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Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.0
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.8
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 067
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 071
Sunrise time on 06/02/2026 (in IST): 0543
Sunset time on 06/02/2026 (in IST): 1724
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: 003.1



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9th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' to be held today

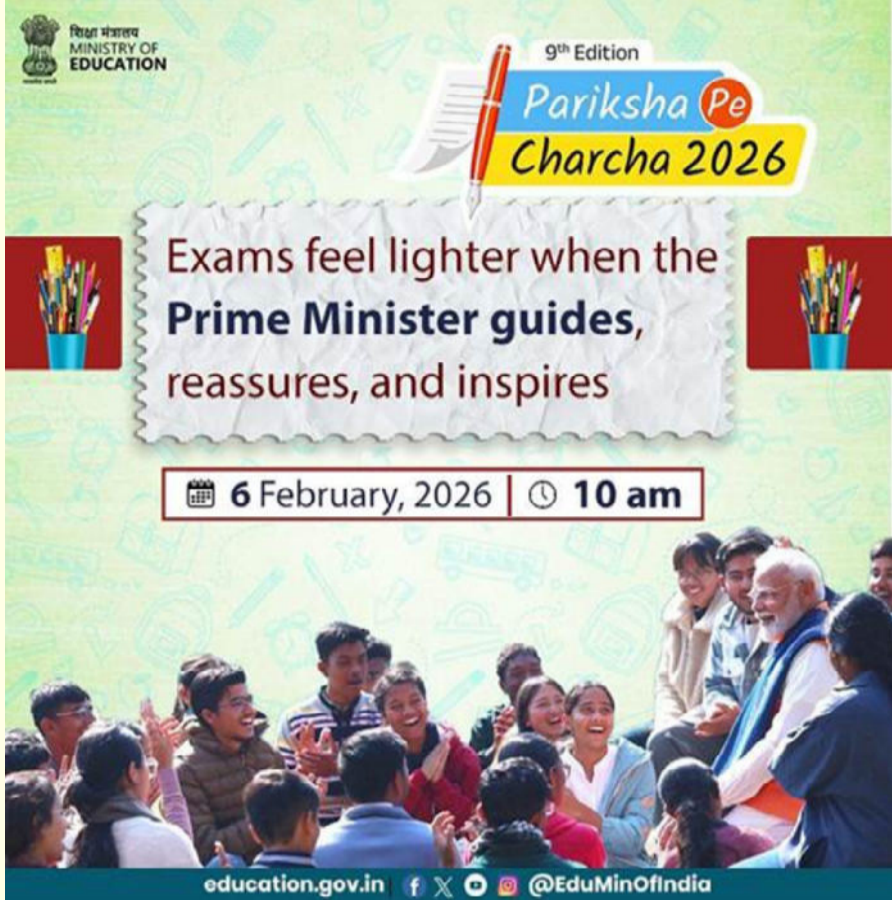
Pariksha Pe Charcha marks first-ever multi-location nationwide engagement

New Delhi, Feb. 5 (PIB)

The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's unique interactive program with students, Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), is back with its 9th edition on 6th February, 2026 at 10 am to discuss exam stress and celebrate examinations as an Utsav and an integral part of life.

The event will be telecast on the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's YouTube channel, Doordarshan (DD), and the Ministry of Education's social media platforms. Additionally, the following OTT platforms, such as WAVES OTT, Amazon Prime Video, Jio, ZEE5, Sony LIV, and Spotify (audio platform), will stream Pariksha Pe Charcha live.

In alignment with NEP 2020, the PPC concept is aimed at reshaping the examination experience of students by fostering confidence, positivity, and holistic well-being, and celebrating the exam season as a Utsav. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has condensed his views in his book titled "Exam Warriors", available in multiple languages as well as Braille, where he has stressed belief in self and underscored the need to



talk about these issues so that our children have the fun-filled childhood they deserve.

Conceptualized by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Pariksha Pe Charcha is dynamic and innovative, introducing fresh elements every year. For the first time, PPC 2026 was introduced at multiple locations covering all parts of the country.

Besides Delhi, PPC 2026 was held in 4 (four) different locations - Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, Raipur in Chhattisgarh, Dev Mogra in Gujarat and Guwahati in Assam, covering the East, West, North, South and Centre of the country.

As part of the run-up to Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026, student-centric engagement activities

were organised across schools nationwide, including the Swadeshi Sankalp Daud, a student-led run/walk promoting the spirit of self-reliance, and quiz and writing competitions held at identified Kendriya Vidyalayas on Parakram Diwas. Approximately 4.81 crore students participated in these

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Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency reviewed a presentation made by Andaman & Nicobar Administration and ANIIDCO relating to new phase of mega hospitality and tourism projects on PPP mode in Sri Vijaya Puram area alongwith Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, MD-ANIIDCO & other Senior Officials. Subsequently undertook a site visit alongwith concerned officials to the proposed sites.

ANIIDCO's Milk Division introduces fresh Goat Milk

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5

Goat milk has seen growing demand in the country during recent years. The A&N Islands have an estimated goat population of 59,000, however, milking of goats for milk was not practiced. Goats can yield upto 2-3 litres of milk daily and the milk is highly nutritious, easily digestible, rich in minerals and considered to have medicinal values. Due to its unique composition, goat milk is used for making specialized cheese, yogurts and butter.

