of public services.





Camp Court was held at Gram Panchayat, Neil Kendra, under the chairmanship of the Assistant Commissioner, South Andaman, with the participation of the Tehsildar, Sri Vijaya Puram. It provided an accessible platform for applicants to resolve their revenue-related matters in a transparent, time-bound and citizen-friendly manner. Grievances raised by members of the public and Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) representatives were also taken up during the camp.

Assistant Commissioner also conducted field visits along with public representatives and stakeholders to assess local issues and grievances.

Grievances pertaining to other departments were collected for forwarding to the Departments concerned for necessary action.

The Special Revenue Camp Court reaffirmed the District Administration's commitment to responsive administration, efficient public service delivery and citizen-centric governance.

The District Administration, South Andaman, will continue to organise similar Camp Courts and outreach initiatives at regular intervals to expedite the disposal of pending mutation and other revenue cases, improve administrative accessibility and ensure timely delivery of revenue services to the public, a press release from DC, SA said.

District Administration, South Andaman observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

The District Administration, South Andaman observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas today at the Conference Hall, District Office, South Andaman. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Ms. Purva Garg, IAS, Smti Priyanka Kumari, ADM, South Andaman and other officers and staff were present.



The occasion marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India.

On the occasion, the National Unity Pledge was administered by the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, wherein all officials pledged to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and to strive towards the vision of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman emphasized that all officers and staff must uphold the spirit of unity and integrity in their day-to-day functioning and ensure dedicated public service at their workplace, a press release from DC, SA said.

AYUSH organizes excursion for students to create awareness on Medicinal Plants

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

As a part of celebration of the 11th Ayurveda Day 2026, on the theme 'Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow', a Medicinal Plants Excursion was organized for the students of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lamba Line to Botanical Garden, BSI, Nayasahar, yesterday by AYUSH Wing of DHS and A&N State AYUSH Society.



The trip was flagged off from VKV, Lamba Line by Ms. Varsha Bujone, Secretary, VKV Sri Vijaya Puram. A team of 108 students of enthusiastically took part in the excursion trip along with the respective teachers.

At Botanical Garden, BSI, Nayasahar, Dr. Suryakant Singh, MO (Ayurveda), AYUSH Hospital, briefed the students about the identification and the medicinal uses of various plants. The students were urged to plant locally available medicinal plants, a press release from DHS said.

114 students, 125 Trees, One Green Promise: ANIIMS joins the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" movement

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

Guided by the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and his inspiring call of "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam", ANIIMS joined the nationwide movement on 29th October, 2026 to honour our mothers and protect Mother Earth.

Dr. Mukesh Tripathi, Director, ANIIMS, planted the first sapling to inaugurate the drive followed by other dignitaries. Thereafter, 114 students of the 2026 batch planted 125 trees across the campus.

Tree plantation is among the most lasting contributions a community can make to its surroundings. For a campus that trains future doctors, a healthier environment is part of a healthier community. The "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative gives this work a personal meaning. For the students, it was a chance to begin their medical journey with an act of care that will grow alongside them. The campus will carry these 125 saplings for many years and the institute hopes they inspire more such efforts in keeping with the spirit to make Sri Vijaya Puram greener and healthier for generations to come, a press release from ANIIMS said.



AC Mayabunder to hold Public Facilitation Camp on Nov. 2

Mayabunder, Oct. 31

As part of 'Lieutenant Governor 's Grievance Redressal Day', the first day of every month has been proposed for the timely and effective disposal of public grievances, problems and service- related application. Assistant Commissioner will organize Public Facilitation Camp on 2.11.2026 in the Conference Hall of the District Office, Mayabunder at 11 AM. All PRI Members of Mayabunder Tehsil have been requested to give wide publicity to this camp, a press release from DC, N&M Andaman said.

A&N Command welcomes BIMSTEC Naval Ships to Sri Vijaya Puram



Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

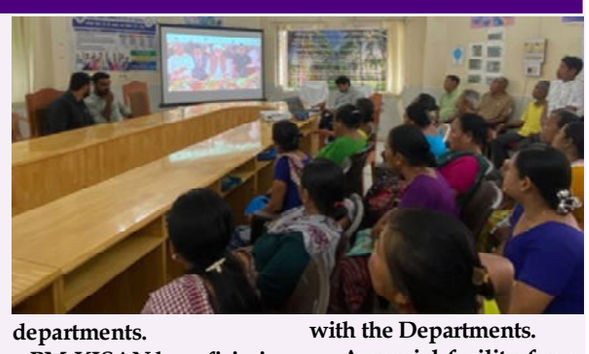
Andaman & Nicobar Command has extended a warm welcome to SLNS Gajabahu (Sri Lanka) and UMS King Aung Zeya (Myanmar) on their arrival at Sri Vijaya Puram for the maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise, being conducted from Oct. 30 to Nov.3, 2026.

Hosted by the Indian Navy, the exercise brings together maritime partners from the Bay of Bengal region to enhance interoperability, strengthen collective Maritime Domain Awareness and foster coordinated responses to transnational maritime threats. The exercise underscores the shared commitment of BIMSTEC nations towards regional cooperation, maritime security and stability, reflecting the spirit of shared sea, shared security, shared prosperity, a press release from ANC said.

PM-KISAN Utsav Diwas celebrated at Car Nicobar

Car Nicobar, Oct. 31

A District level programme on PM-KISAN Utsav Diwas was organised in the Conference Hall, EOC, Deputy Commissioner Office, Perka by the Department of Agriculture, Car Nicobar, in coordination with CIARI- Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Car Nicobar yesterday to witness the release of the 24th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, from Banaskantha, Gujarat.



