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Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 29.7
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.1
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 067
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 066
Sunrise time on 04/01/2026 (in IST): 0540
Sunset time on 04/01/2026 (in IST): 1708
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: 000.0



Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah today inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various development projects worth Rs. 373 crore in A&N Islands

Great Nicobar project will make this Island a global cargo hub, a tourism center and a very important pillar of India's strategic security

Andaman and Nicobar, where freedom fighters transformed suffering into strength and torture into a resolve for independence, is a pilgrimage site for every Indian

Modi Government is developing Andaman and Nicobar while protecting the environment and preserving its heritage, making it a contributor to a developed India

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 3

Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration at Sri Vijaya Puram. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Union Home Secretary, Shri Govind Mohan, along with several other dignitaries, were present. Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah also inaugurated an exhibition based on the three new laws in Sri Vijaya Puram.

In his address on the occasion, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah said that on this very land, many martyred freedom fighters who fought for India's independence spent years of their lives in the Cellular Jail built by the British. He said that many people breathed their last here, strengthening India's freedom struggle, and many brave souls were hanged. He said that today, the memorial of Veer Savarkar and the eternal flame lit in the Cellular Jail tell the entire world that many great souls sacrificed their lives here. Shri Shah said that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was the first to hoist the Tricolour at this place of free India, and in his memory and honour of his words, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi named two Islands as Shaheed and Swaraj. He said that Prime Minister Modi has undertaken the task of naming every island in this archipelago after heroes of the Indian freedom struggle. He said that this land is a pilgrimage site



for every citizen of free India, because it was here that our freedom fighters endured suffering as strength, solitude as resolve, and torture as the path to freedom, ultimately achieving independence.

Shri Amit Shah said that Prime Minister Modi has transformed this Island into a strategic power. He

said that the previous government considered Andaman and Nicobar a burden on the exchequer; under the Modi Government, it will contribute to the country's treasury. He said that this transformation witnessed over the past 11 years is the result of a resolve to dedicate oneself to the service of the nation,



considering every particle of the country as Mother India. He said that in line with this vision, nine major development projects were inaugurated and the foundation stone for two projects was laid here today, and in a single day, development works worth Rs. 373 crore were gifted to this island. Shri Shah said that these development projects include an Integrated Command and Control Centre with a cost of Rs. 229 crore. He said that the inauguration of Phase-I of the District Hospital at a cost of Rs. 33 crore, the inauguration of a Forensic Science Laboratory, and the inauguration of six other schemes at a cost of

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Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, chairs meeting of Parliamentary Consultative Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs at Sri Vijaya Puram

Modi Government has completely modernized all five pillars of the justice system - Police, Courts, Prisons, Forensics and Prosecution

New criminal laws are accelerating investigations and increasing the conviction rate



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan.3 Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, chaired a meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs at Sri Vijaya Puram. The subject of the meeting was Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) and Development (BPR&D), and other senior officials were present in the meeting.

e-FIR and zero-FIR are proving to be a great relief for the poor and women



Addressing the meeting, Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah said that the Ministry of Home Affairs has held 12 meetings of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee from 2019 until now, which have yielded good results. He said that it is Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision that after the new criminal laws are fully

implemented, justice should be delivered on time. Shri Shah said that we will create such a system by 2029 in which the entire judicial process - from FIR to the Supreme Court - can be completed within three years. He mentioned that the reforms undertaken since 2022 have been efforts in this very direction. The Home Minister said that to turn the vision of

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurates State-Level Exhibition on Nyaya Sanhita at ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 3

The Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, today inaugurated a State-level Exhibition on Nyaya Sanhita at ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram. Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Union Home Secretary, Shri Govind Mohan, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Director General of Police, A&N Islands, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Home), Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Revenue/Shipping), and other

Senior Officers of the A&N Administration were also present for the inauguration.

Addressing the gathering at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Stadium, Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

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General Anil Chauhan, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) on visit to A&N Islands from 02 - 04 January, 2026, called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Lok Niwas, Sri Vijaya Puram. Discussed dual-use strategic infrastructure, New Green Field Airports, upgradation/lengthening of runways, deep water ports, perspective plans and strengthening Coastal security.

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Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, chairs meeting.....

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working on forensics since 2020 itself to enhance and expand forensic capabilities for the process of delivering justice. He said that the new criminal laws came into effect from July 2024, but we had already begun the work of implementing them from the perspective of forensics starting in 2020, and positive results are now being seen.