Goats are reared by small and marginal farmers including womenfolk for its low maintenance cost and mostly for meat purpose. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, has taken up the initiative to encourage the Goat farmers to form Cooperatives



and sell Goat Milk as a source of regular income generation. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO) has come forward to collect, process and sell the Goat Milk through its outlets as a Pilot Project.

The sale of pasteurized goat milk through ANIIDCO's Milk Division was launched today in the presence of Dr. K.A.Naveen, Director (AH&VS), Shri. Mohammed Pervaiz, General Manager (Milk Plant), ANIIDCO, Shri. Basuki Nath Sah, Company Secretary-cum-General Manager (P&A), ANIIDCO, Dr. Sabitawati, SVO(AH), Dr. Inderjit Kaur (SVO, AHTI),

Shri Rajendra Kumar, Sr. Manager (MP/CS), ANIIDCO, and other officials of the Departments.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. K. A. Naveen, Director, AH&VS, highlighted the growing awareness of the nutritional and medicinal benefits of goat milk, particularly for children, elderly persons, and lactose-intolerant individuals. He said that the initiative serves two purposes, availability of goat milk to the citizens and livelihood generation for the farmers while contributing to conservation of the Local Andaman Goat. He wished the project success with more Goat farmers contributing to the supply chain by forming livestock cooperative societies for assured procurement and better returns.

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Bye-Elections for GPs, ZPM & Councillor of Ward No. 17 to be held on Feb. 8

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5

The Election Commission (UTs) for the Andaman & Nicobar Islands has announced that Bye-Elections will be held on 08.02.2026 (Sunday) to fill the casual vacancies of Gram Panchayat Member Constituencies, namely Madhupur-6 of Gram Panchayat Madhupur under Diglipur Tehsil, Bakultala-3 of Gram Panchayat Bakultala under Rangat Tehsil, Mannarghat-4 of Gram Panchayat Mannarghat, and Bambooflat-1 of Gram Panchayat Hope Town under Ferrargunj Tehsil, as well as the Zilla Parishad Member, Mayabunder, North & Middle Andaman, and the Ward Councillor of Ward No. 17, Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council.

The details of the designated Strong Rooms and Counting Centres for the safe

custody and counting of election materials are hereby published for the information of all concerned.

Sl. No.	Name of the Tehsil	Name of the Gram Panchayat/ Ward	Name of the Constituency	Details of Strong Room	Details of Counting Room
1	Ferrargunj	Mannarghat	GPM Mannarghat-4	Police Station Bambooflat	Forest Training Institute, Wimberlygunj
2		Hope Town	GPM Bambooflat-1		Conference hall of DFO(SA) Office, Wimberlygunj
3	Rangat	Bakultala	GPM Bakultala-3	Room No.13, Administrative Block, AC Office, Rangat	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Middle Andaman, Rangat
4	Mayabunder	Mayabunder	ZPM Mayabunder	Tehsil Office, Mayabunder	PM Shri Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Mayabunder
5	Diglipur	Madhupur	GPM Madhupur-6	Police Station Diglipur	GPOA Building (Administrative Building), Diglipur
6	Sri Vijaya Puram	Ward No. 17	Ward No. 17-1 to 17-7	Room No. 401, JNRM College, Sri Vijaya Puram	Room No. 402, JNRM College, Sri Vijaya Puram

Unified NSCBIHL from 2025-26 to Deliver Quality, Locally Relevant Higher Education in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5

In a major step to strengthen higher education in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Andaman & Nicobar Administration proposes that all seven constituent units of the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Institute of Higher Learning (NSCBIHL) will operate fully under its ambit starting from the Academic Year 2025-26.

The deemed university was announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during his visit to the Islands in the year 2018. Subsequent consultations with UGC and the Ministry of Education led to the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) by EdCIL (India) Ltd. in 2019. After rigorous reviews and approvals, including in-principle clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs in March 2022, the Ministry of Education issued a Letter of Intent on March 21, 2023, paving the way for the university's formal recognition.

This follows the declaration by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, vide Gazette Notification No. 9-1/2023-U.3(A) dated March 8, 2024, establishing NSCBIHL as an Institution Deemed to be University under the de-novo category, in line with UGC Regulations declared under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The move fulfils the vision to promote multi-disciplinary education with focus on ocean sciences, sustainable development, and island-specific studies, in tune with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The seven constituent units are:

- > Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeya Mahavidyalaya (JNRM)
- > Mahatma Gandhi Government College (MGGC)
- > Andaman College (ANCOL)
- > Tagore Government College of Education (TGCE)
- > Andaman Law College (ALC)
- > Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS)
- > Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT)

DBRAIT has already been functioning under NSCBIHL since Academic Year 2024-25. The remaining six units continued their affiliation with Pondicherry University during the transitional phase to ensure academic continuity for students.