The programme was graced by Shri Amit Kale, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars, as the chief guest, along with Shri Asheesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Car Nicobar, as the guest of honour and Headmen of various villages. Officers and representatives from allied departments.

PM-KISAN beneficiaries including progressive farmers, farmer friends from different villages participated in the programme to witness the live telecast of the national-level event and the launch of the 24th instalment. The occasion also provided an opportunity for farmers to interact with officials and seek assistance regarding the scheme. Village Headmen of various villages expressed their views on the benefit of the scheme and encouraged the farmers to regularly update their documents in coordination with the Departments.

A special facility for e-KYC updation at the venue, Aadhaar seeding at Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs, Bank seeding at SBI/ANSCB within the vicinity of DC Office, was arranged during the programme to facilitate beneficiaries in completing their IEC activities so as to ensure uninterrupted receipt of scheme benefits. A total of 88 farmers successfully completed their e-KYC updation during the event, a press release from Directorate of Agriculture said.

DSS organises Walkathon to commemorate Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

The Directorate of Shipping Services commemorated the 151st Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel by administering a pledge to officers, officials and staff members, who participated with great enthusiasm and commitment. The occasion served as a reminder of the invaluable contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, fondly remembered as the Iron Man of India, in uniting the nation. Through the pledge, the participants reaffirmed their commitment to uphold the unity, integrity and security of the country and to discharge their duties with sincerity and dedication.

In another significant activity, employees of the Directorate of Shipping Services actively participated in Walkathon 2026, organised by CSL-AN Ship Repair Unit (CANSRU) in connection with Vigilance Awareness Week, a press release from DSS said.

Foundation Day of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.....

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Foundation Day serves as a reminder of the Islands' shared heritage, collective aspirations and commitment towards a progressive future.

The occasion will also mark the foundation Day celebration of States & UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Keralam, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Puducherry and Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The observance of Foundation Days reflects the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' programme of Government of India, reaffirming the importance of cultural exchange, mutual understanding and a sense of belongingness among the people of different States and Union Territories.

The Department of Art & Culture has invited general public to participate in the celebration and make the occasion memorable, a press release from Art & Culture Deptt. said.

MV Swaraj Dweep to arrive on Nov. 2

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

The Vessel MV Swaraj Dweep which sailed from Chennai is expected to arrive at Sri Vijaya Puram on Nov. 2 at 0900 Hrs. She has on board 318 Adults & 02 Infant. On arrival at Sri Vijaya Puram, the vessel will be berthed at Haddo Wharf and passengers will be disembarked immediately, a press release from DSS said.

DBRAIT students advised

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

As per the communication received from Board of Technical Education, Delhi (BTED), the board examination of Trade Diploma courses [Food Production (FP) and Front Office Operations (FOO)] shall be conducted during the month of Dec/Jan 2026-27.

All eligible candidates (Only Backlogs Students from 2023 onwards) have been requested to contact Department of Hotel Management (DBRAIT) for examination registration process from 02.11.2026 to 17.11.2026 during working hours from 8.30 am to 4 pm along with the required examination fees of Rs. 500/-. The examination date shall be intimated in due course of time, a press release from DBRAIT said.

MV Swaraj Dweep to sail for Vizag on Nov. 4

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 31

The Vessel MV Swaraj Dweep will sail from Sri Vijaya Puram to Vizag on Nov. 4 at 1000 Hrs. Excess baggage will be loaded from 1400 Hrs. to 1600 Hrs. on Nov. 3. The excess baggage/cargo required to be booked in advance at Commercial Wing, DSS. Embarkation of passengers will commence from 0700 Hrs. to 0900 Hrs. on Nov. 4. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel.

The passengers are strictly adviced to reach well in time as the embarkation of passenger and excess baggage will be closed one hour before the scheduled time. Those passengers arriving late will not be entertained to board the vessel, a press release from DSS said.

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INDIA'S SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE STRENGTHENING WORKER PROTECTION

India's social security framework has expanded through wider EPFO coverage, digital reforms and welfare initiatives. EPFO provides provident fund savings, pension and insurance benefits to eligible members. The increase in the mandatory coverage wage ceiling from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000 is expected to bring over 51 lakh additional employees within its ambit. Digital initiatives aim to simplify registration, withdrawals and claim settlement. Beyond EPFO, initiatives such as e-Shram, and schemes like PM-SYM and the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana extend support to unorganised workers and vulnerable groups. These measures strengthen access to social protection across employment categories and stages of life.

Social Security as a Pillar of Worker Protection

As economies evolve, employment patterns and sources of livelihood continue to change. The expansion of informal, gig and platform-based work, along with variations in income and employment continuity, makes social security increasingly important for workers and their families. Social security provides protection against income loss and other contingencies across different stages of life. It also strengthens financial security during retirement and periods of vulnerability.

India has significantly expanded the reach of social protection in recent years. Social protection coverage increased from 19% in 2015 to 68.4% in 2026. This expansion has brought more than one billion people within the social protection framework.

For Indian workers, social security provides financial security beyond their working years. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) plays an important role by administering provident fund, pension and insurance schemes for eligible workers. It is a statutory body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment and one of the world's largest social security institutions. Its schemes help workers build retirement savings, access pension benefits and secure financial support for their families.

Three Pillars of EPFO-led Social Security

EPFO social security architecture includes provident fund savings, pension benefits and insurance protection.

