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Weather Report

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.1
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 22.4
 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 064
 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 067
 Sunrise time on 08/03/2026 (in IST): 0531
 Sunset time on 08/03/2026 (in IST): 1730
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.0
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 030.9

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MESSAGE

On March 8th, we celebrate International Women's Day, honouring the strength, achievements, and invaluable contributions of women under this year's theme, "Give to Gain." This belief is intrinsic to India's cultural ethos - when women are empowered with education, equal opportunities, and dignity, the entire society advances and prospers.



The Andaman and Nicobar Administration reaffirms its unwavering commitment to gender equality, ensuring that women play leadership roles across public service, entrepreneurship, education, healthcare, and

community development. Their accomplishments continue to inspire resilience, innovation, and inclusive growth throughout the Union Territory.

Through focused initiatives in healthcare, quality education, skill development, financial inclusion, and safety - supported by programmes such as Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Women Helpline, Sakhi Centres etc - we are fostering a nurturing environment where women and girls can realize their full potential.

On this occasion, I call upon every citizen to embody the spirit of "Give to Gain" by mentoring, encouraging, and empowering women in every sphere of life. Together, let us build stronger families, vibrant communities, and a more equitable and prosperous future for all.

(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lieutenant Governor

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

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Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of International Women's Day, I extend my warm greetings and heartfelt appreciation to all the women of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Women are the foundation of a strong family, a progressive society, and a prosperous nation. Their dedication, resilience, compassion, and leadership continue to inspire us in every sphere of life be it in homes, workplaces, education, governance, or social service.

Today is a moment not only to celebrate the remarkable achievements and contributions of women, but also to reaffirm our collective commitment to ensuring their dignity, safety, equality, and empowerment. A society truly progresses when its women are respected, supported, and given equal opportunities to realize their full potential.

Let us all work together to build a more inclusive and equitable future where every woman and girl can dream freely, live with dignity, and contribute meaningfully to the development of our nation.

On this special day, I salute the strength, courage, and invaluable contributions of every woman.

Happy International Women's Day to all.

Bishnu Pada Ray
Member of Parliament
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Function at Chatham Memorial on March 10

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7
A solemn function will be organized at the Chatham Memorial on 10th March, 2026 at 0800 hours to commemorate the arrival of First Batch of

Freedom Fighters of First War of Independence (1857) in the Islands. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman will lay wreath at the Memorial. All are invited to join the

solemn function for paying tributes to the heroes of First War of Independence, a press release from Director (Art & Culture) said.



Pic shows: A Tourist Cruise Vessel- "Island Sky" with 93 tourists on board arrived from Sri Lanka and made a port call at Haddo Wharf, Sri Vijaya Puram today, drawing considerable attention along the waterfront. On disembarkation, the tourists were accorded a warm welcome by officials of Tourism Department and local agents. The visit of the vessel is expected to further boost tourism activities and enhance international cruise connectivity to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Water Concert organized at Ferrargunj to promote Zero Leakage and Water Conservation

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7
The Road Construction Division (RCD), APWD, Wimberlygunj organized a Water Concert programme at the Ferrargunj School Ground with the primary objective of creating awareness among the general public about Zero Leakage and Water Conservation.



Mumtaz, Executive Engineer, who highlighted the importance of conserving water and emphasized the need for the judicious use of available water resources. He also sensitized the gathering about the growing need to prevent wastage of water and to ensure prompt reporting of leakages in water supply (Contd. on last page)

Public Grievances Hearing Camp organized at Sippighat Panchayat

Camp provided opportunity for local residents to directly present their grievances

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7

A Public Grievances Hearing Camp was organized today in the Community Hall of Sippighat, Gram Panchayat for the residents of Sippighat and Calicut Gram Panchayat. The camp was conducted in the presence of the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray and the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Ms. Purva Garg, IAS, Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri Prakash Adhikari, Chief Engineer, APWD and Pradhan of Calicut and Sippighat along with PRI Members. The camp provided an opportunity for the local residents to directly



place their grievances and concerns before the Administration. Prior to the commencement of the camp, the Deputy Commissioner visited the PM SHRI School, Anganwadi Centre, Health Sub-Centre and the ongoing water supply project of

Sippighat Gram Panchayat to review their functioning and progress.

Representatives from various departments were present during the grievances camp. The issues raised by the villagers were heard and addressed

on the spot. The Deputy Commissioner issued necessary directions to the concerned departments to resolve the grievances on priority and ensure timely action.

The camp witnessed active participation from

the villagers and served as an important platform for strengthening communication between the administration and the public.

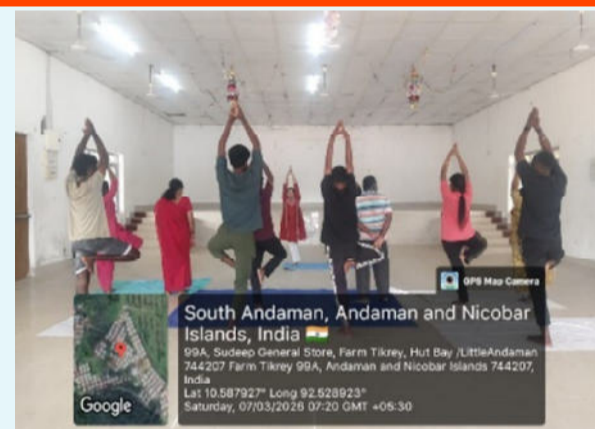
Earlier in the morning, from 7 AM to 8 AM, a Yoga programme was organized by the District Health Society at the same venue to promote health and wellness among the community. The programme witnessed good participation from villagers, school children and local representatives. The Deputy Commissioner, the Pradhan and students also participated in the Yoga session, a press release from DC (SA) said.

District Health Society in coordination with DHS promoting Healthy Living through Yoga

Weekend Yoga Sessions launched across South Andaman District

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7

As per the initiative of the District Health Society (District Administration, South Andaman) in coordination with the Directorate of Health Services regarding the conduct of regular community yoga sessions across the district, a weekend Yoga Session was inaugurated today at the Sippighat Panchayat Community Hall. Ms. Purva Garg, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, inaugurated the session and actively participated in the yoga practice protocol along with the Pradhan of Gram Panchayat



Sippighat, officials from the District Administration and Health Department, and members of the general public from the Sippighat area.

During the inaugural session, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman informed

that community-level weekend yoga sessions are being conducted at identified community halls / venues every Saturday from 7 AM to 8 AM. In addition, weekly yoga sessions are also being organized at all Health Centres across South



Andaman District. The sessions have been organized to encourage community participation and promote healthy lifestyle practices among the public. The initiative also aims to enhance awareness on preventive health

through regular yoga activities.

