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Weather Report

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.4
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.0
 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 075
 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 065
 Sunrise time on 04/03/2026 (in IST): 0533
 Sunset time on 04/03/2026 (in IST): 1729
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.0
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 030.9

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4 lakh sq km freed in Andaman Basin; Lt. Governor, A&N Islands flags 'Guyana-like' potential

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Nearly four lakh square kilometres of offshore area in the Andaman Basin, long classified as a "No-Go Zone", have been opened up for oil and gas exploration, Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Admiral (Retd) DK Joshi said, describing the basin as having "Guyana-like" potential.



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Speaking at the United Service Institution of India in Delhi, Lieutenant Governor said the earlier restrictions - linked to defence launch corridors - had stalled offshore drilling in the region for decades. "Almost four lakh square kilometers of the No-Go Zone area has been freed up, and oil prospecting has started," he said.

India currently imports the bulk of its crude oil requirements. Any commercially viable discovery in a frontier basin such as Andaman would therefore have

direct implications for energy security and fiscal stability.

Lt. Governor said Oil India, in December 2025, reported a "significant natural gas find" at the Sri Vijaya Puram-2 well, establishing "87% methane gas." On January 27, ONGC "spudded... the Andaman West-1 well, which established crude and condensate,

establishing for the first time the presence of active thermogenic petroleum systems in the region." He said the basin "could yield substantial, game-changing discoveries" and has "a 'Guyana-like' potential," referring to the transformation of Guyana's economy following large offshore oil discoveries over the past decade.

Under the current Open Acreage Licensing Policy round, the largest acreage in India's history is being offered, with the Andaman Basin at its centre. Lieutenant Governor said global majors including ExxonMobil, Shell, Chevron, TotalEnergies and BP are in advanced discussions with ONGC and Oil India for joint

ventures that would bring capital and deep-water exploration technology. **Strategic location and tourism push**



Admiral D K Joshi, Lieutenant Governor, Andaman & Nicobar.

Beyond hydrocarbons, Lieutenant Governor underlined the Islands' strategic role. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands account for "one-third of the country's Exclusive Economic Zone" and "somewhat more than one-fourth of the country's coastline," he said.

Referring to what he termed the "Kashmir to Kanyakumari" syndrome, Lt. Governor said India's

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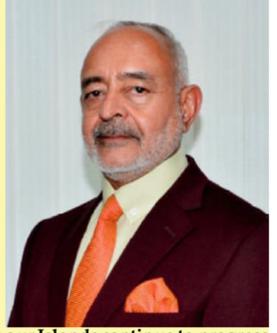
GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of Holi, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all the people of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Holi, the vibrant festival of colors, symbolizes the enduring values of love, harmony and togetherness that make our nation strong. It marks the triumph of good over evil and reinforces the bonds of unity among people from all walks of life. The radiant colors of the festival reflect the richness of our diverse culture and inspire us to uphold goodwill, compassion and mutual respect in our society.

On this joyous occasion let us come together to spread the message of peace, brotherhood and harmony. May this festival usher in prosperity and happiness in the lives of all islanders and may our Islands continue to progress steadily on the path of development and prosperity.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Holi!



(Admiral D K Joshi)
 PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
 Lieutenant Governor
 Andaman & Nicobar Islands
 &
 Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

APWD awards tender for repair of Chatham Causeway Bridge; construction work to commence soon

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3

The Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) has awarded the tender for the repair of the Chatham Causeway Bridge on Feb. 4, 2026. The bridge serves as a vital lifeline connecting Sri Vijaya Puram with Chatham Island and plays a crucial role in ensuring smooth transportation and daily commuting for residents and stakeholders.

Following the award of the tender, the executing agency has initiated



preliminary works is expected to commence by mid-March 2026.

The project has been entrusted to M/s Sanrachana Structural Strengthening Pvt. Ltd.,

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GREETINGS

On the joyous occasion of Holi, I extend my heartfelt greetings and warm wishes to all the islanders.

Holi, the festival of colours, symbolizes unity, harmony, and the triumph of good over evil. It is a time to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, spread love and happiness, and celebrate our rich cultural heritage together.

May this vibrant festival fill every home across our beautiful islands with peace, prosperity, good health and renewed hope. Let us celebrate safely and responsibly, preserving the spirit of togetherness that makes our islands truly special.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy and colourful Holi.



Bishnu Pada Ray
 Member of Parliament
 A&N Islands

GREETINGS

I, Shri S Shahul Hameed, Chairperson, Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council, on behalf of all the elected representatives and staff of SVPSC express our warmest Holi wishes to all islanders. May our day be filled with colours, joy, and love. Let's celebrate the spirit of togetherness and renewal. May this festival bring happiness, prosperity, and vibrant colours to all of us. Wishing all a vibrant and happy Holi. May the colours of joy and love stay with us throughout the year.