- ***Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 2026 (EPF)***

The new EPF 2026 introduced under the Social Security Code, 2020 (Code) replaced the erstwhile Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 2026. The EPF 2026 enables members to build retirement savings through contributions and accrued interest. It also permits partial withdrawals for specified purposes, including housing, higher education, marriage and medical treatment, subject to prescribed conditions.

- ***Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026 (EPS)***

The new EPS 2026 under the Code replaced the erstwhile Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995. The EPS 2026 provides monthly pension benefits to eligible members on superannuation, retirement or disability. It also provides pension benefits to eligible dependents of deceased members, including spouses, children and other eligible family members.

- ***Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 2026 (EDLI)***

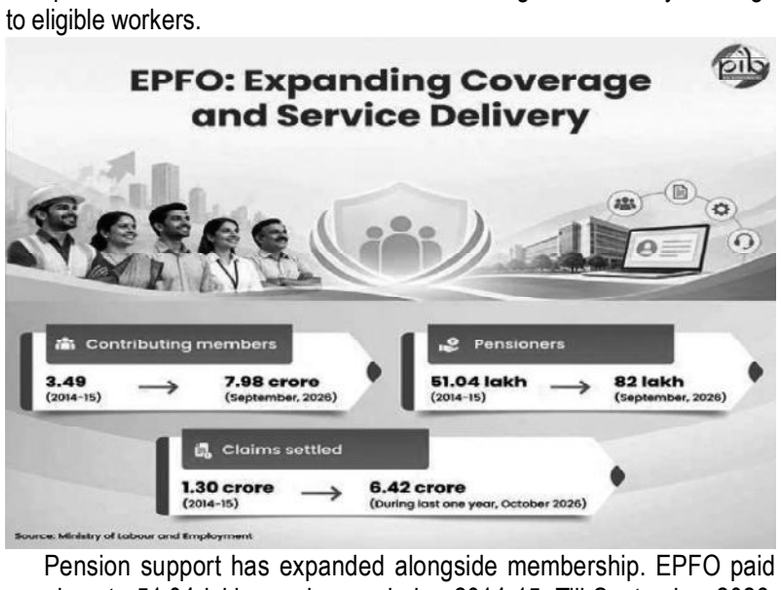
The new EDLI 2026 under the Code replaced the erstwhile Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 and provides insurance protection to eligible EPF members in the event of death while in service. The scheme offers insurance benefits of up to Rs. 7 lakh, without requiring members to pay a separate insurance premium.

Expanding EPFO Coverage Across the Workforce

Over the years, EPFO has expanded its reach alongside India's growing formal workforce. Its progress is reflected in wider membership, institutional coverage and pension support.

EPFO's contributing membership has increased significantly over the period. Contributing members rose from 3.49 crore in 2014-15 to approximately 7.98 crore (as on 16 September, 2026). This represents an increase of approximately 4.49 crore contributing members over the period.

As of September 2026, 7.68 lakh establishments are contributing to EPFO. This provides a broad institutional base for extending social security coverage to eligible workers.



Pension support has expanded alongside membership. EPFO paid pensions to 51.04 lakh pensioners during 2014-15. Till September 2026, around 82 lakh pensioners are receiving pension benefits. This represents an increase of over 31 lakh pensioners.

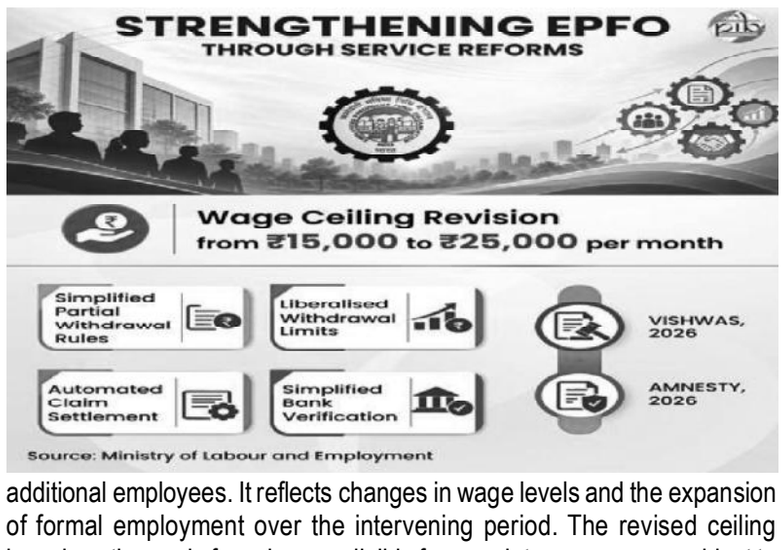
The scale of social security benefits has also grown substantially. 1.30 crore claims were settled during 2014-15. In the last one-year period (as of October, 2026), EPFO settled 6.42 crore claims. This reflects the increasing scale of services delivered to EPFO members and beneficiaries.

Strengthening EPFO through Digital and Service Reforms

EPFO is strengthening social security delivery through wider coverage, simplified claim settlement and digitalisation. Reforms also focus on improving compliance, reducing administrative procedures and facilitating access to provident fund and pension services.

Wage Ceiling Revision

Extending Coverage: The wage ceiling for mandatory EPFO coverage was last revised in September 2014, from Rs. 6,500 to Rs. 15,000 per month. In September 2026, a further increase to Rs. 25,000 per month was approved. The revision is expected to extend mandatory coverage to over 51 lakh additional employees. It reflects changes in wage levels and the expansion of formal employment over the intervening period. The revised ceiling broadens the pool of employees eligible for mandatory coverage, subject to applicable statutory provisions.