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that after the introduction of the New Criminal Laws, there has been an increase in the speed of investigations and the conviction rate. He said that in West Bengal, the accused in the rape of a minor girl was sentenced to death in just 62 days. In a triple murder case in Siwan district of Bihar, two accused were sentenced in only 50 days. Shri Shah said that these cases prove that we are getting positive results, but there is a need to further strengthen the system.

Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah said that earlier we faced five challenges, which included a major technology gap in forensic investigations, the limited quality of evidence due to Chain of Custody issues, instances where police did not submit forensic investigation reports to the courts, a shortage of skilled professionals and forensic laboratories, and the lack of nationwide standards. He said that in accordance with the provisions of the new laws, forensic laboratories will now send their reports directly to the court and provide a copy to the police. Shri Shah said that the Government of India and state governments are going to invest 30 thousand crore rupees over the next five years to build a network of forensic laboratories across the country. Along with this, a scientific mechanism has been established to address the lack of nationwide standards. He mentioned that by sharing best practices and shortcomings, a nationwide standard will be determined.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that we have taken steps towards scientific reforms, the development of secure databases, technology and human resource capacity building, empowerment of institutions, and better coordination between the Central and State Governments. He said that the new criminal laws have given importance to technology. Reforms such as e-Summons and e-Sakshya have been introduced. He said that by fully modernizing the five pillars-namely police, courts, prisons, forensics, and prosecution-concrete steps have been taken to store data electronically, enable data interoperability among them, and conduct continuous analysis based on Artificial Intelligence (AI). He mentioned that forensic visits have been made mandatory in all criminal cases where the punishment is seven years or more.

Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah said that we have strengthened the Chain of Custody not merely through circulars, but from a judicial perspective. The videography of seizures has been made mandatory so that no false allegations can be leveled against the police. He said that digital and electronic evidence has now been clearly defined. By providing a decisive legal basis to digital and forensic evidence, it has been established as admissible proof. He said that cybercrime, organized crime, terrorism, and digital fraud were not clearly defined earlier, but we have now explicitly defined them, thereby reducing grey areas for the courts. The implementation of Trial In Absentia will curb the tendency of accused persons fleeing the country. He mentioned that crimes against women and children have also been given priority in the new criminal laws. He said that e-FIR and Zero FIR represent a major relief for the poor and women.

Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah said that by November 2025, every police station in the country has been brought online on the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS). He said that today every FIR is available on the central server. In the coming days, a Modus Operandi Bureau will also be established for the mapping of crimes. Approximately 36 crore legacy data along with the data of 7 lakh FIRs is available online. 22 thousand courts have been connected to e-Courts. In e-Prisons, the data of 2 crore 20 lakh prisoners from jails across the country is available on the central server. In e-Prosecution, data of approximately 2 crore prosecution cases is available. In the new prosecution system, information of all cases is now being made available in e-Prosecution. Data of 30 lakh 54 thousand cases is available on e-Forensics so that the police can use it. On the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS), 1 crore 21 lakh fingerprints are available, which is helping the police in investigation of cases. Data of 9 lakh 44 thousand Narco offenders is also available online. Data of 3 lakh 65 thousand criminals involved in human trafficking has been made online. He said that data of all terrorism cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) is also being separately recorded in the NIA database.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that currently there are 7 CFSLs (Central Forensic Science Laboratories) in the country, while 8 new CFSLs are being established. He said that there will be no state or Union Territory left without either an NFSU or a CFSL. He said that to strengthen the states' FSUs, forensic vans, and regional laboratories, we have provided a grant of approximately Rs. 1,000 crore. Shri Shah said that guidelines have been issued for the standardization of forensic science departments. The IT platform for e-Forensics has also been launched, and 143 laboratories across the country, including CFSLs, have already been connected to it.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that by 2029, 35 thousand students will be studying forensics at NFSU, and within 3-4 years we will reach saturation level. He said that NFSU has 100 percent placement. The Home Minister said that so far, 14 campuses of NFSU have been established, and this university is currently running more than 100 training programs. He mentioned that in the past 4 years, more than 16 thousand officers have been trained, and the target has been set to nearly triple this number in the next 4 years.

Union Home Minister said that NFSU has so far registered 46 patents, out of which 30 were registered just in 2024. He said that 96 countries have signed 103 MoUs with NFSU. Additionally, 117 organizations from the central and state governments have also entered into agreements with NFSU. Shri Amit Shah said that in the long-term roadmap, work has been undertaken to create an integrated forensic structure, and we are promoting innovation. In the coming times, we will also do good work in forensic intelligence. Along with this, AI-based analysis of forensic results and the continuous updating of software will also be carried out.

The Home Minister said that after the implementation of the three new criminal laws, good initial results are being seen from the efforts to deliver quick outcomes. (Source: PIB)

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurates State-Level.....