Similarly, participants from the local communities of the respective 55 identified community-level venues actively took part in the yoga sessions organized today, (Contd. on last page)

Astro Guide Training Programme organised at Little Andaman

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7

The Department of Tourism, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in association with the Centre for Space Science and Technology Education and Research Centre (C-STERC), organized an Astro Guide Training Programme at the Panchayat Samiti Bhawan, Little Andaman from 5th to 7th March, 2026.

The training programme aimed to build local capacity and promote astro-tourism as an emerging niche tourism segment in the Islands. During the programme, participants were trained in basic astronomy, night sky observation, use of telescopes, constellation identification, and interpretation skills required to guide visitors during astro-tourism activities.

A total of 50 candidates from Little Andaman participated in the programme. The training equipped them with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve as Astro Guides, (Contd. on last page)



Restriction of maximum truck load to 12 tonnes on vehicle ferries

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7

The Directorate of Shipping Services has observed that overloaded trucks are frequently boarding the vehicle ferry vessels providing service between Middle Strait and Baratang, causing serious damage to the loading ramps and affecting the safe operation of ferry services.

As per the design/stability specifications of the vehicle ferry vessels such as MV North Bay and MV Lapathy, the loading ramp is designed to withstand a maximum load of only 11-12 tonnes at a time. However, it has been noticed that trucks with loads exceeding 25 tonnes (vehicle weight (Contd. on last page)

Mobile Library service inaugurated at Swaraj Dweep



Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7

A significant step towards promoting reading habits and spreading knowledge in the community was marked with the grand inauguration of a Mobile Library at PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary School, Swaraj Dweep on yesterday near APWD Guest House. The Mobile Library aims to bring books closer to students and community members, encouraging a culture of reading and lifelong learning.

The Mobile Library was inaugurated by the

chief guest, Shri Ajit Kumar Roy, Pradhan of Govind Nagar, in the presence of Ms. Ireena, Principal/DDO of GSSS Swaraj Dweep and several other distinguished guests. During the event, the guests appreciated the initiative and highlighted the importance of books in shaping young minds. They emphasized that access to books and knowledge is essential for the intellectual growth of society.

The Mobile Library is expected to serve students and residents of Swaraj (Contd. on last page)

District Health Society in coordination.....

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emphasizing the importance of physical activity, mental well-being, and lifestyle modification in preventing non-communicable diseases.

The District Administration and the Health Department have encouraged residents to actively participate in these regular yoga sessions being organized every weekend at the community level and weekly at all Health Centres to promote holistic health and well-being within the community, which is being made possible with the regular coordination and support of PRI members. **Details of Sessions & venues:**