Streamlining PF Withdrawals and Accelerating Claim Settlement

Simplified Partial Withdrawal Rules: EPFO has consolidated 13 provisions governing partial withdrawals into three categories: Essential Needs, Housing Needs and Special Circumstances. Essential Needs cover expenses related to illness, education and marriage. This categorisation simplifies the withdrawal framework, facilitating easier access to provident fund savings for eligible members.

Liberalised Withdrawal Limits: Employees can make partial withdrawals from their PF savings to meet specific financial needs during their working years. This allows them to access savings without withdrawing the entire accumulated balance.

EPFO has simplified these provisions by allowing up to 10 withdrawals for education and 5 for marriage. Earlier, both purposes shared a combined limit of 3 partial withdrawals. The revised framework, introduced in October 2025also permits eligible members to withdraw up to 75% of their PF balance. This includes employee and employer contributions, subject to applicable conditions. The minimum service requirement has been standardised at 12 months.

Automated Claim Settlement: EPFO increased the auto-settlement limit for eligible advance claims to Rs. 5 lakh. This enables faster processing of eligible withdrawals without manual intervention.

Simplified Bank Verification: EPFO removed the requirement to upload cheque-leaf images or attested bank passbooks for eligible online claims. This reduces the paperwork and simplifies the claim process.

Strengthening Compliance and Ease of Doing Business

VISHWAS, 2026: The scheme facilitates one-time settlement of eligible disputes involving damages or penalties under the EPF & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, and the Code on Social Security, 2020. It reduces litigation and encourages voluntary compliance through a digital, time-bound process. The scheme covers cases involving challenged damage or penalty orders, pending or partial recovery, issued notices awaiting final orders, and cases where notices are yet to be issued.

- Eligible pre-14 June 2024 defaults attract reduced monthly damage rates of 0.25%, 0.50% or 1%, depending on the delay period.
- Employers must pay applicable statutory interest and undertake not to pursue further appeals on settled disputes.
- The scheme covers cases at different stages, subject to exclusions for fraud, misappropriation, deliberate falsification and fully recovered damages. Applications are submitted online through the EPFO Employer Portal.

AMNESTY, 2026: It is a one-time scheme launched by the EPFO to help establishments regularise their provident fund PF trusts. It covers trusts recognised under the Income Tax Act, 1961, but lacking formal exemption under the EPF & MP Act, 1952, or the Code on Social Security, 2020. The scheme is open until 28 December 2026.

- Eligible establishments can obtain exemption retrospectively, from the trust's establishment up to the prescribed cut-off date. The scheme also waives specified minimum employee strength and fund requirements.
- Eligible trusts must have deposited statutory contributions and credited interest to members' accounts at rates equal to or higher than the applicable EPF rate. Subject to these conditions, proceedings initiated solely because the formal exemption was missing will be withdrawn, and no new proceedings will be initiated on this ground.

Simplifying Registration with Digital Access

Automatic Registration: Since February, 2020, eligible public and private limited companies and One Person Companies can avail the facility of automatic EPFO registration through the Ministry of Corporate Affairs portal. This facility operates through the SPICe+ and AGILE-PRO forms. This form combines various services like PAN/TAN/Director Identification Number/ GSTN, etc.

Self-Generation of Universal Account Numbers (UAN): Since November 2019, workers have been able to generate their UAN independently. This facility supports enrolment in EPFO's social-security schemes. In April 2025, EPFO introduced UAN generation and activation through Aadhaar-based Face Authentication Technology. Available through the UMANG mobile application, this facility enables contactless and secure digital access. As of October 2026, 1.74 crore self-generated UAN have been reported. In addition to this, EPFO transactions on the Umang Application since January 2017 till 21 October are Rs. 709 crore, reflecting the scale of digital access to EPFO services.

The UAN is a unique, permanent number assigned to an EPFO member, linking their provident fund accounts across different establishments. It facilitates the portability of provident fund accumulations when members change jobs, subject to verification of their details in the UAN database by the employer.

Simplified Aadhaar Seeding: Since August 2025, EPFO members have been able to seed or correct Aadhaar details through the UAN Member Portal. Employers can approve requests directly when Aadhaar and UAN profile details match. Mismatched details can be referred online to the EPFO office for rectification. If the employer is unavailable, members can seek assistance through the concerned EPFO office's Public Relations Officer.

Digital Transformation of EPFO Services

Centralised Pension Payment System (CPPS): CPPS enables pension disbursement through any bank branch across India. Pensioners can receive their pensions without transferring Pension Payment Orders (PPOs) between offices when changing locations or bank branches. This benefits specially the pensioners who move to their hometown after retirement. In addition, the system also supports pensioners by reducing the need to visit the branch for any verification at the time of commencement of pension.

Doorstep Digital Life Certificate Services: EPFO has partnered with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to provide doorstep Digital Life Certificate services to EPS pensioners. EPFO bears the cost of Rs. 50 per certificate, making the service free for pensioners. The initiative particularly benefits elderly pensioners in rural and remote areas. It supports timely pension continuity, faster initiation of family pensions and improved accuracy under CPPS.

Redesigned EPFO Website: On 1 November, 2025, EPFO launched its redesigned website at epfo.gov.in. The mobile-responsive portal provides a unified interface for employees, employers and pensioners. It offers easier access to passbooks, claim forms, pension services, profile updates and scheme information. Separate login options and the "**EPFO and You**" section help users locate services quickly. YouTube videos explain services such as checking PF balances, applying for advances, submitting pension applications, filing Electronic Challan-cum-Returns (ECR), registering establishments and activating UANs. The shorter domain and improved navigation simplify access across devices.

EPFO 3.0 - Core Banking-Based Transformation: EPFO 3.0 modernises services through industry-standard core banking capabilities.