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modern, technology-enabled, and citizen-centric criminal justice system in India. The new laws, supported by institutional collaborations and digital innovations, replace colonial-era legal frameworks and deliver faster, fairer, and transparent justice.

Shri Amit Shah appealed that apart from every stakeholder associated with the criminal justice system, the general public must visit this exhibition, as it clearly demonstrates the far-reaching changes being brought into the justice delivery system. He highlighted that the new Nyaya Sanhita aims to ensure justice within a defined time frame.

The objective of the exhibition is to create awareness about the new laws which have been enacted to shift the focus of the criminal justice system from punishment to justice, while ensuring deterrence against crime. The



investigations more transparent, scientific and citizen-centric. A separate chapter has also been added for crimes against women and children, reflecting the Government's firm commitment to their safety and dignity.

The Nyaya Sanhita is transformative reform and a paradigm shift from the erstwhile criminal laws. The previous laws were complex, deficient in use of technology, indifferent to the victim and had a colonial oppressive legacy. The New Laws are based on delivering expeditious, fair and transparent justice system leveraging the IT, Forensic and other scientific technologies. The Nyaya Sanhita is victim centric, time bound, systematic yet simple incorporating the extensive use of technology in investigation, collection and digitizing of evidences.

The three day exhibition at ITF Ground aims to create awareness among citizens and stakeholders about the transformative reforms introduced through India's new criminal justice framework which are based on the philosophy of moving towards justice from the earlier emphasis mainly on punishment.

The exhibition on Nyaya Sanhita at ITF which is now open for public is an interplay of the information with creation of the real time situations and scenes of crime, police stations, jail, forensic labs, courts etc. coupled with interactive sessions with the officials from fields and highlighting the importance and transformative aspects of the New Laws through Skits and Street Plays for a good understanding of general public.

Apart from the displays on the Nyaya Sanhita, the Administration also has exhibited the initiatives taken by the Departments of Agriculture, Disaster Management and Tourism showcasing the transformative development march of A&N Islands and compassing the social economic and technological progress.

The exhibition at ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram, will remain open to the general public, school and college students from 4th to 6th January, 2026 between 10.30 AM & 5.15 PM and is expected to serve as an important platform for spreading awareness about the Nyaya Sanhita and the impact on society and individuals in an interesting and interactive format.

Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah today.....

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Rs. 50 crore also took place today. Union Home Minister said that through these development projects, a new chapter in the development of our islands is beginning today.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that an exhibition showcasing three new criminal laws was also inaugurated here today. He said that everyone should visit this exhibition so that they can gain an understanding of the fundamental changes that will take place in the criminal justice system in the coming days, and of the legal backing to technology. He said that all lawyers here, young students, especially women, should see this exhibition.

Shri Amit Shah said that Prime Minister Modi has launched a nationwide campaign to free the country from symbols of colonial rule, and that is why Port Blair has been renamed Sri Vijaya Puram, and the islands have been named after our brave freedom fighters. He said that today, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are, in a way, emerging as a centre of our freedom, sovereignty, maritime power, and economic activities. He said that while the Andaman and Nicobar Islands offer immense potential for the blue economy and tourism, they also reflect the memories of freedom fighters from every region of the country. Shri Shah said that the Modi Government is committed to making this island an integral part of a developed India, while preserving its heritage, protecting the environment, and strengthening security.

Union Home Minister said that be it tourism or environment, fisheries or agriculture, MSMEs or clean energy, development has started taking place here in every sector. He said that the upcoming project in Great Nicobar will make the Andaman and Nicobar Islands an important global trade hub and a centre of strategic security on the world map. He said that a decade after the completion of this project, this place will become one of the most visited destinations by tourists in the world.

Shri Amit Shah said that by upgrading the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in accordance with ISO standards for scuba diving, several steps have been taken to develop the place as a global destination for scuba diving and adventure water sports. He said that under Prime Minister Modi's appeal of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', 2.4 million trees have been planted here, showing concern for the environment. He said that collection of waste from 98% of the houses by the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council is a historic success of the Swachh Bharat Mission. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India has risen from the world's 11th largest economy to the 4th position, and in just two years, the country will reach the 3rd position. Shri Shah said that the nation is witnessing economic growth, becoming a global manufacturing hub, becoming more secure, and moving forward by revitalizing traditions and drawing strength from its culture and history. He said that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the people of India have brought about wide-ranging changes across every sector, ushering in a new chapter of holistic development.