S.NO	NAME OF THE FACILITY	DAY	VENUE
1	PHC/ AAM SWARAJ DWEEP	TUESDAY	PHC SWARAJ DWEEP
		SATURDAY	GOVIND NAGAR PANCHYAT HALL
2	SC/ AAM KRISHNA NAGAR	THURSDAY	AAM KRISHNA NAGAR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL SHYAM NAGAR
3	SC/ AAM STRAIT ISLAND	TUESDAY	AAM STRAIT ISLAND
		SATURDAY	IN FRONT OF GUEST HOUSE
4	SC/ AAM KALA PATHER	TUESDAY	AAM KALA PATHER
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL VIJAY NAGAR
5	PHC/ AAM HUT BAY	TUESDAY	PHC HUTBAY
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL CYLONE BASTI
6	SC/ AAM ONGI TIKRY	TUESDAY	AAM ONGI TIKRY
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL ONGI TEKRI
7	SC/ AAM FARM TIKRY	TUESDAY	AAM FARM TIKRY
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL FARM TIKRY
8	SC/ AAM HARMINDER BAY	TUESDAY	AAM HARMINDER BAY
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL HARMINDER BAY
9	SC/ AAM NETAJI NAGAR	TUESDAY	AAM NETAJI NAGAR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL JANTA TIKRY
10	PHC/ AAM SHAHEED DWEEP	TUESDAY	PHC SHAHEED DWEEP
		SATURDAY	LAXMAN PUR BEACH
11	AAM SITA PUR	TUESDAY	AAM SITA PUR
		SATURDAY	SITA PUR BEACH
12	PHC/ AAM R K PUR	TUESDAY	PHC R K PUR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL R K PUR
13	SC/ AAM V K PUR	TUESDAY	AAM V K PUR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL VK PUR
14	SC/ AAM RABINDRA NAGAR	TUESDAY	AAM RABINDRA NAGAR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL RABINDRA NAGAR
15	SC/ AAM DOGONG CREECK	TUESDAY	AAM DOGONG CREECK
		SATURDAY	DOGONG CREECK, GPS GROUND
16	CHC BAMBOO FLAT	MONDAY	CHC BAMBOOFLAT CONFERENCE HALL
		SATURDAY	PANCHAYAT HALL BAMBOOFLAT 1, NEAR SHIV TEMPLE
17	SC/ AAM TSUNAMI PAHAD	TUESDAY	AAM TSUNAMI PAHAD
		SATURDAY	PANCHAYAT HALL VALVUR NAGAR
18	SC/ AAM HOPE TOWN	MONDAY	AAM HOPE TOWN
		SATURDAY	PANCHAYAT HALL HOPE TOWN
19	SC/ AAM STEWARTGUNJ	TUESDAY	AAM STEWARTGUNJ
		SATURDAY	GRAM PANCHAYAT HALL STEWARTGUNJ
20	SC/ AAM SHORE POINT	TUESDAY	AAM SHORE POINT
		SATURDAY	PANCHAYAT HALL SHORE POINT
21	PHC/ AAM WIMBERLY GUNJ	TUESDAY	PHC WIMBERLY GUNJ
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL WIMBERLYGUNJ
22	SC/ AAM NAYA PURAM	TUESDAY	AAM NAYA PURAM
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL NAYAPURAM
23	SC/ AAM MANNARGHAT	TUESDAY	AAM MANNARGHAT
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL MALLAPURAM
24	SC/ AAM SHOAL BAY -12	TUESDAY	AAM SHOAL BAY -12
		SATURDAY	PANCHAYAT COMMUNITY HALL, SHOAL BAY 14
25	SC/ AAM SHOAL BAY -19	TUESDAY	AAM SHOAL BAY -19
		SATURDAY	KALI MANDIR SHOAL BAY 19
26	PHC/ AAM FERRARGUNJ	MONDAY	PHC FERRARGUNJ
		SATURDAY	PANCHAYAT HALL FERRARGUNJ
27	SC/ AAM JIRKATANG	MONDAY	AAM JIRKATANG-2
		SATURDAY	AWC JIRKATANG-2
28	SC/ AAM MILE TILAK	MONDAY	AAM MILE TILAK
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL MILE TILAK
29	SC/ AAM MATHURA	MONDAY	AAM MATHURA
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL BRINDABAN
30	PHC/ AAM TUSHNABAD	WEDNESDAY	PHC TUSHNABAD
		SATURDAY	OGRABRAJ COMMUNITY HALL
31	SC/ AAM TEMPLE MYO	MONDAY	AAM TEMPLE MYO
		SATURDAY	COLLINPUR PANCHAYAT HALL
32	SC/ AAM MITHA KHADI	TUESDAY	AAM MITHA KHADI
		SATURDAY	MITHA KHADI PANCHAYAT HALL
33	SC/ AAM NAMUNAGHAR	TUESDAY	AAM NAMUNAGHAR
		SATURDAY	PANCHAYAT HALL NAMUNAGHAR
34	PHC/ AAM CHOULDARI	TUESDAY	CONFERENCE HALL, PHC CHOULDARI
		SATURDAY	GRAM PANCHAYAT HALL CHOULDARI
35	SC/ AAM GOPAL NAGAR	TUESDAY	AAM GOPAL NAGAR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL TSUNAMI SHELTER
36	PHC/ AAM MANGLUTAN	TUESDAY	PHC MANGLUTAN
		SATURDAY	GRAM PANCHAYAT HALL, HAMFRIGUNJ
37	SC/ AAM WANDOR	TUESDAY	AAM WANDOR
		SATURDAY	GRAM PANCHAYAT HALL, WANDOR
38	SC/ AAM GUPTAPARA	TUESDAY	AAM GUPTAPARA
		SATURDAY	GRAM PANCHAYAT HALL, GUPTAPARA
39	SC/ AAM NAYASAHAR	TUESDAY	AAM NAYASAHAR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL, SIPPIGHAT
40	SC/ AAM RUT LAND	TUESDAY	SC RUT LAND
		SATURDAY	RM POINT
41	SC/ AAM SIPPIGHAT	TUESDAY	SC SIPPIGHAT
		SATURDAY	GRAM PANCHAYAT HALL, SIPPIGHAT
42	PHC/ AAM GARACHARAMA	FRIDAY	CONFERENCE HALL PHC GARACHARMA
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL GARACHARMA
43	SC/ AAM NEW BIMBLITAN	MONDAY	AAM NEW BIMBLITAN
		SATURDAY	AWC MAKKA PAHAD
44	SC/ AAM TEYRLABAD	TUESDAY	AAM TEYRLABAD
		SATURDAY	AWC OLD BIMBLITAN -1
45	SC/ AAM CALICUT	TUESDAY	AAM CALICUT
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL CALICUT
46	SC/ AAM RANGACHANG	TUESDAY	AAM RANGACHANG
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL, BARMANALLAH
47	SC/ AAM BRIJGUNJ	TUESDAY	AAM BRIJGUNJ
		SATURDAY	PRADHAN ROOM
48	SC/ AAM CARBYN QUARRY	MONDAY	AAM CARBYN QUARRY
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL, BROOKSHABAD
49	SC/ AAM PROTHRUPUR	FRIDAY	AAM PROTHRUPUR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL PROTHRUPUR
50	SC/ AAM BEODNABAD	TUESDAY	AAM BEODNABAD
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL BEODNABAD
51	UHC DAIRY FARM	TUESDAY	UHC DAIRY FARM
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL DAIRY FARM
52	UHC JUNGLIGHAT	MONDAY	UHC JUNGLIGHAT
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL, NEAR ISLAND BAKERY
53	UHC DELANIPUR	MONDAY	UHC DELANIPUR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL DELANIPUR
54	UHC HADDO	TUESDAY	UHC HADDO
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL HADDO
55	UHC SHADIPUR	MONDAY	UHC SHADIPUR
		SATURDAY	COMMUNITY HALL MAZAR PAHAD
56	AYUSH HOSPITAL	MONDAY to SATURDAY	AYUSH HOSPITAL, YOGA HALL *(At 05.00AM to 06.00 AM & 04.00 PM to 05.00PM)

For any further details, the public may contact their nearest Health Centre / Ayushman Arogya Mandir and for any grievances, may contact to the District Administration at dhssouthandaman@gmail.com or through the toll-free no. 1077, a press release from DC (SA) said.

Cleanliness Drive conducted at Beaches in Little Andaman

Little Andaman, Mar. 7

A large-scale cleanliness drive was successfully conducted today at prominent beach locations under the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayats in Little Andaman. The drive which commenced in the morning was carried out at Jetty Beach, Hut Bay (Gram Panchayat Hut Bay) and Butler Bay Beach, R.K. Pur. The initiative was undertaken in response to concerns regarding the accumulation of waste materials in certain coastal areas.

Officials and staff from the concerned Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Secretaries, PRI members, and representatives from various departments actively participated in the campaign. Members of the general public also joined the initiative, reflecting



strong community participation and growing awareness towards environmental conservation.

During the drive, a substantial quantity of waste and debris was collected and safely disposed of. At Jetty Beach, Hut Bay, the waste collected included PET bottles - 46 kg, chappals - 5 kg, thermocol - 4 kg, ropes - 10 kg, multilayer plastic - 17 kg, and glass bottles - 62 kg.

Similarly, at Butler Bay Beach, R.K. Pur, the waste collected comprised PET bottles - 20 kg, chappals - 3 kg,

Thunderstorm with gusty wind and lightning

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7

Thunderstorm with gusty wind (30-40 kmph) and lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places

over Andaman Islands on March 9, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

9th Dr. T.C. Khatri Memorial lecture held at JNRM



Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 7

The 9th Dr. T.C. Khatri Memorial Lecture was held at JNRM, Sri Vijaya Puram, continuing the tradition of honoring the academic legacy of late Dr. T.C. Khatri. This year's lecture was delivered by Dr. Ningombam Somorjit Singh, noted Anthropologist and Head of the Anthropological Survey of India (Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre), on the theme "PVTGs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands: Origin & Distribution." He provided a comprehensive anthropological perspective on the origins and distribution of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of the islands. Principal

J.N.R.M., Dr. Pearl Devdas, in her message emphasized that the Memorial Lecture series has become a platform for nurturing curiosity, encouraging critical thinking, and inspiring the younger generation to contribute meaningfully to the society. Dr. K.C. Joshi, Chairman, highlighted that initiatives like these will play a vital role in motivating students to engage deeply with anthropological and cultural studies. Earlier, Lt. Dr. V.K. Sahu, Convener of the Memorial Lecture, welcomed the gathering and spoke about the aims and objectives of the series, a press release from JNRM said.