'Beach Holi' to be celebrated at Corbyn's Cove Beach today with tagline 'Vitamin Sea and Vitamin G (Gulaal)'



Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3

As part of its ongoing series of events, the Directorate of Information, Publicity and Tourism will be organizing the 10th edition of "Beach Holi" at Corbyn's Cove Beach tomorrow (March 4) from 9 am onwards. The much-awaited celebration aims to spread a strong message of peace and brotherhood across the Islands.

Carrying the vibrant tagline "Vitamin Sea and Vitamin G (Gulaal)", the event promises a colourful blend of music,

culture and festive cheer by the seashore. The programme will commence with traditional Phaag songs presented by the ALLPHA musical group, followed by performances from the Friend Cultural Group and the BRW Wing of the Islands.

The event is open to all, and the general public is cordially invited to participate and celebrate the festival of colours in a joyful and harmonious atmosphere, a press release from Directorate of IP&T said.

Islands Script History: Team A&N Islands clinch 13 Medals at Indiaskills Regional Competition in Bhubaneswar, sets sight on national & global stage



Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3

The youth of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have once again demonstrated their growing strength in technical excellence and vocational competence by delivering an outstanding performance at the IndiaSkills Regional Competition held at Bhubaneswar from 27.02.2026 onwards.

Competing against some of the most talented participants from across Eastern India, Team Andaman & Nicobar Islands showcased remarkable technical proficiency, creativity, discipline, and competitive spirit in both onsite and offsite skill events. The team, comprising 48 competitors across various trades, participated with dedication, professional confidence, and exemplary teamwork. The strategic guidance and the structured training ecosystem of the ITIs culminated in an impressive medal haul of 13 medals, reflecting the strong foundation of skill development and vocational training in the Islands. The team secured 04 Gold Medals, 05 Silver Medals, and 04 Medallions of Excellence, marking one of the most commendable performances

by the Islands at the regional skill competition level and firmly establishing the Andaman & Nicobar Islands as an emerging hub of skill excellence in the eastern region of the country.

Medal Tally - IndiaSkills Regional (East) 2025-26

Medal Category	Number of Medals
Gold	04
Silver	05
Medallion of Excellence	04
Total	13

Detailed Medal Winners

S. No.	Skill	Name of Competitor(s)	Medal
1	Carpentry	Mr. Amitav Mistry	Gold
2	Fashion Technology	Mr. Shubham Parmaniya	Silver
3	Concrete Construction works	Ms. Sharmistha Roy	Silver
4	Landscape Gardening & Plastering & Drywall Systems	Mr. B Devindhar	Gold
5	Cabinet Making	Ms. Sneha Mondal	Silver
6	Electrical Installation	Ms. Rohinee Lakra	Silver
7	Cooking	Mr. Raj Biswas	Gold
8	Welding	Mr. K. Abdul Fathah	Silver
9		Mr. Rohit Kujur	Medallion of Excellence
		Mr. Nitesh Mistry	Medallion of Excellence
		Mr. Bishal Biswas	Medallion of Excellence
		Mr. Divakar Karmakar	Medallion of Excellence

The Gold and Silver medallists are now likely to represent the Andaman & Nicobar Islands at the forthcoming IndiaSkills National Competition, scheduled towards the end of March 2026. Apart from the above achievements, Team Andaman & Nicobar Islands received a walkover in the skills of Visual Merchandising and

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DSS launches 24x7 online facility for booking monthly Harbour Sector passes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3

In a significant step towards enhancing public convenience and strengthening citizen-centric services, the Directorate of Shipping Services (DSS) has launched a 24x7 online facility for booking Monthly Harbour Sector Passes.

This initiative has been introduced in response to long-standing public demand and with the objective of providing accessibility to daily commuters. The move

aligns with the Government's vision of E-Governance, ensuring that essential transport services are accessible to citizens anytime and from anywhere without the hassle of visiting the ticket counter.

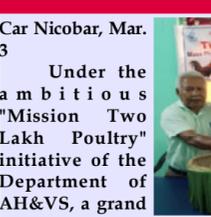
The online booking facility for Monthly Passes is being provided in addition to the existing manual ticket counters, which will continue to operate as usual. Commuters may avail either the online system or the counter-based service,

as per their convenience, ensuring flexibility. The application has been developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) team at Sri Vijaya Puram.

