



Swift eviction drive by District Administration (SA) reclaims encroached land in Sri Vijaya Puram



Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
 In its ongoing efforts to safeguard public property and ensure the lawful use of community spaces, the District Administration of South Andaman has intensified monitoring of Government land, reclaiming areas encroached upon by unauthorized elements across the district.

officials, with the assistance of an excavator, removed encroachments including three fencing and two temporary structures erected on Government land at Attam Pahar village. An area measuring approximately 1,000 Square Meter of Government Revenue Land has been restored to its original shape by the District Revenue authorities.

occupation was addressed at South Point Village, where an unauthorized tin fencing adjacent to Hotel Sinclair Bay View was dismantled. An area of around 600 square meters of Government land was successfully reclaimed during the operation. Residents are strongly urged to refrain from unauthorized occupations, as stringent legal action

will be taken against violators. To strengthen public participation in this initiative, the District Administration, South Andaman has provided multiple avenues for reporting encroachments or illegal constructions. Citizens can contact the District Control Room at 03192-240127/238881/1070 or share information via WhatsApp at 9531888844. All reports will be handled with

absolute confidentiality, ensuring the privacy of individuals who come forward to report such activities. The eviction drive will continue in the coming days, reinforcing the District Administration's resolve to protect Government land and ensure its proper utilization for the benefit of the community, a press release from DC (SA) said.

Hon'ble MP meets National President, BJP in New Delhi

New Delhi, Apr. 7
 Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament today met Shri Nitin Nabin, National President, BJP, at BJP Headquarters, New Delhi. During the meeting, the Hon'ble MP presented a comprehensive charter of demands concerning the overall development of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands for expeditious action by the Government. Key issues included implementation of domicile law, establishment of a



Central University in place of a deemed university, enhancement of the UT budget under the capital head, etc. According to Hon'ble MP, after carefully going through the charter of demands,

Shri Nitin Nabin is stated to have assured that he would pursue and follow up to coordinate the matters with the concerned authorities for early consideration, a press release from MP Office said.

Hon'ble MP seeks rationalisation of Sub-Registrar system in A&N Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
 The Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, has written to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands seeking rationalisation of the present Sub-Registrar arrangement in

the Islands so that registration services become more accessible, decentralised and citizen-friendly. In support of his proposal, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray has referred to comparable administrative

arrangements in jurisdictions such as Delhi, Goa, Chandigarh and Puducherry, where registration services are more decentralised and institutionally structured at the local level, a press release from MP Office said.

Legal Awareness Programme held at TGCE

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
 The A&N State Legal Services Authority, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, organized a Legal Awareness Programme in association with PRAYAS JAC and under Mission Shakti, Directorate of Social Welfare today in the auditorium of TGCE. The programme witnessed active participation from Anganwadi workers and staff members of the Directorate of Social Welfare.



& Chairman (In-charge), District Legal Services Authority, A&N Islands; Shri Diptendra Nath Mitra, Ld. Judge, Family Court, Port Blair; and Shri Jayanta Mukherjee, Ld. Judicial Magistrate First Class, 2nd Court, Port Blair. The programme was

also attended by Ms. Mariya Sheila, Regional Head, PRAYAS JAC; Shri K. Vijay Kumar, Advisor, PRAYAS JAC; along with staff members of DLSA and PRAYAS JAC. During the session, Shri Rashid Alam

Circuit Court from April 13 to 28

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
 Hon'ble Justice Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya and Hon'ble Justice Smita Das De, Judges of the Calcutta High Court shall be sitting/holding Circuit Court at Port Blair on and from April 13 to 28 (both days inclusive), a press release from Registrar, Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Port Blair said.

First Integrated VoIP Communication System commissioned in A&N Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
 Marking a significant milestone in disaster preparedness and emergency management, the Andaman & Nicobar Administration has successfully commissioned the first integrated VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) Communication System across the islands. The system was inaugurated by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, in the presence of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (DM/R&R), senior officers and Heads of Departments in the Conference Hall of Secretariat.



The primary objective of this system is to bring all Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) across the islands under a unified communication network, ensuring faster and more reliable coordination during emergency situations. This initiative marks the establishment of the first independent communication layer in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, currently supporting 100 connections.

At present, the system connects key locations across the three districts, including DCR South Andaman, DCR Nicobar, DCR Mayabunder, EOC Hut Bay, EOC Swaraj Dweep, EOC Shaheed Dweep, EOC Ferrargunj, and SEOC. The network will be further expanded to include all Emergency Support Functions

(ESFs) across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

During the event, the Chief Secretary demonstrated live group communication linking seven control rooms across the three districts, marking the first real-time, two-way voice connectivity across all districts in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He highlighted the importance of such initiatives in strengthening disaster preparedness and emphasized extending connectivity to remote islands like Narcondam, Teressa and Chowra.

Ms. Purva Garg, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, noted that the system will greatly enhance the District Disaster Management Authority's communication capabilities during emergencies. She added that the Administration is exploring integration with satellite technology to ensure resilient and uninterrupted connectivity even in challenging conditions, a press release from DC (SA) said.