International Women's Day celebrated by ICDS (Tribal Project), Car Nicobar

Car Nicobar, Mar. 7

The District Hub for Empowerment of Women under the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS), Tribal Project, Car Nicobar celebrated International Women's Day today at Perka Community Hall with great enthusiasm and participation from the community.

Mrs. Rinkoo Srivastava, President of AFFWA, Air Force Station Car Nicobar, graced the occasion as the chief guest. The Assistant Commissioner, Car Nicobar attended the programme as the guest of honour. Officers from various departments were also present to mark the celebration.

The chief guest delivered an inspiring speech highlighting women's empowerment, their active participation across diverse fields, and their remarkable achievements in society



and appreciated the efforts of ICDS in promoting women's welfare and empowerment in the region. Earlier Smti. Sheela Kar, CDPO, Car Nicobar welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of celebration of International Women's Day.

Various cultural performances including traditional dance, solo songs, and group songs were presented by different participants, adding colour and vibrancy to the celebration. Earlier, a Volleyball Match for Working Women of various departments was organised. As part of the programme, Beti

Water Concert organized at Ferrargunj.....

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To reinforce the theme of the event, students from Marthoma School and MES School presented meaningful skits and dramas focusing on water conservation and the importance of maintaining zero leakage in water supply systems. Their performances effectively conveyed the message of responsible water usage and the need for collective efforts in safeguarding this precious resource.

The programme was further enlivened by a musical night, which added colour and enthusiasm to the event and helped in attracting the attention of the audience while spreading the message of water conservation in an engaging manner.

During the programme, the Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members present on the occasion shared their valuable thoughts on the importance of water conservation and stressed the need to prevent water leakages at all levels. They also appreciated the efforts of Team RCD for organizing such an effective awareness programme aimed at educating the public.

The programme was graced by Superintending Engineer, Er. U.K. Singh, Pradhan, Ferrargunj, Shri Sunil, Pradhan, Mithakhari, Shri Shafique, Zilla Parishad Member, Ferrargunj, Shri Basheer, and Zilla Parishad Member, Brindaban, Shri Aziz.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the public and received a very positive response, making the programme a grand success. The Public were requested to register their complaint on water related issues to Mob. Number: 9474231878 / 9476092090, a press release from APWD said.

Women's Beach Volleyball Tournament inaugurated at Car Nicobar

Car Nicobar, Mar. 7

A 3-Day Women's Beach Volleyball Tournament organised as part of the International Women's Day by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), STC Car Nicobar in collaboration with the Nicobar District Police, Car Nicobar was inaugurated today at Lapathy beach.

Dr. Naveen Kumar, Assistant Commissioner of Car Nicobar, who was the chief guest appreciated the initiative to promote women's participation in sports and encouraged the players with his inspiring words. The inaugural ceremony commenced with welcome



address delivered by Inspector T. Hemavathi, SHO, PS Car Nicobar.

A total of 14 teams, comprising village and departmental teams are participating in the tournament. The participating teams are Tamaloo Village, Kakana Village, Big Lapathy-B, Kinmai-A Team, Tapoiming Village, Malacca Village, Big Lapathy-A, Arong

Mobile Library service inaugurated.....

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Dweep by providing easy access to a variety of books and learning materials. This innovative initiative will help foster curiosity, creativity and a love for reading among children and youth.

The program concluded with words of encouragement from the dignitaries, who expressed hope that the Mobile Library would become a valuable resource for the entire community. "A book is a treasure that opens the doors of imagination and knowledge."

The launch of this Mobile Library stands as a symbol of the community's commitment to education, literacy, and lifelong learning, a press release from State Library, Sri Vijaya Puram said

Astro Guide Training Programme

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thereby creating livelihood opportunities for local youth while enhancing visitor experiences through guided stargazing activities.

The initiative formed part of the Department's efforts to diversify tourism offerings and promote sustainable, experience-based tourism in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a press release from Directorate of IP&T said.

Restriction of maximum truck load.....

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plus cargo) are attempting to board the ferries, which is far beyond the permissible limit. This has resulted in frequent damage to ramps, sudden breakdown of vessels, and disruption of ferry services, causing inconvenience to the general public.

Truck owners, transporters, and drivers are advised to comply with this restriction of 12 Tons while transporting vehicles through vehicle ferry services. Violation of the above will result in denial of boarding on the ferry.

The cooperation of all stakeholders is requested to ensure safe vessel operations and uninterrupted ferry connectivity for the public, a press release from DSS said.

Foundations of Women Empowerment

Introduction

A nation's economic strength is closely tied to the well-being and participation of its women and children. When girls grow up healthy, educated, and safe, they are better able to learn, work, and contribute meaningfully to society. Conversely, gaps in nutrition, healthcare, safety, and access to education limit opportunities not only for individuals but also for communities and the economy at large. Recognising this, the Government of India has prioritised a life-cycle approach to empowerment—one that begins in early childhood and continues through adolescence and adulthood.

At the centre of this approach is the Ministry of Women and Child Development, which implements a range of targeted interventions to strengthen foundational services in nutrition, care, protection, and support. Key umbrella initiatives include Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 to improve nutritional outcomes and early childhood care, Mission Shakti to enhance women's safety, security, and empowerment, and Mission Vatsalya to strengthen child protection systems. In addition to these are the programmes run by Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to provide for the educational and health needs of women and children. Together, these programmes aim to build enabling environments where women and children can lead healthy, informed, and secure lives—laying the groundwork for inclusive social and economic development.

Nutrition and Health as the Core Foundation

Good nutrition and strong healthcare are central to building a healthy and prosperous nation. The Government of India has prioritised maternal and child health, recognising that well-nourished citizens drive sustainable growth and social progress.

Through mission-mode, data-driven interventions, the government is tackling malnutrition among children, adolescent girls, and mothers, focusing on reducing stunting, underweight, anaemia, and low birth weight. Integrated community-based services, strengthened frontline systems, and real-time monitoring are delivering measurable improvements and building a healthier, more resilient generation.

Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0

Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is an integrated nutrition support program to combat malnutrition among children (0-6 years), adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. The program delivers supplementary nutrition, early childhood care and education (ECCE), regular health check-ups, and awareness on hygiene, breastfeeding, and complementary feeding practices in an integrated manner.

The Anganwadi Centres deliver essential nutrition, besides also serving as joyful early learning spaces. They provide play-based pre-school education for children aged 3-6 to build foundational skills, social habits, and school readiness, ensuring a smoother transition to primary school and helping reduce future dropouts. Saksham Anganwadis are upgraded Anganwadis with improved infrastructure.