Union Home Minister said that Prime Minister Modi has taken a resolve, and also inspired 130 crore Indians to take a pledge, that at the time of the centenary of Independence, India will be number one in the world in every field. He said that to achieve this goal, Atmanirbhar Bharat and the use of indigenous products by Indians are extremely important. He said that to become a developed nation, the country must become self-reliant in every sector, and every Indian must also take a pledge to use indigenous products.

Earlier, addressing the gathering, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency on behalf of all island residents expressed his gratitude for granting approval for the selection of successful bidders at the final stage of tenders for four mega tourism PPP projects viz. Aves Island, Long Island, Shaheed Dweep, and the Megapode Resort at Sri Vijaya Puram. These projects include not only national but globally reputed hospitality chains. They will bring a paradigm shift in tourism infrastructure, promote environmentally responsible tourism, generate large-scale employment, and provide a sustainable foundation for local entrepreneurship.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that in addition, 11 major tourism projects based on the PPP model are in the final stage and will be submitted shortly for approval of the SFC and PPPAC. Simultaneously, new tourism sites have been identified for the next phase, with a focus on quality, sustainability, and participation of local communities. He said, "Our objective is to establish the archipelago as a premium sustainable tourism destination globally, following a high-value, low-impact development model".

Hon'ble Lt. Governor remarked that for the holistic development of the islands, connectivity and strategic infrastructure are being developed under the guidance of the Islands Development Agency (IDA). In this context, the Great Nicobar Island Project, with an investment of approximately Rs. 1 lakh crore, is an ambitious initiative. It includes the phased development of an International Container Transhipment Terminal (ICTT), a new greenfield airport, power infrastructure, and an integrated township. As per the DPR, the ICTT will have a Phase-I capacity of 5.8 million TEUs, which will be expanded to 20.4 million TEUs in the final phase. Given its strategic location dominating the Malacca Strait, this ICTT has the potential to become one of the largest container-handling ports not only in India but across the Indo-Pacific region. Developed under the PPP model, this project will significantly strengthen India's role in global maritime trade and its economic-strategic presence in the Indo-Pacific. Under the same project, the DPR for the proposed greenfield airport at Great Nicobar has been approved by the concerned Ministries, and recently, the Cabinet Committee on Security accorded approval for its development as a Joint User Greenfield Airport and Naval Air Station. This project will ensure long-term security of both strategic preparedness and civil aviation requirements of the Islands.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said, "With regard to air connectivity, we are also working towards the early commencement of fixed-wing aircraft and seaplane services under the UDAN scheme. In parallel, following the completion of final site selection and LiDAR survey for the proposed new greenfield airport at Sri Vijaya Puram, further processes have been forwarded for approval".

In the maritime infrastructure sector, Hon'ble Lt. Governor stated that the proposed Atlanta Bay Deep-Water Port, to be developed under the PPP and Landlord model, is a transformative initiative. On the directions of the Ministry, the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority is preparing a techno-commercial feasibility study and business plan for a deep-water dry bulk transhipment and multipurpose port. Preliminary assessment by IIT Madras has proposed a 4 km jetty, while independent experts suggest that due to its natural harbour, a 7-8 km jetty is feasible with minimal dredging and without a breakwater. This would place the port among the top three in India in terms of jetty size and significantly strengthen India's maritime logistics autonomy.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor mentioned that until 2017, almost the entire island territory was designated as a No-Go Zone for oil exploration. Following our persistent proposals and its inclusion in the agenda of the Islands Development Agency, the re-demarcation of offshore No-Go Zones opened up 3.81 lakh square kilometres for hydrocarbon exploration. Encouraging results have since been obtained by OIL India and other agencies in the Andaman Basin. If commercial viability is established, this development will have a profound impact on India's long-term energy security and strategic autonomy and will prove to be a true game changer.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, during the seventh meeting of the IDA held exactly a year ago, a target of 100 percent desilisation was set. In compliance with this, a 50 MW LNG-based power plant is being implemented at Hope Town, Sri Vijaya Puram, by NVVN, a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC. Tenders for EPC and civil works have been issued, and bid opening is scheduled for this month. This initiative will not only ensure energy security but also create new opportunities for local capacity building in logistics and allied services.

Mentioning about a highly significant strategic achievement, Hon'ble Lt. Governor said, under the guidance of Hon'ble Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, the construction of a lighthouse, installation of navigational buoys, and the re-determination and notification of India's National Baseline by the Ministry of External Affairs at Rani Lakshmibai Shila, earlier known as Flat Rock/Invisible Bank, which, Hon'ble Home Minister had also inspected aerially, have been successfully completed. This achievement strengthens India's maritime significance and substantially enhances our strategic potential in the Indo-Pacific region.