From Academic Year 2025-26, the academic, examinations, and degree awarding will be managed exclusively by NSCBIHL whereas students admitted till Academic Year 2024-25 shall continue with Pondicherry University. There will be no change in the existing fee structure as these institutions continue to be funded by the Union Territory Administration.

To ensure quality in its formative years, the A&N Administration has signed MoUs with premier institutions including the University of Delhi, Regional Institute of Education (Bhubaneswar), National Law University (Vizag), NIT Puducherry, and AIIMS (for medical education). These collaborations will provide academic mentorship and expertise in designing curricula aligned with industry and national priorities.

The Administration has already taken key steps including:

- > Submission of proposal for creation of 134 posts (January 2025)
 - > Interim appointment of Registrar and Controller of Examinations (September 2025)
 - > Continuous coordination with Ministry of Education and UGC
- This integration will remove long-standing issues of delayed results and examinations caused by distant affiliation and will provide high-quality, locally relevant higher education to the youth of the Islands.

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration remains committed to further strengthening infrastructure, faculty, and academic quality to make NSCBIHL a centre of excellence, a press release received here said.

ECI to host National Conference of State Election Commissioners

National SEC Conference being held after a gap of over 25 years

New Delhi, Feb. 5 (PIB) Election Commission of India (ECI) will host a National Conference of the State Election Commissioners (SECs) on February 24, 2026. State Election Commissioners of all the States/UTs of the country are expected to attend the Conference, which will be held at the Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The National SEC Conference is being held after a gap of over 25 years. The last such conference was held in the year 1999.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Shri Gyanesh Kumar will chair the Conference along with Election Commissioners, Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi and address the State Election Commissioners at the inaugural ceremony. State Election Commissioners will participate along with their legal experts and technical experts and present their views. Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) of ECI of all 36 States/UTs will also attend the National Conference. The primary objective of the Conference is to build synergy in the functioning of ECI and SECs with respect to the electoral processes and logistics within their respective legal frameworks.

The participants will take part in discussion sessions on electoral laws on elector eligibility of the States/UTs, technological interventions spearheaded by the ECI such as the recently launched ECINET digital platform and EVMs amongst other topics. ECI will also lend its expertise from its experience of preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections as per the Constitution of India and the legal framework of the nation. State Election Commissions are created by law of the respective States under the empowering provisions of 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments. SECs are vested with the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the Panchayats and Municipal Bodies.

ANIIDCO Milk Division introduces.....

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The fresh Andaman Goat Milk will be available in 200 ml bottles priced at Rs. 70/- at all ANIIDCO outlets: three Milk Parlours located near Khaitan Mandapam in Junglighat, Shadipur Junction, and Mohanpura Bus Terminus, and two Milk Carts at Bathubasti and Marina Park, a press release from Deptt of AH&VS said.

Andaman Marathon 2026: Route for 10K / 10K Seniors / 10K Boys & Girls categories revised

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5 The Organizing Committee of the Andaman Marathon 2026 has informed all participants, officials, and the general public that the route for the 10K / 10K Seniors / 10K Boys & Girls categories has been revised.

Revised Route - 10K / 10K Seniors / 10K Boys & Girls: Cellular Jail → Khan Junction → Water Sports Complex → Dharmasala - Girls School → Ramakrishan Mission → Govt. Press → Flag Point → Hotel Sinclair → Mazar → Science Centre → Hornbill Nest → just before the Gate of ANIIMS Hostel (Turning point) Return Route: Near ANIIMS Hostel → Hornbill Nest → Science Centre → Mazar → Hotel Sinclair → Flag Point → JNRM → Ramakrishna Mission → Girls School → Marina Park Road → Netaji Stadium (2nd Gate)

Meanwhile, all participants who have completed online registration can collect their marathon kits on 06/02/2026 & 07/02/2026 between 10 AM and 5 PM at Netaji Stadium. A briefing session for officials and volunteers will be held on 06/02/2026 at 3 PM at Andaman Club. All concerned have been requested to take note of the above changes and schedules and cooperate for the smooth conduct of the Andaman Marathon 2026, a press release received here said.

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Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules of Foreshore Sector vessels will be issued to the general public from 06.02.2026 (Friday) at 0900 Hrs onwards.

Tickets can be booked through the DSS e-Ticketing Portal at <https://dss.andamannicobar.gov.in/eticketing>, which is available 24*7 on all days. For user convenience, a QR code linking directly to the portal has also been provided.

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

SRI VIJAYA PURAM - MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 9 th February, 2026 onwards will be issued from 06.02.2026.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Rani Changa	06.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	07.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Baratang	09.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	10.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Rani Lakshmi	11.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	12.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
4.	MV Hut Bay	13.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	14.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder

SRI VIJAYA PURAM - LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 10 th February, 2026 onwards will be issued from 06.02.2026.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	Nalanda	06.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	07.02.2026 1000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	Nalanda	08.02.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	08.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Sentinel	10.02.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	10.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV North Passage	12.02.2026 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	12.02.2026 1300 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	Sindhu	13.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	14.02.2026 1000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	Nalanda	15.02.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	15.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram

SRI VIJAYA PURAM - CAR NICOBAR VIA LITTLE ANDAMAN							
1.	MV Kalighat	07.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	08.02.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman

SRI VIJAYA PURAM - CAMPBELL BAY VIA ALL PORTS & NANCOWRY VIA ALL PORTS							
1.	MV Kalighat	12.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, Nancowry, Makachua & Afra Bay	16.02.2026 0500 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Afra Bay, Makachua, Nancowry, Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman

Dry Days to be observed on Feb. 8 & 10 in connection with Bye Election

Mayabunder, Feb. 5 In terms of the provisions contained under Section 135C of the Representation of the People Act 1951 and A&N Excise Policy 2013 Clause 4.3 (a) (7) read with Director of Panchayat & Municipal Elections letter No.1-53/BE/PRI/E-Cell/2024-25/Vol-II/606 dated 20th January 2026, the Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate, North & Middle Andaman District has ordered the following days to be observed as "Dry Days" in connection with "the Bye Election to Gram Panchayat Member Constituencies of Madhupur-6 of Gram Panchayat Madhupur under Diglipur Tehsil, Zilla Parishad Member Constituency Mayabunder under Mayabunder Tehsil and Bakultala-3 of Gram Panchayat Bakultala under Rangat Tehsil".

Dry Day to be observed on	Remarks
08/02/2026 (Sunday)	Poll Day
10/02/2026 (Tuesday)	Counting Day

No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and establishments selling/ serving liquor in the entire area of Gram Panchayat Madhupur, Zilla Parishad Constituency (Mayabunder, Pokkadera, Rampur) and Gram Panchayat Bakultala shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whatsoever on the aforesaid day. People are also requested to keep themselves away from consuming any kind of spirituous and fermented liquor/wines or display the same for sale on the above date.

This order is applicable to all the IMFL vending licences i.e ANIIDCO, Police Mess, CSD Canteen, Defence Canteen and private bars functioning at above mentioned jurisdiction, a press release from DC, N&MA said.

Pariksha Pe Charcha marks first-ever.....

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Over the years, the programme has evolved into a nationwide Jan Andolan, witnessing unprecedented participation from students, parents, and teachers across the country. This year, the registrations for the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha have surpassed all previous benchmarks, with more than 4.50 crore students, teachers, and parents registering through the MyGov portal. This overwhelming participation is a testament to the continued support and shared commitment of all States and UTs as well as Autonomous Bodies under Ministry of Education in advancing the objectives of this initiative in partnership with the Ministry of Education. The spontaneous inclusion of more and more stakeholders with PPC, over time, is a definite sign of the value that this programme is bringing in the lives of all.

Educational prog. to be held at Science Centre

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5 The Science Centre at Goodwill Estate, Corbyn's Cove Road will be organizing special programmes on Feb. 7 for general visitors in the evening hours as details below:

Sl. No	Programme	Timing
1.	Sky Show	5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
2.	Bubble Show	6.45 pm
3.	Jurassic Park (Light & Sound) Show	6.15 pm
4.	3D Show	5.30 pm & 6.45 pm

During Sky show the visitors shall be provided with a Sky map of the sky over Sri Vijaya Puram for locating planets and other celestial bodies. The visitor can also have the exciting experience of viewing the Planet-Saturn & its Gigantic Rings and Jupiter & its satellites through powerful telescope. The bubble show is a fun filled show specially designed for all age group to enjoy with their kids. During the programme the demonstrator shall prepare varieties of bubbles right from tiny bubble to Gaint bubble, Children's most favorite Doraemon bubble to the cubic bubble caterpillar bubble, Fire bubble & many more. In Jurassic Park (Light & Sound) Show the visitors will get an opportunity to witness the evolution of life as existed different era on earth through light & sound effect. The above programme is 20 minutes duration & the entry fee for the show is Rs. 20/- per head. The entry fee for the Sky & Bubble show will be Rs. 10/- per head for each programme whereas the entry fee for the 3D show will be Rs. 20/- per head. The sky show is subjected to weather condition, a press release from Science Centre said.

Prompt response by PMF Mayabunder saves drifting fishing trawler near Oliver Island

Mayabunder, Feb. 5 Prompt response by Police Marine Force (PMF) Mayabunder saves drifting fishing trawler near Oliver Island. On 5/2/2026, the PMF team of Mayabunder received a distress call regarding a fishing trawler that had become disabled and was drifting dangerously near Oliver Island due to a gear box failure. Responding promptly, a rescue team comprising of SI(M) Vijay, SI(ED) P.K Dwivedi, HCs Morison, M. Gopi, Ratan Jha and HGVs Saw Bibitoo & PNS Vishal were deployed onboard FIB M.V. Sher Ali to render immediate assistance to the distressed vessel. After conducting a systematic search in the surrounding waters, the disabled fishing trawler M.V. Sarveshwaran (IND-AN-S-A-MM-2050), carrying five crew members, was successfully located. The crew reported that the vessel had suffered a gear box burst at around 0300 hrs while engaged in fishing at sea, following which it lost propulsion and continued drifting towards Oliver Island. The PMF team secured the distressed trawler and safely towed it to Mayabunder main Jetty, a press release from SP, N&MA said.