The Directorate of Shipping Services reiterates its strong commitment to public service, convenience, transparency, and continuous improvement of transport services. This initiative reflects DSS's ongoing efforts to

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'Mission Two Lakh' reaches Car Nicobar: empowering tribal farmers with mass distribution of chicks & ducklings



Car Nicobar, Mar. 3

Under the ambitious "Mission Two Lakh Poultry" initiative of the Department of AH&VS, a grand mass distribution event was held today at the Zonal Office, Car Nicobar, marking yet another important milestone in strengthening backyard poultry farming and uplifting the livelihoods of tribal families in the

remote Nicobar group of islands.

Shri Derick, 1st Captain of Kinyuka Village as the chief guest distributed the birds to the beneficiaries. During the event, 200 Quail chicks were handed over to

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Timely surgical intervention at Dr. R.P. Hospital ensures safe delivery of baby & stabilization of mother

Mayabunder, Mar. 3

The Operation Theatre (OT) team of Dr. R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder conducted a series of continuous emergency surgeries, demonstrating prompt response and dedicated teamwork in handling critical maternal cases yesterday. The first case involved an emergency Lower Segment Caesarean Section (LSCS) for a referred patient from Diglipur. The patient was



oligohydramnios (reduced amniotic fluid). Timely surgical intervention ensured the safe delivery of the baby and stabilization of the mother.

The second case was a primigravida with footling breech presentation in PPRM (Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes) complicated by sepsis. Considering the critical condition, the team

at 39 weeks of pregnancy and diagnosed with

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southernmost point is not Kanyakumari but Great Nicobar, located "just about six degrees north of the equator." Spread across 836 islands over roughly 750 km, the territory is "small only in terms of population," he said.

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Lt. Governor also highlighted the role of the Islands Development Agency in advancing large-scale projects to strengthen surface connectivity, aviation infrastructure, digital networks and maritime capabilities.

All projects are structured under a public-private partnership model, with the government providing land on long-term lease while private developers invest under a Design, Finance, Build, Operate, Transfer framework. The bidding parameter is a revenue share and an annual lease payment, escalating at 5 percent per year. "So there is no expenditure at all by the government," Lt. Governor said.

He added that 15 more hospitality projects are set to be awarded within a year, with detailed project reports and expressions of interest already completed.

Radhanagar Beach on Swaraj Dweep has retained Blue Flag certification since 2019, he said, adding that 10 more beaches have been fielded for certification, with inspections completed. Cruise tourism is also being expanded, with vessel Luminara visiting the Islands in December. (Source: <https://www.moneycontrol.com/>)

Holi celebration: Stretch from Corbyn's Chowk Junction to Mazar Pahad via Corbyn's Cove declared 'One-Way Route' today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3 In exercise of the powers conferred under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Act No. 59 of 1988), read with the Administration's Notification No. /2008/ F.No.32-95/2008-TR dated 10th March, 2008 and in view of the festival of Holi Celebrations during which a large number of devotees are expected to gather at Corbyn's Cove Beach on March, 4, the District Magistrate, South Andaman District, has issued the following notification to ensure smooth regulation of vehicular movement and the

safety of the devotees: **ONE WAY:**
1. The stretch from Corbyn's Chowk Junction to Mazar Pahad via Corbyn's Cove has been declared as a One-Way Route, with entry permitted only from Corbyn's Chowk Junction and exit through Mazar Pahad. No vehicles shall be allowed to ply towards Corbyn's Cove Beach, except two-wheelers.
2. The entry of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) on the stretch from Corbyn's Chowk Junction to Mazar Pahad via Corbyn's Cove shall remain

restricted during the period.
3. The road leading from Children's Park, Chakkargaon to Corbyn's Cove Road shall remain closed for general vehicular movement, except for two-wheelers, during the period of Holi celebrations.
The above traffic restrictions shall be enforced on 04.03.2026 from 0900 Hrs to 1600 Hrs. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain valid for the above-mentioned date and time unless withdrawn earlier, a notification issued by DM (SA) said.

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

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3 Tourism Department in association with Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITM), Bhubaneswar will be organising 12 days Training Program for Tour Guide Training Programme for Local Youths; and Eco-Tourist Guide Training & Birding for tourism stakeholder's unemployed youth/candidates in Sri Vijaya Puram from March 9 to 20. Application form along with terms and condition can be downloaded from URL [id tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in](https://tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in) and submitted to Planning Section or it can also be submitted through google form via link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrvOzInh2w8MTmLRGBarSvWU_eRF9kri1qhyMrUypBpP2pyQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor

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

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

To select the candidates, 50% weightage will be given to merit & 50% weightage to experience in travel trade. No TA/DA or accommodation shall be provided for attending the training. The candidates who have undergone Tourist guide training during 2023-24 & 2024-25 will not be eligible for Tourist Guide Training.
The filled in application form for the tourist guide training is to be submitted to Planning section, Directorate of IP&T on or before 06th March, 2026 by 12 Noon. For queries regarding the training, contact Smti. Nalini K. Nair, Sr. Investigator, Dte. of IP&T, 9434281308 during working hours, a press release from Directorate of IP&T said.