- It integrates a core banking solution with cloud-native, API-first and microservices-based modules for account management, enterprise resource planning, compliance and customer services. Its phased implementation is designed to ensure secure, scalable and uninterrupted services.
- The initiative reduces paperwork, accelerates claims and provides a unified platform for member services.
- Risk-validated claims are designed for automatic processing without manual intervention, potentially reducing settlement time from up to 20 days to under 3 days.
- Planned capabilities include instant withdrawals, multilingual self-service and seamless payroll-linked contributions. The framework is intended to support EPFO's services for over 30 crore members.

Beyond EPFO: India's Wider Social-Security Framework

India's social security framework extends beyond EPFO through multiple schemes and institutional mechanisms supporting vulnerable groups and workers across employment categories. These initiatives combine social assistance, pension support, statutory protections and digital platforms to widen access to social security.

Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana

The Yojana provides social assistance to eligible elderly persons, widows, persons with disabilities and bereaved families. It has been revised from the existing National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in October, 2026. The scheme will continue from 2026–27 to 2030–31. The following are the benefits offered by the sub-schemes under NSAP:

- The disability pension scheme provides monthly assistance of Rs. 375 to beneficiaries aged below 80 years and Rs. 625 to those aged 80 years and above. The benchmark disability threshold has been reduced from 80% to 40%, and the minimum age criterion has been removed, extending eligibility from birth.
- The old age pension scheme grants a monthly pension of Rs. 200 to persons aged 60-79 years and Rs. 500 to those aged 80 years and above.
- The widow pension scheme offers a monthly pension of Rs. 300 to widows aged 40-79 years and Rs. 500 to those aged 80 years and above.
- The family benefit scheme provides one-time financial assistance of Rs. 20,000 to eligible households upon the death of the primary breadwinner aged 18-59 years.

Code on Social Security, 2020

It consolidates nine existing central labour laws relating to social security into a unified legislative framework. The code provides for social security benefits covering provident fund, pension, insurance, maternity benefits, gratuity and other forms of worker protection. Its provisions extend to organised and unorganised workers, including gig and platform workers.

The Code provides for gratuity to eligible fixed-term employees on a proportionate basis after one year of service, subject to applicable conditions. It also recognises gig and platform workers within the social security framework and provides for schemes for their welfare, supported by a social security fund.

Women-centric provisions include maternity benefits of up to 26 weeks for eligible women, the option of work from home where the nature of work permits and crèche facilities in establishments meeting prescribed conditions. The Code also provides for digital and simplified compliance mechanisms to facilitate implementation and access to social security benefits.

e-Shram: An Integrated Platform for Unorganised Workers

Launched in August 2021, e-Shram created India's first Aadhaar-seeded National Database of Unorganised Workers. Each registered worker receives a UAN. The portal recorded 31.89 crore registrations as of August 2026. The e-Shram One-Stop Solution, launched in October 2024, integrates 15 social security and welfare schemes. It also connects workers with the National Career Service for jobs, Skill India Digital Hub for skilling and apprenticeship, and myScheme for identifying eligible government schemes.

Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM)

PM-SYM is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for eligible unorganised workers aged 18–40 years, with monthly incomes of up to Rs. 15,000. It provides a minimum assured pension of Rs. 3,000 per month after attaining 60 years of age, subject to prescribed conditions. Monthly contributions range from Rs. 55 to Rs. 200, depending on the age of enrolment, with an equal contribution from the Central Government. The scheme supports old-age income security for workers in the unorganised sector, which contributes around 50% of India's GDP.

Towards Universal Social Security

India's social security framework continues to expand through wider EPFO coverage, digital service delivery and reforms in labour welfare. Initiatives across provident fund, pensions, insurance and social assistance support workers across formal and informal employment. Simplified compliance and technology-enabled platforms are further strengthening access to benefits. Together, these measures contribute to a more inclusive and accessible social security system.

(Source: PIB)

RE-AUCTION NOTICE (INS JARAWA)