Awareness-cum-ABHA ID card creation drive conducted at CHC Diglipur & GP Wimberlygunj

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5 Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is a flagship initiative of the Government of India, implemented by the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI. In order to create awareness about the ABDM initiative, the State Health Agency (SHA), A&N Islands (the implementing agency for ABDM in the UT), organised an awareness-cum-ABHA ID card creation drive at CHC Diglipur and Gram Panchayat Wimberlygunj on Feb. 4 & 5 respectively.

During the programme, the Programme Management Unit (PMU), ABDM team provided an overview of the key components of ABDM, including the Health Professional Registry (HPR) and Health Facility Registry (HFR). The team also explained the process of ABHA number generation and its importance in enabling individuals to link and access their health records digitally. A total of around 138 ABHA ID cards were created during the drive, a press release from ABDM said.



Masters Veteran Badminton Championship & Selection Trial

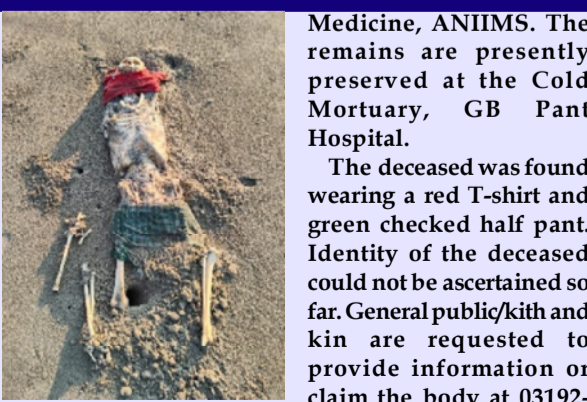
Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5 The Andaman & Nicobar Island Badminton Association will be conducting the Masters Veteran Badminton Championship and Selection Trial for Men & Women in the age groups of 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ and 75+ on Feb. 21 & 22. The Championship is being organised for selection of players from A&N Islands to participate in the 48th Indian Masters (Veteran) National Badminton Championship, 2026 to be held at Goa from March 18 to 25. Players have been requested to submit their entries through the Google Form by Feb. 19. The link will be shared in the WhatsApp group of the Association for easy registration. For accessing the Google Form or for any further information, participants may contact the State Olympic Association, Netaji Stadium, or call over Phone No. 9434280768, a press release from ANSOA said.

Branch MSME-DFO organizes PM Vishwakarma Awareness Prog. at TGCE

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5 Branch MSME-DFO Development Office (Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India), Sri Vijaya Puram organized PM Vishwakarma Awareness Programme today at TGCE. The programme witnessed active participation of 192 PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries and artisans. The objective of the programme was to create awareness about the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, MSME Schemes, Public Procurement Policy 2012, GeM Registration, and E-Commerce & Digital Marketing to enhance livelihood opportunities and market access for traditional artisans and MSMEs. The programme commenced with welcome address and theme presentation by Shri G.K. Sinha, Assistant Director Incharge, Branch MSME-DFO, Sri Vijaya Puram. During the technical session, a detailed presentation was delivered on onboarding of artisans on E-Commerce platforms and MSME's Schemes by Shri Tanuj, Branch MSME-DFO, Sri Vijaya Puram, followed by an Open House Q&A Session, a press release from Branch MSME-DFO said.

Unidentified human skeletal remains found at Ramnagar Beach at Kalighat

Mayabunder, Feb. 5 An unidentified washed-up human skeletal remains was found at Ramnagar Beach on Jan. 30 at about 0530 hrs. Based on a telephonic information received at PS Kalighat, a police team immediately rushed to the spot and registered UD FIR No. 02/26 dated 30/01/2026 under Section 194 of BNSS, 2023. The skeletal remains were shifted to GB Pant Hospital, Sri Vijaya Puram, where post-Medicine, ANIIMS. The remains are presently preserved at the Cold Mortuary, GB Pant Hospital. The deceased was found wearing a red T-shirt and green checked half pant. Identity of the deceased could not be ascertained so far. General public/kith and kin are requested to provide information or claim the body at 03192-273344/03192-278148/03192-232100, a press release from SPN&MA said.



Inter Primary School Football League-cum-Knockout Tournament

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5 The Inter Primary School Football League-cum-Knockout Tournament 2026, organized by the Deputy Education Office, South Andaman, continued for the third day today at Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School. In matches played under Girls' Category, GSS Calicut defeated GPS Teylarabad by 2-0 Goals and GSS Junglighat defeated GMS (Model) Aberdeen by 1-0 Goals, a press release from DEO (SA) said. In matches played under Boys' Category, GSS Calicut defeated GPS Teylarabad by 2-0 Goals and GSS Junglighat defeated GMS (Model) Aberdeen by 1-0 Goals, a press release from DEO (SA) said.

MV Swaraj Dweep arriving today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 5 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.

**ADMINISTRATOR (R & R)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
NICOBAR DISTRICT
NOTIFICATION**

Car Nicobar, dated the 5th February, 2026.
No. 25/2026/F. No. M-13/53/2025-Rev.Sec-CN-DCNIC_AN (e-file).-The following Draft Rehabilitation and Resettlement Scheme along with Second Schedule, Third Schedule and Annexures in respect of the Extension of Runway for INS Baaz at Campbell Bay Tehsil is required to be published in the Andaman and Nicobar Gazette for the information of the General Public and all stake holders.