Evening ferry service to Shaheed Dweep & Swaraj Dweep to resume from March 6

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3 The Directorate of Shipping Services has informed the general public that, in response to the persistent demand from residents of Shaheed Dweep & Swaraj Dweep, the evening ferry service from Sri Vijaya Puram is being reintroduced. Acknowledging the continued appeal from the community for a convenient travel option, the Directorate has restored the evening ferry service for the travellers.
The Directorate will operate direct ferry services to Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj

Dweep as per the schedule detailed below:

SRI VIJAYA PURAM - SHAHEED DWEEP - SRI VIJAYA PURAM			
DAY	ARRIVAL	PORT	DEPARTURE
Daily Service	1615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	1430 Hrs
	1815 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	1630 Hrs
Daily Service	1915 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	1700 Hrs
	0640 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	0530 Hrs (Next Day)
Daily Service	0640 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	0645 Hrs
	0845 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	—

The above service will commence with effect from 9th March, 2026. Issuance of passenger tickets for the following week will begin from March 6. It is informed that the existing 1430 hrs service from Sri Vijaya Puram to Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep has been withdrawn w.e.f March 9.
The Directorate of Shipping Services remains committed to ensuring safe, reliable, and commuter-friendly maritime transport services for the residents of A&N Islands, a press release from DSS said.

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION SECRETARIAT
Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 26th February, 2026
ORDER NO.:
Amendment / Revision in A & N Excise Policy, 2013

Clause	Present Policy (Shall be replaced)	Amended Policy (Shall be read as)
Clause 4.3 (a) Other Conditions:- Licence Holder in Form 'C': (5)	The licensee shall keep the shop open from 9 AM to 12 Noon and from 3 PM to 8 PM on all days with one day as weekly off. The timings are subject to variation at the discretion of licencing authority	The licensee shall keep the shop open from :- i) Morning Session: 9 AM to 1 PM ii) Evening Session: 3 PM to 9 PM
Vide Order No. 4141, Dt. 30 th Dec, 2016 Amendment/ revision of Excise Policy, 4.3 (a) Other Conditions:- Licence Holder in Form 'C': 7 (a) to (e) of A & N Excise Policy, 2013	The licensee in Form "B1", "B2" and "B3" shall observe the following days as DRY DAYS and shall keep the shops closed for business: 1. Pongal 2. Republic Day 3. Martyr day 4. Holi 5. Good Friday 6. Independence Day 7. Ganesh Chaturthi 8. Gandhi Jayanthi 9. Dussehra - 2 days 10. Idwali 11. Idul-Fitr 12. Idul-Zuha (Bakrid) 13. Milad-un-Nabi 14. Gurunanak Jayanti 15. Christmas 16. Any other day declared as dry day by the competent authority in public interest. Any loss to the licensee due to this will not be compensated nor will the Govt. be liable to pay any compensation.	The licensee in Form "C" "C1", "B1", "B2" and "B3" and "B4" shall observe the following days as DRY DAYS and shall keep the shops closed for business: 1. Republic Day 2. Independence Day 3. Gandhi Jayanti 4. The day of Poll and preceding two days in all General Elections, Bye Elections to Lok Sabha, Municipal Board election and Panchayat Election and the counting days of the above elections. 5. Any other day declared as dry day by the competent authority in public interest. Any loss to the licensee due to this will not be compensated nor will the Govt. be liable to pay any compensation.

This policy shall come into force with immediate effect from 26th day of February, 2026.
Sd./-
(Hemant Kumar) IAS
Excise Commissioner
A & N Administration

Public Hearing to be conducted in Gram Panchayats of Sippighat, Calicut, Wandoor, Guptapara & Humphrygunj

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3 It is to bring to the notice of the general public and PRI members of the Gram Panchayats of Sippighat, Calicut, Wandoor, Guptapara, and Humphrygunj that, as desired by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands Constituency, during the DISHA Meeting held on Feb. 25, a Public Hearing will be conducted under the South Andaman District Administration as per the following schedule:
◆ 07.03.2026 - Community Hall, Sippighat (Gram Panchayats: Calicut

& Sippighat)
◆ 08.03.2026 - Community Hall, Wandoor (Gram Panchayats: Wandoor, Guptapara & Humphrygunj)
The Public Hearing will commence from 10 am onwards to address the grievances of the general public of the concerned Gram Panchayats. All PRI members, and residents/villagers are requested to attend as per the above schedule.
Prior to the Public Hearing, a Yoga Programme will be organized for the villages at the respective venues

from 7 am to 8 am by the District Health Society, South Andaman, in coordination with the Health Department. Officials and members of the general public are requested to participate in the programme.
After the Yoga Programme, the team along with officers/officials of various Departments, will visit Anganwadi Centres, Schools, PHCs, and other departmental infrastructure. The Public Hearing will thereafter be conducted as scheduled, a press release from DC (SA) said.