Concluding his speech, Hon'ble Lt. Governor said, "In line with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are fully committed to playing their role in the national resolve of a developed and self-reliant India. The Island Administration expresses its gratitude to Hon'ble Home Minister's continued guidance and support and assures that all these projects will be implemented in a timely, transparent, and sensitive manner".

The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar. (Source: PIB/ Staff Correspondent, DT)

Emphasis on Swadeshi in Blue Revolution under Fisheries Department

Promotion of Indigenous Species in Aquaculture in India

India's diverse aquatic ecosystems, spanning from the Himalayan Rivers to the coastal waters of the Indian Ocean, harbours a wealth of Indigenous fish species that are integral to the country's ecological balance and cultural heritage. The promotion of these indigenous species is essential not only for the sustainability of fisheries but also for enhancing food security, supporting local economies, and conserving biodiversity. As the country seeks to address the growing demand for fish products and tackle environmental challenges, the strategic promotion of native fish species offers a pathway to achieve these goals while preserving the country's rich aquatic heritage.

Indigenous fish species, also known as native or local species, are those that have evolved and adapted to specific geographical regions and aquatic environments. In India, these species include a wide variety of freshwater, brackishwater and marine fishes, each with unique ecological roles and economic importance. Over 2800 indigenous fish and shellfish species have been identified, of which 917 species are from freshwater, 394 species are from brackishwater and 1548 species are from marine (Source: ICAR-NBFGR).

The country over these years has developed breeding and seed production technologies for over 80 commercially important fish/shellfish

species. However, the aquaculture production of the country is largely contributed by a few selected species. The three major carps viz., rohu (*Labeo rohita*), catla (*Catla catla*) and mrigal (*Cirrhinus mrigala*), and the giant freshwater prawn (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii*) form the mainstay of Indian freshwater aquaculture. As a result, out of the 19.50 million tonnes of fish produced in the country from freshwater aquaculture, more than three-fourth is contributed by Indian major carps. In brackish water aquaculture, the bulk of the present production, however, is contributed by a single exotic shrimp species (*Penaeus vannamei*) with a small contribution by the indigenous black tiger shrimp (*Penaeus monodon*). Mariculture in the country is still in its infancy.

To provide a fillip to aquaculture diversification in the country a necessity is felt to prioritize potential indigenous fish species with aquaculture importance in freshwater, brackishwater, and marine environments. The following indigenous species are prioritized initially based on their economic relevance and regional importance:

1. Fringed-lipped Carp (*Labeo fimbriatus*),
2. Olive barb (*Systemus sarana*),
3. Pengba (*Osteobrama belangiri*),
4. Striped murrel (*Channa striata*),
5. Pabda (*Ompok spp.*),
6. Singhi (*Heteropneustes fossilis*),
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Asian seabass (*Lates calcarifer*),

8. Pearlspot (*Etroplus suratensis*),
9. Pompano (*Trachinotus spp.*),
10. Mud crab (*Scylla spp.*),
11. *Penaeus indicus*

The above selected species are regarded as excellent candidate species for aquaculture, and their breeding, mass-scale seed production technologies and grow-out farming practices are already available. These species reflect a deep connection between communities and their aquatic environments and promote preserving cultural heritage. These species are not only culturally significant but also crucial for the sustenance of local communities, as they are highly valued in local and regional markets. They form an important part of the diet of millions of people and can contribute significantly to aquaculture production and income.

There is often a lack of awareness and technical knowledge about the benefits of promoting indigenous fish species. This gap hinders the efforts to integrate these species into aquaculture systems. Educating stakeholders and providing training on the benefits and techniques for breeding, seed production and grow-out culture practices of the indigenous species therefore is essential. As India continues to navigate the

complexities of fisheries productivity, improve the management and livelihood of fishers, and ensure the sustainable use of environmental sustainability, the promotion of these aquatic resources. The indigenous fish species offers a promising path forward. By leveraging the unique ecological, economic, and cultural values of these species, India can achieve a more balanced and sustainable approach to aquaculture and fisheries, ensuring the long-term health and prosperity of the aquatic resources.