Sd./-
Amit Kale, IAS
(Administrator R and R Scheme)
Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar

**ADMINISTRATOR (R & R)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
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NOTIFICATION**

Car Nicobar, dated the 5th February, 2026.

DRAFT SCHEME OF THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT U/S 16(2) OF THE RIGHT TO FAIR COMPENSATION AND TRANSPARENCY IN LAND ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE LAND FOR EXTENSION OF RUNWAY FOR INS BAAZ AT GREAT NICOBAR ISLAND

Preface:-
Vide Preliminary Notification F. No. 34-725/2025/Rev dated 22.12.2025 under Section 11 (1) of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 issued by Assistant Secretary Revenue, A & N Administration for Extension of Runway at Naval Airforce Station INS Baaz at Great Nicobar Island total land measuring 35.05 hectares at Govind Nagar under Campbell Bay Tehsil was notified for acquisition under Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. Subsequently, vide Order dated 31.12.2025 in file No. M-13/53/2025-Rev.Sec-CN-DCNIC_AN-Part I, a census team and a verification committee were constituted to obtain a report on Section 16(1) of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013 and Rule 7(3) of RFCTLARR (Compensation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement and Development Plan) Rules 2018, to conduct a field survey of proposed land, accordingly, the census data prepared under Section 16(1) of the RFCTLARR Act 2013 is taken into account.

As per Section 16 (2) of RFCTLARR Act 2013, draft of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Scheme by the Administrator should be prepared based on census survey conducted under Section 16(1).

Methodology:-
As per Chapter VI, (procedure and manner of Rehabilitation and Resettlement) under Section 43 of RFCTLARR Act, 2013, the undersigned (Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar) exercising powers as Administrator to prepare the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme.

Vide File No. 41/TCB/LA-INSBAAZ/2025-26/1/280014/2025 dated 29.12.2025, the Collector, Land Acquisition has informed the "Administrator" for initiation of survey and census under Section 16(1) of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013.

A Notification under Section 40, RFCTLARR Act, 2013 vide F. No. 34-725/2021 dated 06.11.2025 of Assistant Secretary, Revenue published on 06.11.2025 directing that "provisions of Chapters II and III and Sections 15 to 18 of the said Act shall not apply to this acquisition, and declaration may be made u/s 19 in respect of the said land at any time after publication of the Preliminary Notification under Sub-Section (1) of Section 11." Subsequently, vide Order dated 31.12.2025 in file No. M-13/53/2025-Rev.Sec-CN-DCNIC_AN-Part I, a census team and a verification committee were constituted to obtain a report on Section 16(1) of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013 and Rule 7(3) of RFCTLARR (Compensation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement and Development Plan) Rules 2018, to conduct a field survey of proposed land, accordingly, the census data prepared under Section 16(1) of the RFCTLARR Act 2013 is taken into account.

Census Data Report:-
Based on the census survey conducted by the Census team and report vide No. F.No. 41(1)/TCB/LA-INSBAAZ/2025-26/1029dated-17.01.2026 received from Collector (Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay), the Draft Rehabilitation and Resettlement Scheme is worked out, which is detailed below:

- Criteria given in Section 16(2) of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013 read with rule 7(4) of the A & N Islands RFCTLARR, Rules 2018
- Particulars of lands and immovable properties being acquired of each affected family; As per the list attached (Annexure-1).
- List of the affected families with Aadhaar number of its members, As per the list attached (Annexure-2)
- List of displaced families with Aadhaar number of its members, As per the list attached (Annexure-3)
- List of land holding in the affected area. As per the list attached (Annexure-4).
- A list of public utilities, infrastructural facilities, common property resources which are affected --- NIL
- List of trades or business in the affected area : As per the list attached (Annexure-5)
- List of Cattle shed (Annexure-6)
- List of persons belonging to the Schedule Castes or Schedule Tribes, the handicapped or physically challenged persons in the affected area:-NIL

Draft Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan
As per Chapter VI, (procedure and manner of Rehabilitation and Resettlement) under Section 43 of RFCTLARR Act, 2013, the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme (RR Scheme) is drafted in consonance with Section 16 and Second Schedule of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013, and Rule 7 of RFCTLARR (Compensation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement and Development Plan) Rules, 2018.

Proposed Scheme:-
The displaced families are to be relocated and resettled from the affected area to the resettlement area. A list of displaced families due to proposed land acquisition along with their entitlements is given in the Second Schedule (Enclosed). These displaced families will be resettled over land bearing Survey Nos. 81/1 and 86/1 situated at Campbell Bay village under Campbell Bay Tehsil after consent of the Gram Sabha. Further, the **SECOND SCHEDULE** of the Draft R & R Scheme so prepared also includes the list of number of housing units to be constructed.