DSW conducts capacity building & orientation prog. under Mission Vatsalya

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3 A capacity building and orientation programme under the 'Mission Vatsalya' was organised by the State Child Protection Society (SCPS), Directorate of Social Welfare, to strengthen child protection mechanisms and enhance stakeholder capacity across the islands. 'Mission Vatsalya', a flagship initiative of the Government of India, aims to ensure care, protection, development, and rehabilitation of children in need of care and

protection and children in conflict with law through strengthened institutional and non-institutional services and digital monitoring systems. The programme was graced by the Director of Social Welfare, Shri Ravinder Kumar, who emphasised commitment, coordinated functioning, and accurate reporting for effective implementation of the scheme. The Nodal Officer, 'Mission Vatsalya', highlighted the importance of coordination, timely data management, proper

documentation, and accountability in strengthening child protection services.
The thematic session on scheme was delivered by Ms. Keeta Devi, former Mission Vatsalya Nodal Officer. The Programme Manager, State Child Protection Society, conducted a technical session on the Mission Vatsalya Portal along with the Superintendent (JH i/c). Officials and staff from all three districts actively participated, a communication from DSW received here said.

'Mission Two Lakh' reaches Car (Contd. from page 1)

3 tribal beneficiaries, 100 Nicobari & Vanraja chicks were given to 5 tribal beneficiaries, and 25 Kuttanad & Vigova ducklings were distributed to local farmers. The distribution was aimed at encouraging tribal families to take up poultry as a sustainable source of income and nutrition.
The event concluded with a strong appeal to more villagers to come forward and join the mission, paving the way for sustainable livelihood opportunities and enhanced food security in the region. This distribution is part of the Department's ongoing drive to achieve the target of supplying over 2,00,000 day-old chicks and ducklings across the islands, with special focus on empowering tribal and remote communities through scientific poultry rearing. The initiative not only aims to increase egg and meat production but also to generate self-employment and improve the nutritional status of tribal households.
The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services remains committed to expanding such distribution programmes and providing continuous technical support, training, and inputs to farmers so that the benefits of the "Mission Two Lakh" reach every corner of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a press release from Deptt. of AH&VS said.

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World Wildlife Day celebrated at Biological Park, Chidiyatapu

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3 On the occasion of World Wildlife Day 2026, Biological Park, Chidiyatapu organized an awareness and outreach programme at Chidiyatapu under the theme "Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Conserving Health, Heritage and Livelihoods." The programme focused on promoting the conservation of medicinal and aromatic plant species and encouraging community participation. Medicinal seedlings such as Ajwain, Hadjod, and Patharchatta etc. were distributed to nearby shops

and diving centres to create awareness about their ecological, medicinal, and economic importance. Participants were sensitized on the role of these plants in traditional healthcare, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable livelihoods.
The event concluded with a collective appeal to conserve medicinal plants and promote eco-friendly practices in the region, a press release from Biological Park, Chidiyatapu said.

IM, Akshat Khamparia to conduct Chess Simul near Marina Park today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3 International Master Akshat Khamparia, renowned chess trainer and promoter from Madhya Pradesh, is currently on a visit to A&N Islands. In this connection, the Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) will be organizing a Chess Simultaneous Exhibition (Simul) on March 4 from 4 pm to 6 pm near the Marina Park Main Gate. Interested chess players who wish to participate in

the chess simul are requested to register their names at the earliest by contacting Office Executive, ANCA at 9933217055. Entries will be on a first-come, first-served basis, a press release from ANCA said.

Vessel Sindhu to sail for Mayabunder on March 6

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 3 This is for the information of the passenger/general public that the vessel Sindhu will sail for Mayabunder on 06.03.2025 (Fri) at 0600 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Sri Vijaya Puram on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Mayabunder. Tickets can be booked through the DSS e-Ticketing Portal at <https://dss.andamannicobar.gov.in/eticketing>, which will be available 24x7 with

effect from 04.03.2026 at 0900 Hrs onwards. For user convenience, a QR code linking directly to the portal has also been provided.



Scan QR Code to open on mobile.