AUCTION REF: JAR/438/USUFRUCTS/14/26-27 DATED: 28 OCT 26

1. AUCTION OF USUFRUCTS NAMELY COCONUTS, MANGO, ARECA NUT (SUPARI) AND CASHEW NUT FROM NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA DWEEP (ROSS ISLAND), SHAHID DWEEP (NEIL ISLAND) AND HADDO AREA UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ESTATE OFFICER, HADDO AREA WILL BE HELD BY BOARD OF OFFICERS AT **1000 HRS**. **ON 06 NOV 26** AT INS JARAWA, C/O NAVY OFFICE, SRI VIJAYA PURAM. THE RIGHTS TO COLLECT/ REMOVE THE USUFRUCTS FROM THE ABOVE AREA WILL BE SOLD FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEAR FROM THE DATE OF SIGNING OF AGREEMENT.
2. INTERESTED FIRMS/ BIDDERS/ PARTIES MAY INSPECT THE AREA AND TREES ON ANY WORKING DAY BETWEEN 0900 HRS & 1400 HRS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF AUCTION WITH ADVANCE INFORMATION PRIOR TO DATE OF AUCTION.
3. ALL PARTICIPATING FIRMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT A SUM OF **2,00,000.00 (RUPEES TWO LAKH ONLY)** AS EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT WITH THE AUCTION BOARD PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF AUCTION IN THE FORM OF DEMAND DRAFT OR FIXED DEPOSIT IN FAVOUR OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, INS JARAWA AND VALID FOR THREE MONTHS. THERE WILL BE NO EXEMPTION FOR MSME FIRMS IN SUBMITTING THE DEPOSIT
4. AFTER FINALIZATION OF BID, THE FIRM WILL BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH A SECURITY AMOUNT FOR ONE QUARTER WHICH IS PART OF THE BID VALUE WITHIN TWO WEEKS IN FORM OF BANK GUARANTEE OR FIXED DEPOSIT DRAWN IN FAVOUR OF COMMANDING OFFICER, INS JARAWA AND VALID FOR TWENTY SIX MONTHS.
5. FIRMS WHICH ARE REGISTERED WITH HOANC/A & N ADMINISTRATION/ANY OTHER GOVT AGENCIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUCTION. RELEVANT DOCUMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF AUCTION (COPY OF REGISTRATION). ANY FIRM NOT IN POSSESSION OF RELEVANT DOCUMENT WILL BE TECHNICALLY DISQUALIFIED.
6. THE FIRMS/REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO COPIES OF ID/ADDRESS PROOF AND POLICE VERIFICATION LETTER.
7. HIGHEST BIDDER WILL BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO COLLECT/REMOVE THE USUFRUCTS ON QUARTERLY BASIS AFTER SUBMISSION OF INSTALLMENT.
8. IN CASE THE HIGHEST BIDDER WITHDRAWS HIS OFFER, RE-TENDERING WILL BE RESORTED TO AS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION. WHILE RETENDERING RFP WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO THE VENDOR WHO HAD BACKED OUT AND EMD, IF ANY, OF SUCH FIRM WILL BE FORFEITED.
9. PARTICIPATION BY BLACKLISTED CONTRACTORS: CONTRACTORS WHO HAVE BEEN BLACKLISTED BY ANY COMPETENT GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY OR DEPARTMENT WHOSE BLACKLISTING REMAINS IN FORCE SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUCTION.
10. THE OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS WILL BE EXPLAINED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF AUCTION. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL HAVE TO SIGN THE ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS SOON AFTER THE AUCTION.
11. FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS, (IF ANY) CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WORKS OFFICER, INS JARAWA ON TELNO. 03192 244029 ON ALL WORKING DAYS BETWEEN 0900-1100 HRS.

NOTE: THE HIGHEST BIDDER SHOULD DEPOSIT THE ENTIRE INSTALLMENT IN ADVANCE BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF THE QUARTER.

(CHETHAN R UPADHYAYA)
COMMODORE
COMMANDING OFFICER
ESTATE OFFICER, INS JARAWA

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Prothrapur 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)/2026-27/149 Name of Work: Construction of Road from existing Rural Road to Ujwal Toppo house at Sippighat-02 by Samiti. Estimated Cost: Rs. 7,98,322/- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs 15,966/- Time of Completion: Six (06) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 04/11/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in.
Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 25454_1
I.D. No. 12297

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

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Sippighat 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/2026-27/107 Name of Work: Repair and Maintenance of Road from Ambrus house to Anguswamy house at Sippighat-02 under Gram Panchayat Sippighat. (2nd Call) Estimated Cost: Rs. 11,17,660/- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 22,353/- Time of Completion: Four (04) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 04/11/2026 (1500 hrs)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in.
Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 24477 2
I.D. No. 12298

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

AFFIDAVIT

I, V. Karunagaran, S/o late B. Venkatesan, R/o Middle Point, Port Blair under Port Blair Tehsil of Andaman District Solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

That I intend to change my name to B.V. Karunagaran, S/o late B. Venkatesan.

That henceforth I shall be known as B.V.Karunagaran, S/o late B. Venkatesan for all purposes.

The above declaration is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: Port Blair
Date: 10/01/2003

Deponent

SHRAADH CEREMONY



With profound grief, we inform you of the sad demise of our beloved **Late Shri Sheo Ram (Chota Soan) and Late Smt. Roma**, who passed away on **20th October, 2026**.

To pray for the eternal peace and salvation of the departed souls, the **Shraadh Ceremony** will be held on **Monday, 2nd November, 2026, from 12.00 Noon** onwards at residence, **Sukh Ram Colony, Garacharma Basti**.

All relatives, friends, and well-wishers are humbly requested to grace the occasion with their presence and pay their respects to the departed souls.

Mournfully Remembered By: **Sunil Kumar (Son), Dr. Shalini (Daughter) & All Sukh Ram Family Members**

F. No. 10-82/2025
OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR, RANGAT, MIDDLE ANDAMAN
Rangat, dated 29th October, 2026

ORDER NO : 72

The Director of Panchayat & Municipal Elections, A&N Islands vide letter No. 5-1/EC/A&N/2023 dated 27th October, 2026 ordered for revision of Electoral Rolls of Panchayats and Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council of A&N Islands. The schedule for Revision of Electoral Rolls of Gram Panchayat is as under:

Sl. No.	Activity	Period	No. of days
1	Preparation of Draft Electoral Rolls	28.10.2026 (Wed) to 30.10.2026 (Fri)	03 days
	Printing of Draft Rolls	31.10.2026 (Sat) to 02.11.2026 (Mon)	03 days
1	Publication of rolls in draft	03.11.2026 (Tue)	01 day
2	Period of lodging suggestions and objections	03.11.2026 (Tues) to 17.11.2026 (Tues)	15 days
3	Disposal of suggestions and objections	By 19.11.2026 (Thu)	01 days
4	Preparation and printing of electoral rolls	20.11.2026 (Fri) to 23.11.2026 (Mon)	04 days
5	Final publication of electoral rolls	24.11.2026 (Tues)	01 day