- R & R Entitlements of :-
- Affected families (Total = 40 families)
 - One-time payment of Rs.5,00,000 (under Choice of annuity/employment)
 - One-time resettlement allowance (Rs. 50,000)
 - One-time financial assistance for cattle shed/petty shop (Rs.25,000)-only to cattle/shop owners
 - One-time grant for artisan, small trade, business (Rs.25,000)-only to non-agricultural, commercial business owners
- Displaced families-(Total=19 families)
- House for displaced (as per PMAY specifications) (approx.Rs.35,00,000)
 - Subsistence grant for displaced families (Rs. 36,000)
 - Transportation cost for displaced (Rs.50,000)
 - Stamp duty & registration fee

The **Third Schedule** (enclosed) of this Draft R & R Scheme includes the complete list of proposed infrastructure, amenities, common properties, government buildings that are to be provided in the relocated Settlement. Based on the survey, it is to inform that the proposed Re-settlement covering the housing units, infrastructure, amenities, common properties, government buildings will be set-up at Survey No. 81/1 and 86/1 situated at Campbell Bay village under Campbell Bay Tehsil.

The Draft Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme is prepared based on the Second Schedule summarized in the format (enclosed) and the Third Schedule (enclosed). The time limit for the implementation of the R & R scheme [U/s 16(3) of RFCTLARR Act 2013] is one year from the date of publication of the Draft R & R Scheme.

Sd./-
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Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar

**Schedule II
R & R entitlements under Schedule II of RFCTLARR Act, 2013 & Rule 7 of A & N Islands RFCTLARR Rules, 2018**
[See sections 31 (1), 38 (1) and 105 (3)]
ELEMENTS OF REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT ENTITLEMENTS FOR ALL THE AFFECTED FAMILIES (BOTH LAND OWNERS AND THE FAMILIES WHOSE LIVELIHOOD IS PRIMARILY DEPENDENT ON LAND ACQUIRED) IN ADDITION TO THOSE PROVIDED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

Serial No.	Rehabilitation and Resettlement Entitlements	Provision	Whether Provided or Not (If Provided, Details to be Given)	No. of affected families	No. of Displaced Families	Total No. of housing units	Total Cost (In Rs.)
1.	Provision of housing units in case of displacement	(1) If a house is lost in rural areas, a constructed house shall be provided as per the Indira Awas Yojana specifications. (2) any affected family which is without homestead land and which as been residing in the area continuously for a period of not less than three years.	Yes, Provided (As per specifications of PMAY(G) and cost is given approximately based on information provided by EE, APWD, Campbell Bay)	40	19	19	19 x 35,00,000 (approx.)= 66,500,000
2.	Land for Land	In the case of irrigation project, as far as possible and in lieu of compensation	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	-
3.	Offer for Developed Land	In case the land is acquired for urbanization purposes, twenty per cent. of the developed land will be reserved.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	-
4.	Choice of Annuity or Employment	(a) provision for employment at a rate not lower than the minimum wages provided for in any other law for the time being in force, to atleast one member per affected family in the project (b) One-time payment of five lakhs Rupees per affected family ; or (c) Annuity policies that shall pay not less than 2000 rupees per month per family for twenty years	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	-
5.	Subsistence Grant for Displaced Families for a Period of One Year	Each affected family which is displaced from the land acquired shall be given a monthly subsistence allowance of ₹3,000 for a period of one year from the date of award. In addition to this amount, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes displaced from Scheduled Areas shall receive an additional ₹50,000.	Yes	Not applicable	19	-	19x 36,000 = 6,84,000
6.	Transportation on Cost for Displaced Families	Each affected family which is Displaced shall get a one-time financial assistance of ₹50,000 as transportation cost for shifting of the family, building materials, belongings, and cattle.	Yes	Not applicable	19	-	19 x 50,000 = 950,000
7.	Cattle shed/petty shops cost	Each affected family having cattle or having a petty shop shall get one-time financial assistance of such amount as the appropriate Government may, by notification, specify subject to a minimum of rupees 25,000 for construction of cattle shed or petty shop as the case may be	Yes	Cattle owner-5	-	-	5 x 25,000 = 125000

8.	One-time grant to artisan, small traders and certain others	An affected family which owned non-agricultural land or commercial, industrial or institutional structure in the affected area, shall get one-time financial assistance of such amount as the appropriate Government may, by notification, specify subject to a minimum of Rs. 25,000	Yes	1	-	-	25,000
9.	Fishing rights	In cases of irrigation or hydel projects, the affected families may be allowed fishing rights in the reservoirs, in such manner as maybe prescribed by the appropriate Government.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	-
10.	One-time Resettlement Allowance	Each affected family shall be given a one-time "Resettlement Allowance" of fifty thousand rupees only	Yes	40	-	-	40 x 50,000= 2,000,000
11.	Stamp duty and registration fee	1. The stamp duty and other fees payable for registration of the land or house allotted 2. The land for house allotted to the affected families shall be free from all encumbrances. 3. The land or house allotted maybe in the joint names of wife and husband of the affected family.	Yes, to be borne by the Requiring body.	-	19	-	-
Total							9,02,84,000.00

Total cost of R & R entitlements = Rs. 9,02,84,000.00 (Approx.) (Nine Crores Two Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand approximately)