Inland and aquaculture together contribute over 75% of India's fish production, highlighting the dominance of farming systems over capture fisheries. Therefore, the Department of Fisheries (DoF), Government of India (GoI) through its existing schemes of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), the new sub-scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PMMKSSY), and Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) is working to bridge the gap in the supply of quality and affordable seed and feed and dissemination of technical knowledge through training and workshops to the masses. The PMMSY is a comprehensive scheme designed to drive the growth and sustainability of the fisheries sector in India. Its primary objectives are to enhance aquaculture

Pompano. Besides, the Department has also approved under PMMSY for establishment of Nucleus Breeding Centre (NBC) for freshwater aquaculture species in ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar and for marine species in Regional Centre of ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI), Mandapam. The DoF, GoI has also notified production and processing cluster of indigenous species based on the regional importance with an objective to increase production, strengthening value chain, reduce post-harvest loss, employment to rural women and youth. A total of 34 cluster notified which includes development of production and processing cluster in NER states, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep etc. The cluster intents to promote indigenous species are: (i) Scampi cluster in Odisha, (ii) Murrel cluster in Telangana, (iii) Pabda cluster in Tripura, (iv) Pengba Cluster in Manipur, (v) Trout cluster in Jammu and Kashmir, (vi) Trout cluster in Ladakh, (vii) Pearl Spot Cluster in Kerala, (viii) Promotion of Marine indigenous species through cage culture in Karnataka, (ix) Ornamental Fisheries cluster in Madurai. (Source: PIB)

ECI invites suggestions from citizens to improve ECINet by January 10

1. Election Commission of India invites all citizens to download the ECINet App and give their suggestions to improve the App by using the 'Submit a Suggestion' tab on the App. Citizens can now give their suggestions till the 10th of January, 2026.

2. The trial versions of the new ECINet App enables better voter services, quicker availability of polling percentage trends and also the publication of Index Cards within 72 hours of the close of polls, an exercise that previously took several weeks or months. The App was successfully tried out during the Bihar Assembly Elections 2025 and the by-elections.

3. The platform is being continually improved and refined based on the feedback from CEOs, DEOs, EROs, Observers, and field officials. The user suggestions will be examined and the platform will be further updated to

make it more user-friendly. The ECINet platform will officially be launched this month.

4. ECINet is one of the major initiatives of the Commission taken under the leadership of Chief Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar along with Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi. Work on the development of the ECINet App started after its announcement on May 04, 2025.

5. ECINet App is a single, unified App for citizens integrating the earlier 40 separate election related Applications/websites such as Voter Helpline App (VHA), cVIGIL, Saksham, Polling Trends (Voter Turnout App), Know Your Candidate (KYC) App, into one interface. The App can be downloaded on both Google Play store and Apple App Store. (Source: PIB)

New Delhi, Jan. 3
The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2026 commenced on a vibrant and ceremonial note at the DG NCC Camp, Delhi Cantt. This year, the RD camp is witnessing a participation of 2,406 cadets, including 127 Cadets from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and 131 Cadets from North East Region. Cadets and Officers from 25 Friendly Foreign Countries will also take part under Youth Exchange Programme (YEP). Lt Gen Virendra Vats, Director General, NCC, congratulated NCC fraternity on successfully completing 77 years of service. Reiterating the importance of Republic Day Camp, he said that it is a platform to provide cadets with the exposure to the rich culture and traditions of our nation through important events that take place in the National Capital during the run up for Republic Day.

While addressing the media, he highlighted the increasing presence of NCC Units in more than 90% districts across the country. The strength of NCC Cadets has increased significantly from 20000 at the time of its inception in 1948 to nearly 20 lakhs at present, which constitutes 40% girl Cadets. Lt. General Vats talked about the role NCC plays in inculcating character and discipline in youth through various camps. He told that in 2025, NCC organised 1,665 Annual Training Camp, 06 Special National Integration Camps and 33 Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camps to promotes integration and strengthen bond amongst cadets of varied region and culture. Besides, routine adventure activities, NCC carried out the following:

► Special Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Everest.
► Approximately 75,000 Cadets participated during Op Sindoor, assisting the civil

administration and providing medical support, including voluntary blood donation.

► Border area outreach under Vibrant Villages Programme.
► Planted 8 lakh trees under 'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam' campaign.

► More than 4 lakh cadets participated in Viksit Bharat young leaders dialogue quiz.
► More than 8 lakh cadets took part in International Day of Yoga.

► Over 50000 cadets participated in Swachhotsav.
► 6 lakh cadets took part in 150 yr celebration of "Vande Mataram".

► Drone flying training for cadets in 4 Remote Pilot Training Organisations (RPTOs).
► 3000 cadets trained in the Skill Manthan workshops.

► 340 cadets worked on 85 start-up ideas and solutions during Idea and Innovation Competition.