The Mission Poshan 2.0 component of the programme works towards malnutrition reduction and improved health, wellness and immunity. Services under this are provided through three components:

Anganwadi Services

Provides an integrated package of services to eligible beneficiaries, including Supplementary Nutrition; Pre-school non-formal education; Nutrition and Health Education; Immunisation; Health check-ups and Referral services. Of these, immunisation, health check-ups and referral services are health-related and delivered through the National Health Mission (NHM) and public health infrastructure. Poshan Vatikas or Nutri-gardens are also being developed at Anganwadi Centres across the country to provide easy and affordable access to fruits, vegetables, medicinal plants and herbs and encourage diet-diversity and consumption of wholesome local produce.

Poshan Abhiyaan

Launched on March 8, 2018, Poshan Abhiyaan is the Government of India's flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers. It aims to tackle malnutrition through a convergent, multi-sectoral approach that strengthens service delivery, promotes healthy practices, and builds an ecosystem supporting health, wellness and immunity.

Real-time monitoring is enabled through the Poshan Tracker app, which tracks beneficiary data, efficient service delivery, and Anganwadi performance.

Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)

Targets girls aged 14-18 years in all districts of the Northeast and in Aspirational Districts across other states. The scheme addresses intergenerational malnutrition by improving girls' health and nutrition. This includes both nutrition support and non-nutrition support like Iron-Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation, health check-ups, referral services, nutrition and health education, and skilling initiatives.

Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi

Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi is a flagship campaign of the WCD Ministry that aims to transform Anganwadi Centres into joyful early learning hubs, blending play-based education with nutrition for children aged 0-6. This is aligned with NEP 2020 recommendations on Early Childhood Care and Education. By December 2025, over 8.55 lakh Anganwadi workers and 41,645 master trainers were trained, with Aadharshila (0-3 years) and Navchetana (3-6 years) curricula rolled out nationwide in 12 regional languages—empowering little ones to grow strong, curious, and ready for school.

PM POSHAN

Nutritious school meals under PM POSHAN (formerly Mid-Day Meal Scheme) play a vital role in helping children—especially girls—stay hungry-free, attend classes regularly, concentrate better, and thrive in class. This is a centrally-sponsored scheme run by the Ministry of Education, for providing one hot cooked nutritious meal for children studying in Classes I-VIII in Government and Government-aided schools.

By easing the burden on low-income families and reducing dropout risks, this initiative fosters sustained enrolment, better learning, and healthier futures for millions of young students.

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), is a flagship maternity benefit scheme under Mission Shakti's Samarthyaa sub-scheme. It offers cash incentives to eligible pregnant women and lactating mothers for the first living child, helping cover wage loss and promote better care. Under PMMVY 2.0, effective from April 1, 2022 under the guidelines of Mission Shakti, eligible beneficiaries receive Rs. 5,000 in two instalments for their first living child.

Additionally, to promote positive attitude towards the girl child, improve sex ratio at birth, and discourage female foeticide, the scheme provides Rs. 6,000 in a single instalment after the birth of the second living child if it is a girl.

Benefits are disbursed directly via Aadhaar-linked accounts through DBT, with provisions for fresh eligibility in cases of miscarriage/stillbirth. The scheme continues to be implemented nationwide for efficient enrolment and monitoring.

Other Health-Linked Efforts

Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child and Adolescent Health are an important component of India's National Health Mission of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. It provides comprehensive care to women and children through five pillars of reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health. Flagship schemes like Janani Suraksha Yojana and Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram promote safe institutional deliveries by providing cash assistance and free drugs, diagnostics, blood and diet to pregnant women and new born babies especially in low-performing states, to reduce maternal and neonatal risks. Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) launched in 2019 brings together all the existing schemes for maternal and neonatal health under one umbrella to create a

comprehensive and cohesive initiative that provides a service assurance. **Mission Indradhanush:** A flagship immunisation drive to achieve full vaccination coverage for children and pregnant women, targeting underserved areas and boosting child survival through routine and catch-up vaccinations.

These schemes collectively contribute to significant national progress in health outcomes. Key achievements include:

▶ According to the Special Bulletin on Maternal Mortality in India (2019-21), published by the Sample Registration System (SRS), the country's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has dropped by 37 points, from 130 per 100,000 live births in 2014-16 to 93 per 100,000 live births in 2019-21.

▶ According to the UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (IGME) report released on 25th March 2025, India's under-five mortality rate fell from 48 to 28 per 1,000 live births and neonatal mortality rate from 28 to 17 per 1,000 live births between 2015 and 2023.

These gains reflect improved access to nutrition, safe deliveries, immunisation, and community monitoring—laying a strong foundation for healthier generations.

Education and Skill for Long-Term Empowerment

Education is a powerful tool that opens doors to better opportunities, confidence, and independence, especially for girls and young women. Education plays an important role in building self-confidence among women. It also enables in building confidence to take decisions in a better way.

The government runs various schemes, programmes and initiatives for encouraging education for girls at all levels. The efforts include sustained drives aimed at encouraging gender equality, supporting health, nutrition and early childhood and adolescent learning and development for the girl child, incentivising girls' education, providing scholarships and hostels, improving infrastructure, providing support for skilling, STEM and higher education. These interventions are helping build strong foundations for lifelong growth and empowerment.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)

The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 22, 2015, has evolved into a national movement for girl child empowerment, focusing on mindset change, gender equality, and multi-sectoral interventions. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and the Ministry of Education. It has exhibited steady progress over the years:

▶ **Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB):** Improved nationally from 918 (girls per 1,000 boys) in 2014-15 to 929 in 2024-25, according to the latest Health Management Information System (HMIS) report from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

▶ **Girls' Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)** at the secondary level increased significantly as per the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) data from the Ministry of Education. This shows higher school participation and retention for girls.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyaya (KGBV)

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyayas (KGBVs) offer safe, residential schooling to girls aged 10-18 from Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs)—such as SC, ST, OBC and others—especially in educationally backward blocks. Covering classes VI to XII, these residential schools provide a nurturing space where girls can learn, grow, and transition smoothly from elementary to higher secondary education.

The Ministry of Education under Samagra Shiksha Scheme provides Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Labs and Smart Classrooms in all KGBVs and hostels to empower girls, make them digitally savvy, and enhance their learning outcomes. Department of School Education and Literacy announced on 03.07.2024 to saturate all functional KGBVs with ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms, as per Samagra Shiksha norms. Accordingly, Rs. 28,841.96 lakhs have been allocated/UTs for establishing 3,564 ICT labs and 3,655 smart classrooms across 29 States/UTs in the FY 2024-25.