Details of Public amenities and infrastructure to be provided in affected area under R & R scheme- THIRD SCHEDULE (Sec. 16(2) RFCTLARR Act, 2013)

The proposed site for Resettlement & Rehabilitation at Campbell Bay village under Campbell Bay Tehsil, in compliance with provisions of Sec. 16(2) RFCTLARR act, 2013 read with Rule 7 of A & N RFCTLARR Rules, 2018, the following public amenities and basic infrastructure is proposed for R & R site-

Sl. No.	Component of infrastructure amenities provided / proposed to be provided by acquiring of land	Details of infrastructure amenities provided by the acquirer of land
1.	Roads within the resettled villages and an all-weather road link to the nearest pucca road, passages and easement rights for all the resettled families be adequately arranged.	Applicable
2.	Proper drainage as well as sanitation plans executed before physical resettlement.	Applicable
3.	One or more assured sources of safe drinking water for each family as per the norms prescribed by the Government of India.	Applicable
4.	Provision of drinking water for cattle.	Applicable
5.	Grazing land as per proportion acceptable in the State	Applicable
6.	A reasonable number of Fair Price Shops	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
7.	Panchayat Ghars, as appropriate	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
8.	Village level Post Offices, as appropriate, with facilities for opening saving accounts.	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
9.	Appropriate seed-cum-fertilizer storage facility if needed.	Applicable
10.	Efforts must be made to provide basic irrigation facilities to the agricultural land allocated to the resettled families if not from the irrigation project, then by developing a cooperative or under some Government scheme or special assistance	Applicable
11.	All new villages established for resettlement of the displaced persons shall be provided with suitable transport facility which must include public transport facilities through local bus services with the nearby growth centres / urban localities.	Applicable
12.	Burial or cremation ground, depending on the caste- communities at the site and their practices	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
13.	Facilities for sanitation, including individual toilet points	Applicable
14.	Individual single electric connections (or connection through nonconventional sources of energy like solar energy), for each household and for public lighting.	Applicable
15.	Anganwadi providing child and mother supplemental nutritional services	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
16.	School as per the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (35 of 2009);	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
17.	Sub-health center within two kilometers range	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
18.	Primary Health Centre as prescribed by the Government of India	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
19.	Play ground for children	Applicable
20.	One community center for every hundred families	Applicable
21.	Places of worship and chowpal / tree platform	Applicable
22.	Separate land must be earmarked for traditional tribal institutions	Not Applicable
23.	The forest dweller families must be provided, where possible, with their forest rights on non-timber forest produce and common property resources, if available close to the new place of settlement	Not Applicable
24.	Appropriate security arrangements must be provided for the settlement, if needed.	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
25.	Veterinary service center as per norms	Applicable
26.	Anganwadi providing child and mother supplemental nutritional services	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)
27.	School as per the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (35 of 2009).	Not Applicable (As limited population of 19 families only are going to be relocated and the existing facility at Campbell Bay village is sufficient to absorb this migrated population)

**ANNEXURE-I
Particulars of lands and immovable properties being acquired of each affected family
NAME OF VILLAGE : GOVIND NAGAR**

Sl. No.	Affected Family	Name of Tenant with Father's Name & Address	Recorded Land		Land under Acquisition		Structure Details	Plinth area	Type of Structure (Pucca / Semi-pucca / Temporary)	Crop				Aadhaar No.		
			Survey No.	Area	Soil Class	Survey No.				Area	Crop Name	Bearing (A)	Non-Bearing (B)		Total	
1	Smti. Gurnam Kaur		390	0.91	H	390	0.91	Wall-Hollow block; Roof-GS sheet ; Flooring-CC flooring ; Column-Ballii ; Truss-Balli	31.96	Semi-Pucca	Coconut	410	60	470	604370208570	
			392	0.91	H	392	0.91				Areca nut	335	27	362		
			393	0.05	HS	393	0.05				Barbed wire (1200.00 meter)	Guava	15	0		15
			394	1.3	H	394	1.3					Tamarind	1	0		1
1	Charanjit Kaur		396	0.072	H	396	0.072	22.50	Temporary shed (Firewood Storage)	Coconut	243	30	273	664704772414		
										Sapota	10	0	10			
										Mango	1	0	1			
										Guava	1	0	1			
										Lemon	3	0	3			
										Drumstick	4	0	4			
										Cinnamon	5	0	5			
										Jack Fruit	2	0	2			
										Banana	80	0	80			
										Vegetable	1 Ha	0	1 Ha			
Papaya	3	0	3													
Cashew Nut	2	0	2													
1			434	0.34	Pi	434	0.34	100.00	Pucca (house portion)	11.18	Pucca (house portion)					
															Column-Timber; Roof-GS sheet; wall-GS sheet ; Flooring-earthen; Truss-Timber	
															Column-RCC; Roof-precast sheet; Flooring-Tiles; Truss-Timber; wall-Hollow block	
1			434	0.34	Pi	434	0.34	11.18	Pucca (house portion)	11.18	Pucca (house portion)					
															Column-RCC; Roof-precast sheet; Flooring-Tiles; Truss-Timber; wall-Hollow block	
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