In view of the above, following Officials are hereby appointed as Designated Officers in respect of Gram Panchayats and its Constituencies indicated against each. The Designated Officer so appointed shall facilitate the public in filling suggestions and objections in Form-2. Filled in forms along with supportive documents must be submitted at Tehsil Office on daily basis. Details of the designated officers are as under:

Sl. No.	Name & Designation of Designated Officer	Designated Locations for receiving suggestions and objections	Constituencies	Name of Supervisor
1.	SHRI. ANAND KUMAR XALXO Raftman, DFO, Baratang, Mob No - 9474244762	Nilambur Gram Panchayat Office, Nilambur	All constituencies in the Nilambur Panchayat	Shri. Shiva Kumar, Patwari 9531836386
2.	SHRI. RANJIT SOSAN TIRKEY Regular Mazdoor, DFO, Baratang Mob No - 9749398917	Sundergath Gram Panchayat Office, Sundergarh	All constituencies in the Sundergarh Panchayat	
3.	Shri. T Mohan Babu, Village Level Worker (VLW), GP Kadamtala, Mob No – 9679582367.	Uttara Gram Panchayat Office, Uttara	All constituencies in the Uttara Panchayat	Shri. Ineus Martin, Patwari 9474281372
4.	Shri. Paran Roy, PET, GSS UTTARA, MOB NO : 9414240723	Kadamtala Gram Panchayat Office, Kadamtala	All constituencies in the Kadamtala Panchayat	
5.	Ms Nuzhat Parveen Khan, Panchayat Secretary, GP Kaushalyanagar, Mob No - 7695003715.	Kaushalyanagar Gram Panchayat Office, Kaushalyanagar	All constituencies in the K/Nagar Panchayat	Shri. Gopi Gogiti, Patwari 9679580785
6.	Shri. Manisankar Gharami, MTS, GP Urmilapur, Mob No - 9434298626	Urmilapur Gram Panchayat Office, Urmilapur	All constituencies in the Urmilapur Panchayat	
7.	SHRI. T Nagesh Rao MTS, Agriculture Dept. Mob No. - 9476056261	Bakultala Gram Panchayat Office, Bakultala	All constituencies in the Bakultala Panchayat	
8.	Smti. Geeta Mondal Anganwadi Worker, ICDS., Mob No - 9476004027	Sabari Gram Panchayat Office, Sabari	All constituencies in the Sabari Panchayat	Smti. Tarannum Thabrez., Patwari 9531857987
9.	Shri. Nishant Lal MTS, GP Long Island Mob No - 9434260342	Long Island, Gram Panchayat Office, Long Island	All constituencies in the Long Island Panchayat	
10.	Shri. Amit Sarkar , PST, Education Dept, Mob No - 8900906022	Parnasala Gram Panchayat Office, Parnasala	All constituencies in the Parnasala Panchayat	Shri Sahabuddin Midya, Patwari 9476038856
11.	Shri. Pradeep Haldar, MTS, GSSS Rangat, Edn. Mob No – 9531899130	Rangat Gram Panchayat Office, Rangat	All constituencies in the Rangat Panchayat	
12.	Shri. K. Raja Rao, Panchayat Secretary, GP Dasaratpur, Mob No – 9474249990.	Dashratpur Gram Panchayat Office, Dashratpur	All constituencies in the Dashratpur Panchayat	
13.	Shri. Ganapati Biswas Work Asstt., APWD, Rangat Mob - 9531867676	Nimbutala Gram Panchayat Office, Nimbutala	All constituencies in the Nimbutala Panchayat	Shri. Debashish Biswas, Patwari 9476083072 9531897699
14.	Shri. Venkateshwar Rao, MTS GP Shivapuram, Mob No – 9531875228	Shivapuram Gram Panchayat Office, Shivapuram	All constituencies in the Shivapuram Panchayat	

All the Designated Officers appointed in this order are hereby directed to be available at the respective Gram Panchayat Offices (designated location) on all working days during office hours till the final publication of Electoral Roll of Gram Panchayats.

All the designated officers are also directed to attend training on **03.11.2026 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM** at **Administrative Building, Assistant Commissioner Office, Conference Hall Rangat** without fail.

-sd-
AERO / Tehsildar Rangat,
Middle Andaman.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Chouldari 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/2026-27/152 Name of Work: Construction of CC Drain from Shiv Mandir to NH main road at Ward No. 01 under Chouldari Gram Panchayat. Estimated Cost: Rs. 7,15,392/- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 14,308/- Time of Completion: Four (04) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 06/11/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in.
Tender ID: 2026_RDPRI_25507_1
I.D. No. 12302

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

OBITUARY



With profound grief, we inform the sad demise of **P. Krishnan Kutty**, (hailing from **Padmanabhapuram, Betapur No.2**), R/o Mahaveer Nagar, **Birdline**, Retired Checking Inspector of Transport Department who breathed his last on **31/10/2026** in **Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam.** The funeral procession will start from his residence at Mahaveer Nagar at 11 AM on **Nov.1, 2026.**

Inserted by: Grieving family members

Andaman & Nicobar Administration
Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services
Haddo, Sri Vijaya Puram,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands 744102
Website:- https://ahvs.andamannicobar.gov.in Email:- dirahvsandaman@gmail.com

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)

M-11011/1/2026-O/o SO(LS)-AHVS_AN/

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration, through the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (DAH&VS), invites eligible entities to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the "Establishment, Operation, and Maintenance of Pashu Aushadhi Vikray Kendras (PAVKs) under the Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme (LH&DCP)".

The guidelines containing detailed terms & conditions, scope of work and other details can be downloaded from the link https://pashuaushadhi.dahd.gov.in/resources/homePage/99/RelatedDoc/OperationalGuidelinesForPashuAusadhi.pdf

Official portal - Applications are submitted via https://pashuaushadhi.dahd.gov.in/.