APWD awards tender for repair.....
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Pune, Maharashtra, an experienced agency with proven expertise in executing specialized bridge repair works. The stipulated completion period for the project is six months. The Department is closely monitoring the progress to ensure timely completion, with efforts being made to finish the work within or before the scheduled timeframe.
Considering the challenges faced by the local community due to restricted movement across the bridge, this initiative of the UT Administration aims to significantly ease travel hardships and restore seamless connectivity between Sri Vijaya Puram and Chatham Island at the earliest.
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All three surgeries were performed, highlighting the preparedness and efficiency of the OT team at Dr. R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder. The hospital administration appreciated the dedication and coordinated efforts of the medical and supporting staff in managing these life-threatening emergencies and ensuring quality healthcare services in North & Middle Andaman District, a press release from Dr. R. P. Hospital, Mayabunder said.

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NIT No. ANIIDCO/CW/25-26/TD - 25
Name of Work : Interior Modification of IMFL shop at Campbell Bay.
Estimate cost : Rs.7,90,317/-
Tender/Bid processing Fee : NA
Earnest Money : Rs.15,806/-
Period of Completion : 60 Days
Bid document publishing Date : 03.03.2026
Bid document Download/Start Date : 05.03.2026 at 10:00 AM
Bid Submission Start Date : 16.03.2026 at 10:00 AM
Bid Submission End Date : 23.03.2026 upto 03:00 PM
Bid Opening Date : 24.03.2026 at 11:00 AM
The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.
Tender ID:2026_ANCVL_22174_1 General Manager(CW)
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NIT No. ANIIDCO/CW/25-26/TD - 24
Name of Work : Development of Multipurpose Park (destination wedding cum garden restaurant) at Radhanagar, Swaraj Dweep.
Estimate cost : Rs. 83,07,080/-
Tender/Bid processing Fee : NA
Earnest Money : Rs. 1,66,142/-
Period of Completion : 04 Months
Bid document publishing Date : 03.03.2026
Bid document Download/Start Date : 05.03.2026 at 10:00 AM
Bid Submission Start Date : 10.03.2026 at 10:00 AM
Bid Submission End Date : 17.03.2026 upto 03:00 PM
Bid Opening Date : 18.03.2026 at 11:00 AM
The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.
Tender ID:2026_ANCVL_22169_1 General Manager(CW)
ANIIDCO

JOB VACANCY

> **Office Assistant** : Proficiency in MS Word, MS Excel, Tally. Experience in office administration preferred.
> **Project Manager** : B. Tech. (Mech.) / Diploma.
> **Assistant to Fitter** : ITI (Plumber / Mechanical), Diploma.
> **Multi-Tasking Staff** : Minimum 10th Pass.
Contact Address: **Dweep Engineering Works,**
Haddo, Sea Shore Road, Near Chatham Police Station.
Contact No. 9933216200 / 9933268454
Reg. No. 11278/LC/2020

REPLY TO NOTICE DATED 25.02.2026

This is in reply to the Notice dated 25.02.2026 published in "The Daily Telegrams" by Ld. Advocate Mr. Manish Mondal for and on behalf of his clients Savitri Bala Gain, Shri Deepak Gain, Shri Paritosh Gain, Dilip Gain and Manju Gain alias Manju Mondal. In the said connection, it is brought to the Notice of General Members of public not to adhere any claims made in the said publication since my client Smti. Rani Baidya, Wife of Late Sukhchand Baidya, has acquired valid right, title and interest over the landed properties bearing Survey Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324 & 328, area 1.1200 Hects., 0.6000 Hects., 0.0700 Hects., 0.3000 Hects. & 0.5200 Hects. respectively and Survey No. 323 area 0.0100 Hects., all situated at Chouldhari Village, Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District, by virtue of Registered Sale Agreement dated 13.06.1963 executed by Late Subodh Chandra Gain in favour of her husband and pursuant to which possession was delivered way back in the year 1963. The said Savitri Bala Gain and Others had filed Title Suit No. 107 of 2010 before the Learned Civil Judge (Senior Division), Port Blair, which was dismissed vide Judgment and Decree dated 31.12.2018 and the subsequent Title Appeal No. 05 of 2019 was also dismissed by the Learned District Judge, South Andaman on 26.02.2025 affirming the said decree. Upon dismissal of the appeal, my client has filed a Writ Petition before the Hon'ble High Court, which is presently pending adjudication. Therefore, the General Public is hereby informed that the said Savitri Bala Gain, Shri Deepak Gain, Shri Paritosh Gain, Dilip Gain and Manju Gain alias Manju Mondal have no subsisting right over the subject properties, and any transaction entered into on the basis of their Notice shall be at the sole risk and consequences of the parties concerned. Thus, the publication dated 25.02.2026 has been made to mislead, delude and deceive the General Members of public. I once again request the General Members of public to give deaf ear to the said Notice dated 25.02.2026.
Sd./-
Navin Kumar Misra
Advocate
Radhakrishna Temple Complex
Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram
Ph. 9434260900