For the first time since inception 2024-25, a training program for KGBV Wardens has been designed and being delivered by DSEL in collaboration with the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA). A KGBV Warden Training Handbook in English and Hindi version has been developed by NIEPA for conducting these training workshops in all official languages by the States/UTs for wardens and is also being translated.

Women in Higher Education

There has been a significant increase in the female Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in India, reflecting improved gender parity. Recent statistics stand testament to the significant government interventions undertaken to improve access for women and girls to quality higher education.

Enrolment of Women in Ph.D. Degree

Female Ph.D. enrolment has more than doubled, with a remarkable 135.6% increase (from 2014-2015 to 2022-2023), adding 64,724 more women researchers. This highlights strong progress of women in advanced academic participation.

Scholarship Schemes for Girl Students

Scholarships and other incentives are given for education of girl students both by the central and the state governments. Some of the important central government scholarships include:

Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students. These scholarships are awarded by Ministry of Education, Government of India on the basis of results of Higher Secondary / Class XII Board Examination. The objective is to provide financial assistance to meritorious students from poor families for pursuing higher studies. 50% of the scholarships are earmarked for girls. National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies.

Launched in 2023-24, this Central Sector Scheme merges four earlier PG scholarships and offers 10,000 annual slots (30% reserved for women—3,000 selected), equally split between STEM and Humanities. Selected scholars receive Rs. 1,50,000 per year. Supporting this push, female postgraduate enrolment grew 61.3% from 19.86 lakh in 2014-15 to 32.03 lakh in 2022-23 (AISHE data), adding over 12 lakh more women in higher education.

AICTE PRAGATI Scholarship Scheme

Since 2014-15, the AICTE PRAGATI Scholarship has empowered meritorious girl students in technical education, awarding 10,000 scholarships yearly (5,000 each for Diploma and Degree courses) across 23 States/UTs and extending to the Northeast and J&K. In 2024-25, it reached 35,998 female students—providing crucial financial support so talented girls can focus on their studies and build rewarding careers without worry.

Supporting Women for STEM Education

Vigyan Jyoti Scheme

Run by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Vigyan Jyoti inspires bright girls from classes IX-XII—particularly in rural areas—to chase dreams in STEM fields. It aims to address the underrepresentation of women in different fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in the country. Through personalised counselling, lab visits, hands-on workshops, interactions with women role models, science camps, and extra academic support, the scheme builds confidence and opens pathways to STEM careers. Since its launch, it has touched the lives of more than 80,000 meritorious girls across 300 districts in 35 States and Union Territories, helping narrow the gender gap and show girls they belong in STEM.

Supernumerary seats for women

To encourage more women in STEM, supernumerary seats were introduced for girls in IITs and NITs, boosting female participation from under 10% to over 20%. This approach has inspired greater gender diversity in engineering and technical education across institutions nationwide. Programs like IIT Madras's Vidya Shakti Scheme help rural and female

students thrive in STEM. These efforts reflect steady strides toward inclusive, equitable higher education for girls and women.

Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls (NAVYA)

Launched on June 24, 2025, NAVYA is a collaborative initiative by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). It seeks to impart skill training to adolescent girls aged 16-18 years with at least a Class 10 qualification under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0). The programme equips these girls with practical vocational skills in emerging, non-traditional fields like digital marketing, cybersecurity, AI-enabled services, and green jobs—along with life skills, financial literacy, and digital competence. It was launched in 27 Aspirational and North-Eastern districts across 19 states, and aims to train 3,850 girls. The pilot phase will cover 9 states and 9 districts. As of December 2025, the scheme has enrolled 1,295 girls, with 671 of them already trained.

Safety and Security: Protecting Lives and Dignity

Safety and security form the bedrock of true empowerment. When women and children can live, work, and grow without fear of violence or harm, they are free to pursue their education, careers, and personal goals. The Government of India addresses this through targeted schemes that provide immediate support, emergency help, long-term protection, and community-level change. These efforts focus on prevention, response, and rehabilitation to reduce gender-based violence and ensure dignity for all. **Mission Shakti: The Umbrella Framework for Women's Safety and Empowerment**

Mission Shakti is the central umbrella scheme led by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It integrates safety, security, and empowerment for women and girls under two clear sub-schemes:

- ▶ Sambal — focused on safety and security
- ▶ Samarthyaa — focused on economic and social empowerment

Sambal

The Sambal sub-scheme delivers practical, on-ground protection mechanisms to help women escape and recover from violence.

Some of the key components under Sambal include:

One Stop Centres (OSCs)

Also known as Sakhi Centres (Friend Centres), these provide integrated, immediate support under one roof for women and girls affected by any form of violence (domestic, sexual, acid attacks, trafficking, etc.). Services include emergency medical aid, legal counselling, police assistance, psycho-social support, and temporary shelter referrals.

Women Helpline (181)

A 24x7 toll-free emergency response service that offers counselling, information, and immediate referral to police, medical, or legal help. It acts as the first point of contact in crisis situations. The helpline handles thousands of calls monthly, providing quick support and linking women to nearby services like OSCs, shelters and legal support.

Nari Adalat

Nari Adalats are community-based informal courts that resolve disputes related to domestic violence and harassment through mediation and awareness.

Samarthyaa

The Samarthyaa sub-scheme focuses on strengthening women's long-term independence, resilience and participation in public life through support services, skilling and institutional care.

Key components under Samarthyaa include:

▶ **Shakti Sadan:** An integrated support scheme providing shelter, care, counselling, legal aid and rehabilitation for women and girls rescued from trafficking or in difficult circumstances.

▶ **Sakhi Niwas:** Safe and affordable hostel accommodation for working women, with secure living facilities to support their employment and mobility.

▶ **National Creche Scheme (Palna):** Provides daycare facilities for children (6 months to 6 years) of working mothers, enabling women's participation in the workforce.

▶ **SANKALP:** Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW): Acts as a coordination and facilitation mechanism at national and state levels to improve access to government schemes, skilling, capacity-building and livelihood opportunities for women.

She-Box Portal: Ensuring A Safe Workplace for Women

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) launched the Sexual Harassment electronic Box (She-Box) on 29th August 2024 as a single-window, centralised digital platform that creates a national repository for tracking workplace sexual harassment complaints. This, in turn, makes it convenient to monitor the implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (SH Act), that was enacted on 9th December 2013.

This user-friendly portal enables women from public, private, organised, or unorganised sectors to file complaints securely, with automatic forwarding to the relevant Internal Committee (IC) or Local Committee (LC).