Key Details:

- Last date for Submission of EOI: 13.11.2026, 5:00 P.M.
- Kindly read the eligibility criteria and other details in the guidelines.

For further information and clarifications, please contact:

- Senior veterinary Officer (AH), DAH&VS

Phone: 03192 232612
Email: edpcellahvs@gmail.com

Director (AH&VS)

PRESS NOTE

Reference is invited to the press release published in 'The Daily Telegram' dated 25.10. 2026 regarding uploading of provisional ineligible and eligible candidate list for recruitment of Group 'C' Industrial post of 'Mazdoor' and other Group 'C' Non-Ministerial Posts (Raftman, Grader, Asst. Sawyer, Beltman, Oiler, Timber Recorder, Tallyman, Grinder) on the official recruitment portal of Andaman and Nicobar Administration and inviting claims/objection, if any, from the ineligible candidates.

Upon examination of the claims/objections received from the provisionally ineligible candidates, in accordance with the provisions of the recruitment advertisement and the applicable Recruitment Rules (RRs), the final lists of provisional eligible and ineligible candidates have been uploaded on the official recruitment portal of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration at https://erecruitment.andamannicobar.gov.in/ for the information of all concerned.

Disclaimer:

(i) The list of eligible candidates is purely provisional. The final eligibility of each candidate shall be determined only after verification of the original documents, either after declaration of the result or at any other appropriate stage of the recruitment process, as applicable. Inclusion of a candidate's name in the provisional list shall not be construed as confirmation of the validity, authenticity or acceptance of the documents furnished by the candidate, nor shall it confer any right or claim to final selection or appointment.

(ii) The category (ST/OBC) indicated against each candidate is based solely on the information furnished in the application form and shall not be construed as confirmation of eligibility under the claimed category. Such eligibility shall be subject to verification in accordance with the applicable Government orders and the relevant provisions of the vacancy notice.

ID No. 12308

Sd./-
Divisional Forest Officer
South Andaman Division
Nodal Officer (Recruitment)
South Andaman District

AFFIDAVIT

I, PRAGNADHAN, Son of SHRI DURAI RAJAN, resident of near St. Marys School, Village Bhatubasti, Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, Andaman and Nicobar Islands – 744105, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That I am the deponent of this affidavit and a resident of the above-mentioned address.
2. That my correct name, as recorded in my Aadhaar Card, is PRAGNADHAN.
3. That my name has been incorrectly recorded as D. PRAGNADHAN, son of Durai Rajan, in my land documents / land records.
4. That PRAGNADHAN, as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card, and D. PRAGNADHAN, as mentioned in my land documents / land records, are one and the same person, and both names refer to me only.
5. That the difference in the names mentioned above is due to an inadvertent error in recording my name, and there is no difference in the identity of the person.
6. That my correct and actual name is PRAGNADHAN, as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card, and I hereby declare that I am the same person whose name is recorded as D. PRAGNADHAN in the land documents / land records.
7. That I request the concerned authorities to accept this affidavit as proof that both names belong to one and the same person and to correct my name in the relevant land records / documents as PRAGNADHAN, as per my Aadhaar Card.
8. That this affidavit is made to establish my identity and to facilitate the correction of my name in the land records and for all other lawful purposes.

Date: 27-10-2026
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

Deponent

TO LET

Newly Constructed 1 BHK House Available for Rent Near Brahmananda Advaita Ashram, Bird Line, Sri Vijaya Puram. Interested Persons **may Contact: 9434268648**

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BHATU BASTI, GARACHARMA

Superior hard wood, Gurjan and Standard hard wood sawn timber of various sizes are available at our Sale Depot, Hut Bay. Those who wish to purchase the sawn timber of the above categories may contact the Manager, Sale Depot, Hut Bay over **WhatsApp No. 9933234850**.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Mr. Muhammad Tahir (previously known as Sohan Lal), aged 27 years, S/o Late Veeru Ram, presently residing at Bambooflat, under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That my former name was SOHAN LAL, and the same has been recorded in my existing Aadhaar Card (Aadhaar Card No. 3010 9067 9725).
2. That my correct and present name is MUHAMMAD TAHIR, and I wish to have my name corrected / updated accordingly in my Aadhaar Card.
3. That SOHAN LAL and MUHAMMAD TAHIR refer to one and the same person, namely myself, and there is no change in my identity.
4. That I am executing this affidavit to declare my correct name and to request the concerned authority to make the necessary correction / update in my Aadhaar records from SOHAN LAL to MUHAMMAD TAHIR.
5. That the particulars stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and nothing material has been concealed therein.

Date: 26-10-2026
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

Deponent

AFFIDAVIT

I, RAKESH KUJUR S/o JOSEPH KUJUR R/o MAZAR PAHAD Village under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil in the District of South Andaman, do hereby solemnly declare as follows:-

1. That I am resident of the above mentioned address.
2. That My Mother Name is erroneously recorded in my School Certificate & Passport Bearing No. (R2319354) as Mother Name ANJALA KERKETTA instead of ANJELA KERKETTA.
3. That My Mother correct and actual name is ANJELA KERKETTA.
4. That ANJALA KERKETTA and ANJELA KERKETTA are same one identical person.
5. I hereby solemnly affirm that this affidavit is executed to declare that my Mother correct name is ANJELA KERKETTA and that from this date onwards the said name shall be used by me for all purposes.

That the above statement made herein above mentioned are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 28/10/2026
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

Deponent

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