CAR FOR SALE

Wagon 'R' VXi Bought on 28.12.2025.
Contact Ph. No. 9434278263

TO LET

Shop Available for Rent at School Line, Hudco Colony, Roadside.
Contact: 9933287537

IN THE COURT OF THE EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE CHAMPUA

AFFIDAVIT

I, Mani Mahanta, M/o No. T.J-6898N Rank Sub Name Manoj Kumar Mahanta, R/o Jamudalok PO, Keonjhar District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-
1. That my actual name is Mani Mahanta and Date of Birth is 07 Jun., 1957 as per her Aadhaar Card No. 9380 7764 4216 & PAN Card No. DPEPM7640C.
2. That my name & date of birth is wrongly mentioned in my son's office record as Mand Mahanta and date of birth as 01 Jul., 1960.
3. That I want to get corrected my name and date of birth in my son's service records from Mand Mahanta to Mani Mahanta and date of birth from 01 Jul., 1960 to 07 Jun., 1957.
4. That I hereby declare that Mand Mahanta and Mani Mahanta are the name of one and same identical person and I wish to record my name as Mani Mahanta and date of birth as 07 Jun., 1957 in my son's service record.
5. That I am executing this affidavit to attest to the truth and veracity of the foregoing facts; to set the records straight as to the true identity of my name "Mani Mahanta" and her date of birth "07 Jun., 1957" and for whatever legal purpose this may serve.
6. That the above said statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Deponent
The deponent is appeared before me personally in my Court, to-day this the 20th day of February, 2026 at about 12.10 pm and identified by Sri R. R. Sethi, Advocate of Champua.
Sd./-
Executive Magistrate
Champua

AFFIDAVIT

I, Shri Vivek Kumar Mishra, S/o Shri Jagdish Prasad Misra, residing at Junglighat Colony, Near Light House Colony, South Andaman, PIN - 744103, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:
1. That my correct name is Vivek Kumar Mishra.
2. That in my School Certificate, my name has been incorrectly recorded as Vivek Kumar Misra.
3. That in all my other official documents, namely PAN Card, Voter ID Card, and Aadhaar Card, my name is correctly mentioned as Vivek Kumar Mishra.
4. That both the names, Vivek Kumar Misra and Vivek Kumar Mishra, refer to one and the same person, i.e. myself.
5. That I am making this affidavit to declare the correction of my name from Vivek Kumar Misra to Vivek Kumar Mishra in my school records and for all official purposes. I hereby declare that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram
Date: 02-03-2026
Deponent

FOR SALE

02 Nos. Water Tanker- C- Serial (Diesel) with Good Running Condition and Updated Documents. Interested Person Contact On Mobile No.: 9933283726

LAND FOR SALE

200 Sq. Mtrs and More Area individual Single Patta Land for Sale at Chouldhari Village, Nearby Veer Savarkar Park.
Interested Persons may Contact:
9531916263 / 9933240357

TO LET

Newly Constructed RCC Flat for Small Govt. Servant Family in Deen Street (Junglighat) beside J.J. Apartment Near Junglighat Chowk. Contact On Mob. No.: 9679519435 / 9474209031

WANTED

Required Experienced Driver with Valid LMV / HMV License, Good Knowledge of Local Routes Responsible & Punctual. Contact No.: 8597774043 / 9474208074

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Guptapara 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/GEN/2025-26/205 Name of Work: Repair and Maintenance of 02 Nos. of toilet including installation of CPVC Pipe Lines to Toilet from Rain water Harvesting Tank at Panchayat Bhawan at Manglutan-I under Gram Panchayat Guptapara. Estimated Cost: Rs. 10,05,111/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 20,102/-, Time of Completion: Six (06) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 09/03/2026 (1500 hrs.)
The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.
Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22157 1
I.D. No. 12002
Executive Engineer
Panchayati Raj Institution
South Andaman Division-I
Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram
South Andaman

11th Death Anniversary

On 4th March, 2026
In loving Memory of
AMIYA MONDAL
(Retd. Teacher), R/o Rabindra Palli, Diglipur
"After you passed Nothing that can fill the emptiness in our life, we feel you in our soul & heart. Your Beautiful smile and Memories will remain alive in our heart."
"Rest your soul in Peace"
"We Miss you lot"
Inserted by: Joydratha Mondal (Husband) and all Family Members.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ANIIMS ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

INTERVIEW

F. No.1-14/ANIIMS/JR/SR/Residents/2026-27/253 Sri Vijaya Puram, Dated 02.03.2026
Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS), Sri Vijaya Puram invites application for the "Hybrid Interview" for the following posts on CONTRACT BASIS for a period of one year.
Eligibility Criteria & Remuneration:

For the Post/ Designation	Essential Qualification	Payments and Emoluments	Number of Post
Junior Resident (Dental)	BDS	Consolidated monthly pay of Rs.86,000/-per month	02

Interested eligible candidates should send their application in the prescribed format (available at official website of Andaman & Nicobar Administration <https://www.andamannicobar.gov.in> and college website <http://aniims.andamannicobar.gov.in> along with the soft copies of relevant documents to, Email: recruitment.aniims@gmail.com
The completed application should have the following documents along with the application:
(1) Proof of age.
(2) BDS degree certificate.
(3) BDS Mark Sheet
(4) Internship completion certificate
(5) Registration certificates.
(6) Experience Certificate
 Last date for receiving the completed application is on 12.03.2026 by 4:00 PM
 Email: recruitment.aniims@gmail.com
 Date of Interview will be intimated later
 Necessary details and changes will be intimated through the website of ANIIMS.
 Candidates appearing for the interview must possess the above mentioned documents in original at the time of interview.
NOTE:-
• The above mentioned schedule is tentative and subject to change at any stage depending upon the availability of the Selection Committee. Any changes made will be updated at ANIIMS website <http://aniims.andamannicobar.gov.in>
• The Director, ANIIMS, Sri Vijaya Puram reserves the right to reschedule the above dates & time at any stage of the "Interview".
• Director ANIIMS reserves the right to increase/decrease/cancel the notified vacancies at any stage of the interview/selection procedure.
• All the posts are purely temporary. The candidate has no right to claim for regular appointment.
• Contact :03192-24177 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on all days except holidays & 10: AM to 01:00 PM on Saturdays

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DIRECTOR, ANIIMS

PRESCRIBED PROFORMA

Post Applied For:..... Department:.....

1.	Name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)	
2.	Father's name	
3.	Date of birth and Age (As on last date of application)	
4.	Present Address	
5.	E-mail	
6.	Mobile/Phone number	
7.	Current Job Details	
8.	Whether citizen of India or Overseas Citizen of India	
9.	Academic Qualification	
	Qualification & Year of Passing	Name of the Institute
	No. of Attempts	Registration No. of State Medical Council
	BDS (.....)	
10.	Experience in Details:	
	Designation	Institution
	From -To	Total Experience in Years & months
Sl. No.	Documents to be attached	Yes/No
1.	BDS-Degree and Registration Certificate	
2.	Internship Completion Certificate	
3.	Work/experience certificate /	
4.	Copy of Photo ID issued by GOI (Passport or Aadhar Card No)	
5.	All other Supporting Documents should be attached	

DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that, each statement and/or contents of this application form and /or documents, certificates submitted along with the application form, by the undersigned are absolutely true, correct and authentic. Any discrepancy if any found will disqualify my candidature.
Date:
Place:
Candidate Name & Signature

LOST

I have Lost My Xth Mark Sheet and Pass Certificate of CBSE, Diploma Certificate of Pharmacy, All Marksheets, Course Completion Certificate, Practical Training Certificate, Transfer Certificate issued from KK College in Between Goal Ghar and Haddo. Finder may Please Contact. Maheswer, S/o Late Sheo Kumar Ram, R/o Goal Ghar, Sri Vijaya Puram. Mob.: 9332611055

1st Death Anniversary

On 04-03-2026
LATE JOHN DAVID
If has been one year since you left us, but your memories are still fresh in our hearts. We miss your smile, your voice, and your presence everyday.
Life feels different without you.
You will always remain a part of us, today and forever.
Inserted by: J. Devarakkam (Father), Jayamary (Mother) & family members.

OBITUARY

The Director (CS&CA), Officers and staff of Directorate of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Sri Vijaya Puram deeply mourns the sad and untimely demise of **Late V. Kanaka Rao**, MTS attached to this Directorate who expired on 03.03.2026 at G. B. Pant Hospital, Sri Vijaya Puram. He was born on 01st June 1969 and joined in this Directorate as TSM on 01st September 1993 and as MTS on 25/05/2013. He was very sincere and hard working. May his soul rest in peace and may God give strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss.
Assistant Director (Admn)

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Shradh Ceremony
With reverence and devotion, we invite you to join us for the Shradh Ceremony in loving memory of our beloved father
Late Shri P.Sasidharan



Date: Friday, 6th March 2026
Time: 11:30AM onwards
Venue: Sree Narayana Guri Mandiram (Auditorium), VIP Road, Sri Vijaya Puram
Your presence and prayers will bring peace to the departed soul and blessings to our family
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