Expedition is in progress around 21 uninhabited Islands of Andaman & Nicobar, dedicated to the Param Veer Chakra awardees. Two Cycling Expeditions are being conducted to commemorate milestones, social reform activities and the legacy of Veer Birsa Munda and Peshwa Bajirao. Also, approximately 94,400 NCC cadets from 315 districts have been nominated by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to be trained in coordination with National Disaster Management Authority under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme by March 2026.

The camp will be visited by a large number of dignitaries including Vice President, Raksha Mantri, Raksha Rajya Mantri, Chief Minister of Delhi, Defence Secretary, Chief of Defence Staff and the Chiefs of Army, Navy and Air Force. The activities will culminate with the PM's Rally on January 28, 2026. (Source: PIB)

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

SECRETARIAT

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dated the 31st December, 2025

NOTIFICATION

No. 117/2025/F.No. ANUTVC/06/2022-2023. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 32 of the Indian Veterinary Council Act 1984 (Act No. 52 of 1984 read with Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. S.O. 236(E) dated 1st March 1988, the Lt. Governor (Administrator), Andaman & Nicobar Islands is pleased to appoint the following persons as members of the A&N Union Territory Veterinary Council with immediate effect for a term of three years or till its subsequent council is formed, whichever is earlier, in accordance with the provisions of the above said Act.

1. Dr. R. K. Singh, Rtd. Sr. Veterinary Officer, DAH&VS (Elected)
2. Dr. Satish Kumar, Sr. Veterinary Officer, DAH&VS (Elected)
3. Dr. Subash Baburao Palve, Sr. Veterinary Officer, DAH&VS (Elected)
4. Dr. Prokasananda Bala, Principal Scientist, Animal Science Division, ICAR-CIARI, Bhatubasti (Elected)
5. Dr. Jai Sunder, Principal Scientist of ICAR-CIARI, Bhatubasti (Elected)
6. Dr. K.P. Ummer, Rtd. Sr. Veterinary Officer, DAH&VS (Nominee of Indian Veterinary Association, A&N Branch, Sri Vijaya Puram)
7. Dr. N. G. Poddar, Rtd. Sr. Veterinary Officer, DAH&VS, private practitioner
8. Dr. Baljit Kaur, Sr. Veterinary Officer, Zonal Office, Nicobar District, DAH&VS (Elected)
9. Dr. Lawhale Ninad Sahebrao, Sr. Veterinary Officer, VD, Manglutan, DAH&VS (Elected)
10. The Director of AH&VS, A & N Islands, Sri Vijaya Puram as Ex-Officio member.
11. The Registrar of the ANUT Veterinary Council as Ex-Officio member.

ID No. 11929

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor
 Andaman & Nicobar Islands
 Sd/-
 Registrar (AH&VS)

AFFIDAVIT

I, VF Santosh, S/o Late V Falguna Singh, R/o Dairy Farm, Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:
 That my actual and correct name is VF Santosh, S/o Late V Falguna Singh as recorded in my Aadhaar card bearing No. 506365688005 and AISSE certificate issued by CBSE bearing No. 0041316.
 1. That I was working in the Indian Navy and am retired from the service on 31st Aug 2001. My name in the Pension Payment Order bearing No. 09/97/B/S/02451/2001 dated 27th Aug 2001 and 401200102958 is Venkulum Falguna Singh Santosh.
 2. That my name is recorded as Venkulum Falguna Santosh, S/o Venkulum Falguna Singh in my Permanent Account Number bearing No. ANPVS091M.
 3. That my name is recorded as Venkulum Falguna Santosh, S/o Venkulum Falguna Singh in my Passport Number bearing No W 9299928.
 4. That, I am drawing my Defence Pension from Canara Bank, Mohanpur branch and my account No is 99002030007031 and my name as per the bank account is Santosh VF.
 5. That this affidavit is made for the purpose to declare that my actual and correct name is VF Santosh, S/o Late V Falguna Singh. I further declare that the names VF Santosh, Venkulum Falguna Singh Santosh, Venkulum Falguna Santosh, Venkulum Falguna Santosh and Santosh VF belong to one and the same person.
 6. That this affidavit is made for the purpose to declare that my actual and correct name for the correction in my Pension Payment Order, Permanent Account Number, Passport and Bank account, henceforth my name shall be treated as VF Santosh, S/o Late V Falguna Singh for all official and non official purpose.
 Verified on this 29th day of Dec 2025 that the contents of my above affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing in material has been concealed thereon.