Featuring real-time status tracking, multi-lingual support, strong confidentiality safeguards, and a resource hub with training materials and guidance, She-Box promotes faster redressal, greater accountability, safer workplaces, and meaningful progress toward women's empowerment.

Mission Vatsalya: Dedicated Protection for Children

Mission Vatsalya is the umbrella scheme focused exclusively on child welfare and safety. It supports vulnerable children—including those affected by abuse, neglect, trafficking, or loss of parental care—through institutional and non-institutional care, sponsorship, foster care, adoption, and aftercare.

▶ The scheme emphasises family-based care wherever possible, rehabilitation, and reintegration.

▶ It operates through Child Care Institutions, Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards, and specialised adoption agencies.

▶ Outcomes include thousands of children placed in safe environments annually, with strong focus on preventing child marriage, trafficking, and exploitation.

▶ Mission Vatsalya Portal is operational as a unified workspace for all child welfare systems. CARINGS adoption platform is integrated with MV Portal to enhance adoption processes.

▶ Child Helpline operational across all 36 States/UTs, integrated with ERSS-112 for emergency response. As on January 1, 2026, installation has been completed in 728 districts, enabling a unified national child response mechanism.

These initiatives—Mission Shakti (Sambal) and Mission Vatsalya—work together to create safer homes, workplaces, and communities for women and girls. They reduce gender-based violence, provide timely help in crises, and promote dignity and equality. By combining emergency response, legal support, community engagement, and child-focused protection, they build a stronger foundation for women and children to live fearlessly and participate fully in society.

Conclusion: Building a Resilient Future

India has adopted an integrated approach to advancing the health, education, safety, and security of women and girls. Flagship umbrella programmes such as Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, and Mission Shakti, and others ensure strong convergence across Ministries, maximising reach and impact at the grassroots level. Digital platforms like the Poshan Tracker enhance transparency, accountability, and efficient service delivery.

By investing in the well-being, education, and protection of women and girls, these initiatives strengthen families, uplift communities, and build human capital. They contribute directly to inclusive growth, gender equality, and long-term national development. As India surges ahead, sustained focus on empowering women and girls remains central to achieving transformative and lasting change.

(Source: PIB)

PRESS NOTE

The Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Administration has notified the Amended Recruitment Rules, 2025 for the posts of Private Secretary (Group 'B' Gazetted), Personal Assistant (Group 'B' Non-Gazetted), Chainman (Group 'C' Non-Gazetted/Non-Ministerial) and Veterinary Compounder (Group 'C' Non-Gazetted/Non-Ministerial). All concerned may access the same through the web portal <https://forest.and.nic.in>.

Conservator of Forests (HQs)
Van Sadan, Haddo
Sri Vijaya Puram

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Guptapara invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors for the below mentioned work.

1. NIT No. EE/PRI/SAD-I/GEN/2025-26/204 Name of Work: Construction of Steel Fabricated shed behind of Vegetable Market and Chain Link fencing at Manglutan-II under Gram Panchayat Guptapara. Estimated Cost: Rs. 18,70,945/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 37,419/-, Time of Completion: Six (06) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 13/03/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.

Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22180 1
I.D. No. 12006

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

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Govind Nagar, Swaraj Dweep invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors for the below mentioned work:

1. NIT No. EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR/2025-26/210 Name of Work: Conversion of CC Footpath to CC Road from main road to Mahadev Gain house at Govind Nagar Ward No. 03 under Gram Panchayat Govind Nagar, Swaraj Dweep. Estimated Cost: Rs. 8,36,456/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 16,729/-, Time of Completion: Three (03) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 13/03/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.

Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22188 1
I.D. No. 12007

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

AFFIDAVIT

I, S. Vasudevan, S/o S. Chellaiah, resident of Garacharma Village under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That I am a permanent resident of the above-mentioned address.

2. That my father's name has been wrongly recorded in my Passport bearing No. N8809698 as "Sethu Sellaiah" instead of "S. Chellaiah".

3. That my father's name is correctly recorded in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 358557214664 as "S. Chellaiah".

4. That my father's name is also correctly recorded in my PAN Card bearing No. ADEPV6789J as "S. Chellaiah".

5. That my father's actual and correct name is S. Chellaiah.

6. That this affidavit is made for the purpose of correcting my father's name in my Passport and for declaring that my father's correct name is S. Chellaiah for all official and legal records.

7. That the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed.

Place: Sri Vijaya Puram
Deponent

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At Orabraj Village, Near Community Hall, Suitable for All Purposes.

Interested Parties may Contact:
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TO LET

House with Single Bedroom, at Loknath Colony Dollygunj, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Contact No.: 9564444000

TO LET

2 BHK Flat, G/F Fully Tiled, 24 X 7 Water Supply, 2 Bathroom, 1 Attached Big Size Hall, Puja Room, Kitchen, A/C & Inverter Connection, Arrangement, Newly Constructed at Good Environment at HUDCO Colony, School Line. Interested only can may Contact No.: 9679528867

Death Anniversary of our beloved Family Members



1. Chet Ram, R/o School Line on 03/02/22
2. Isher Dei, W/o Chet Ram on 02/01/2021
3. Dharmender, S/o Chet Ram, R/o School Line on 08/03/2007

Bhai, Ammaji & Papaji you all left us all alone missing you every moment of our life.
Remembered By: Daughter, Grand Sons & Nephew, Sudeep, Rajat & Sona Baba.

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SRI VIJAYA PURAM
No. M/181/2023-O/o AE-I(E&M)-PBM/C AN/267 dated. 06/03/2026**

PRESS NOTE

Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council invites applications for ITI Apprenticeship Training under Apprentices Act, 1961 (as amended). Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council will impart one-year apprenticeship training under the Apprentices (Amendment) Act, 1961 (as amended in 1973, 1986 and 2014) in various disciplines as below; for the year 2025-2026, to the candidates possessing ITI qualification in the respective category.

Sl No	Discipline	No of Trainees
1	Draughtsman (Mechanical)	2
2	Computer And Peripherals Hardware Repair And Maintenance Mechanic	4
3	Driver-cum-mechanic (Light Motor Vehicle)	5
4	Solar Technician (Electrical)	4
5	Information And Communication Technology System Maintenance	2
6	Mechanic Diesel	8
7	Stenographer (English)	6
8	Secretarial Assistant	6
9	Computer Operator And Programming Assistant	35
10	Welder (Gas And Electric)	10
11	Plumber	20
12	Store Assistant -Construction	2
13	Building Maintenance Technician	31
14	Surveyor	10
15	Mechanic (Motor Vehicle)	6
16	Mechanic Refrigeration And Air Conditioning	2
17	Electrician	12
18	Draughtsman (Civil)	22

Qualification required: National Trade Certificate (NTC) in the concerned discipline from a recognised ITI / Institute.