DEPONENT

Date: 11-12-2025

DEPONENT

AFFIDAVIT

I, CHANDAN MISHRA, S/o DEBNARAYAN MISHRA, R/o HQ, ANC, Haddo under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, A & N Islands, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:
 1. That I am an Indian Citizen and residing in the above mentioned address.
 2. That my father's name has been entered in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 6781 9809 1824 as DEBNARAYAN MISHRA.
 3. That my father's name has been entered in my all educational documents as DEBNARAYAN MISHRA.
 4. That the name DEBNARAYAN MISHRA and DEBNARAYAN MISHRA are one and same identical person and it belongs to my father.
 5. That I swear this affidavit for the purpose of declaring that the above mentioned differ name are one and same identical person, henceforth my name shall be treated as CHANDAN MISHRA, S/o DEBNARAYAN MISHRA for obtaining fresh Passport.
 That the abovementioned statement made by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

Date: 31-12-2025

DEPONENT

SHRADH CEREMONY



I cordially invite you and your family on the Shradh Ceremony of my beloved husband **Late Sri M Venkat Rao, AE, APWD** who left for his heavenly abode on 25th December, 2025.

The Shradh Ceremony will be held on 5th of January 2026 from 11.30 AM onwards at

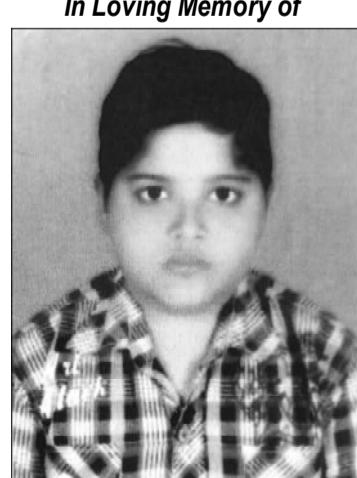
Happy Colony, (Residence), Dollygunj, Sri Vijaya Puram.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all, for standing with us during this difficult phase.

Smt. V Uma Devi-CDPO(UP)
 9679597082

11th Death Anniversary

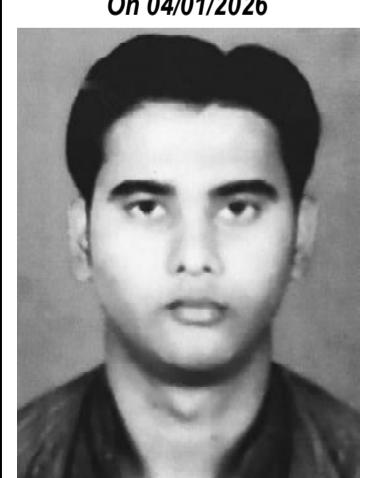
In Loving Memory of



K. AKHILESH NAIR
 Inserted By: Father B. Kana
 Kambaran, Mother K. Malathi
 Devi, Sister K. Shreha Nair and
 Relatives and Friends.

11th Death Anniversary

On 04/01/2026



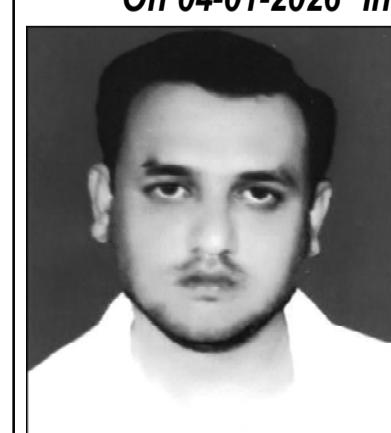
Late JEETO
 Dt. Of Birth: 1988
 Dt. Of Death: 4.1.2015
 Relatives: Mother & Brothers

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARYOn 4th January 2026

LATE AMAR NATH SINGH
 (Asst. Chargeman (Retd.), State Transport Service) R/o Dollygunj, Near Maa Kali Garage
*"Death hasn't changed a thing,
 because you've always been like an
 angel in my life."*
 Remembered By: Amrita Singh
 (Daughter) & Prem Latha (Wife)

14th Death Anniversary

On 04-01-2026 In Loving Memory of



LATE RAKESH RAM
 S/o Shri Govind Ram
 R/o Brichgunj, Sri Vijaya Puram
*"Every time at every
 moments & every occasion,
 we miss you lot in our life.
 Your presence will always
 remain with us."*
 Inserted by: Shri Govind
 Ram (Father), Smti. Trishla
 Devi (Mother), Shri Mahesh
 Ram & Shri Anurag Govind (Brothers), Smti. Poonam &
 Smti. Rekha (Sisters-in-Law), Ms. Anchal A. Govind
 (Niece).

**Happy 6th Birthday,
 Pallavi!**

Six years of smiles, laughter, and magic.
 May your days be filled with fun, love, and endless surprises



Wishing you a world of happiness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Your Loving Grandparents & Family
 B Chandrachoodan and S Sulatha

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