A. Conditions of Eligibility:

- Candidates possessing an ITI Certificate in the above-mentioned discipline from a recognised institute are eligible for ITI Apprenticeship Training.
- Candidates who have already undergone training under this scheme or have one year or more of job experience are not eligible as per the prescribed rules.
- Candidates who have already undergone apprenticeship training under this Act/Government of India scheme, and in whose case the contract of apprenticeship was terminated for any reason whatsoever, shall not be eligible.
- Candidates must enrol/register under this scheme within three years of passing the qualifying examination.

B. Period of Training:

- The engagement as an apprentice will be purely for training purposes for a period of one year and will be terminated upon completion. The engagement is temporary and shall not lead to absorption. Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council does not provide any commitment for permanent/temporary employment to apprentices upon successful completion of the training period.
- During the apprenticeship training period, the trainee will be attached to any Division/Sub-Division/Workshop/Section or Office and will be under the administrative control of the Superintending Engineer, SVP/MC.

C. Rate of Stipend Payable per Month:

- The minimum stipend rate payable to ITI apprentices per month, as stipulated vide Office Memorandum (File No. DG-T-36/1/2021-AP) dated 15.09.2025, is ₹9,600/- per month.

D. How to Apply:

- ITI candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria shall log on to apprenticeship portal www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in and enrol.
- All candidates are advised to fill in all relevant information and upload necessary documents; incomplete profiles may not be accepted.
- After registering on the apprenticeship portal, candidates must apply online for apprenticeship training against the notified opportunities posted by Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council. These opportunities will be available on the portal until 15 March 2026.

E. Selection Process:

- Shortlisted candidates shall be called for document verification. Candidates must appear with all original documents along with self-attested copies of testimonials, viz., Educational Qualification certificates, Proof of Age, Employment Registration Card, Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, Bank Passbook, and two passport-size photographs.
- Reservation of Rights: Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council reserves the right to make final appointments at its discretion, without further notice or assigning any reasons thereof.

G. Imparting apprenticeship training by this Department does not guarantee employment in Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council for any reason upon completion of the training.

Sd./-
Superintending Engineer
Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council

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OBITUARY



Mr. C. Ponnaiah

Partner of K R Super Market, Diglipur, North Andaman.

We, the President, Secretary and All Members of Grain Dealers and Grocers Association deeply condole on the sudden and untimely demise of Mr. C. Ponnaiah, aged 62 yrs. Partner of K R Super Market.

We pray the Almighty to give courage and strength to the family members of the bereaved Family to this irreparable loss.

Inserted by: All Members of Grain Dealers and Grocers Association, Sri Vijaya Puram Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

VACANCY

Required: Driver Please Come to the interview with a Resume and a Copy of Your License . Address: APT Logistics Pvt. Ltd., Near Chatham Police Station.

Contact Ph. No.: 9082368711
CIN: U63010AN2015PTC000258

AFFIDAVIT

I, Samir Shil, S/o Late Gopal Shil, R/o Garacharma I, under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That my actual name is Samir Shil.
2. That my name wrongly mentioned in my Passport as Shamir Shil instead of Samir Shil.
3. That I intend to change my name in my Passport as Samir Shil instead of Shamir Shil.
4. That the name Samir Shil and Shamir Shil are same one identical person's name.

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

Place: Sri Vijaya Puram
Date: 03.03.2026

Deponent

ENGAGEMENT OF SPORTS COACHES FOR KHELO INDIA STATE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, NETAJI SPORTS COMPLEX, SRI VIJAYA PURAM, ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Andaman & Nicobar Administration is inviting applications for the following posts of Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE), Netaji Sports Complex, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, on purely contractual basis under Khelo India Scheme for a period up to 4 years, subject to the continuation of the Khelo India Scheme by the Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs, Govt. of India.

Designation	No. of Posts	Salary per Month(₹)	Maximum Age Limit
1 Head Coach-Cycling	1	1,00,000 – 1,50,000	60 years
2 Head Coach-Swimming	1	1,00,000 – 1,50,000	60 years

These posts have been earlier published on 22nd January, 2026. However, due to administrative reasons the same are hereby re-published with necessary modification in the age criteria, as detailed above. Candidates who have already applied for the above posts need not apply again.

Eligible interested candidates may apply in the prescribed format Annexure-A by post or directly visiting the office of the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram. The detailed notification with purpose of the roles and accountability, eligibility criteria as per the Khelo India Manpower Hiring Norms for KISCE and prescribed application format are available in the department's official website <https://sports.andamannicobar.gov.in> and State Portal <https://andamannicobar.gov.in>. Applications duly signed with self-attested copies of all educational qualifications, Sports Achievements, experience certificates and other testimonials as required to support the candidature of the applicant must be sent to the Director (Sports), Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Netaji Sports Complex, Sri Vijaya Puram – 744101. The application process will start from Monday, 9th March, 2026 to Monday, 23rd March, 2026 (5 pm). Applications received after Wednesday, 23rd March, 2026 (5 pm) shall not be entertained. Only short-listed candidates shall be called for the Skill Test where ever applicable, as decided by the Selection Committee/Director (Sports).
Director (Sports & Youth Affairs)

AFFIDAVIT

I, Poonam Raj, W/o Michael Raj, R/o Chakkargaon Village, Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as hereunder:-

1. That my husband's actual name is "Michael Raj" as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card.
2. That in my Passport my husband's name is erroneously mentioned as Kulandai Swamy Michal Raj.
3. That the names "Kulandai Swamy Michal Raj" and "Michael Raj" is of one and identical person.
4. That henceforth wherever my husband's name is appearing as "Kulandai Swamy Michal Raj" shall be read, known, understood, addressed, corrected and called as "Michael Raj" for all purpose and intends.

VERIFICATION:- The statements made in Para 1 to 4 above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 08.12.2025
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

Deponent

AFFIDAVIT

I, SUMAN Kumar, R/o Qtr. No. 84/01, Ajay Baugh, Minnie Bay, SVP, declare that my Wife's name is wrongly mentioned as Sonika in my Son Nikhil Kumar's 10th CBSE Marksheet Sl. No. 1384953. Her correct name is Sonika Devi as per his Birth Certificate. Both names belong to the same person. Necessary affidavit in this effect notarized by A & N Islands Vide Sl. No. 287 Dated 6th Mar., 2026.

Deponent

MONIKA TOUR & TRAVELS

Driver Needed for Commercial Vehicle with Valid Driving License and Experience, Location: Sri Vijaya Puram. Interested person can Call: 9952943079 / 9434260949
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