75th-day countdown to International Day of Yoga 2026 observed with Yoga Sessions across A&N Islands



Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
 As part of the upcoming International Day of Yoga 2026, the AYUSH Wing of the Directorate of Health Services, A&N Administration, organized the 75th-day c o u n t d o w n

programmes, which were observed across the A&N Islands with active public participation. The International Day of Yoga will be celebrated on 21st June, 2026. The event aimed to

promote awareness about the benefits of yoga and encourage the adoption of a healthy lifestyle among the community. Participants actively engaged in various yoga practices under expert guidance,

creating a positive and energetic atmosphere. As part of the Yoga Mahotsav celebrations, a yoga session was organized at Flag Point, Sri Vijaya Puram by AYUSH Hospital. A total of 40 participants, including college

students and members of the general public, enthusiastically took part in the session held under the supervision of Shri. Mangal Bhagat, Yoga Instructor, Ayush Hospital, a press release from AYUSH said.

Ambedkar Mela- 2026 concludes with a vibrant closing ceremony at Ograbraj

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
 The Ambedkar Mela-2026, organized by Gram Panchayat Mithakhari & Youth Club Ograbraj, culminated in a grand and vibrant closing ceremony held at Floodlight Ground, Ograbraj witnessing an overwhelming response from the public across the South Andaman region. Dr. Apurva Sharma, Director, RD, PRIs & ULBs, A&N Administration, as the chief guest of the closing ceremony paid floral tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, honouring his legacy and contributions. In his address, the chief guest lauded the dedicated efforts of Gram Panchayat Mithakhari & Youth Club Ograbraj for successfully



organizing such a large-scale and meaningful event, emphasizing its role in promoting awareness, unity, and grassroots participation. The chief guest also visited all the stalls, interacted with participants, and appreciated the initiatives undertaken by various Departments and local contributors. Shri Mohd Safiq Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Mithakhari, highlighted the vision

and efforts behind organizing such a community-centric mega event. Adding to the vibrancy of the Mela, a Healthy Baby Show was organized on April 4 in collaboration with the Department of Health, which witnessed enthusiastic participation of nearly 50 babies, making it a heart-warming and engaging attraction for the public. A major highlight of the evening was the

WCM Kashthuri Bhai shines at 35th National Under-17 Chess C'ship 2026

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
Woman Candidate Master (WCM), R Kashthuri Bhai shines at 35th National Under 17 Chess Championship 2026 which concluded today in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Competing against over 100 players from across India, including elite players, WCM Kashthuri Bhai delivered an impressive performance, scoring 7.5 points out of 11 rounds to secure a commendable 9th position in the championship.



Her performance not only earned her a cash prize of Rs. 14,000 and a trophy, but also enabled her to surpass the coveted 2000 FIDE rating mark, a significant milestone in her chess journey. The Andaman and

Nicobar Chess Association has congratulated her for bringing laurels to the Islands and wishes her continued success in future tournaments, a press release from ANCA said.

Homoeopathy Health Camp organized to mark 'World Homoeopathy Day- 2026'

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
The AYUSH Wing of DHS, in collaboration with ANSAS (NAM), organized Homoeopathy Health Camp recently at IRBn Complex, Port Mout. Dr. Supria Arangi, MO (H), Ayush Hospital, and Dr. Smita Narayan, MO (H), PHC Chouldari highlighted the importance of World Homoeopathy Day



and the role of Homoeopathy in holistic healthcare. A total of 69 officers and jawan of IRBn

benefitted from the awareness programme and camp, a press release from AYUSH said.

National MSME Awards 2024 - Portal reopens for select Categories

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, has reopened the National MSME Awards 2024 portal to encourage wider participation from eligible enterprises. The applications are invited through the National Award Portal <https://dashboard.msme.gov.in/na> under the following categories:
♦ Awards for Manufacturing Entrepreneurship - Technologically Efficient Manufacturing Enterprises
♦ Awards for Service Entrepreneurship - Medium Enterprises (Overall)
♦ Awards for Export-Oriented Service Enterprises
♦ Awards for Women Entrepreneurship -

Micro Enterprises (Services)
♦ Awards for Women Entrepreneurship - Small Enterprises (Services)
♦ Awards for Entrepreneurs belonging to SC/ST Category - Small Enterprises (Manufacturing)
♦ Awards for Entrepreneurs belonging to SC/ST Category - Micro Enterprises (Services)
♦ Awards for Entrepreneurs belonging to SC/ST Category - Small Enterprises (Services)
♦ Awards for Entrepreneurs belonging to "Divyang" Category - Manufacturing Enterprises
♦ Awards for Entrepreneurs belonging to "Divyang" Category - Service Enterprises

♦ Awards for Entrepreneurs belonging to States of NER - Micro Enterprises (Manufacturing)
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♦ Awards for Entrepreneurs belonging to States of NER - Micro Enterprises (Services)
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The portal will remain open till 20th April, 2026. All eligible MSMEs are encouraged to apply online at <https://dashboard.msme.gov.in/na> within the stipulated period, a press release from Br. MSME-DFO, Sri Vijaya Puram said.

IDE Bootcamp 2026 - Day 2 focuses on entrepreneurial landscape & ideation at DBRAIT

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7
The second day of the IDE Bootcamp 2026 at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT) centred on the theme "Entrepreneurial Landscape & Ideation," providing participants with key insights into startup development and innovation processes. The sessions introduced participants to the startup ecosystem, with emphasis on understanding market demand, competition, emerging trends, and identifying gaps to create meaningful value propositions. An overview of key business models-B2B,



B2C, and B2G-was also presented, highlighting their distinct characteristics in terms of target audience, sales cycles, and operational approaches. Participants were guided on customer segmentation, focusing on identifying core and extended audiences, as well as distinguishing

between buyers and users. A key highlight of the day was the application of the SCAMPER technique, enabling participants to systematically refine and innovate their ideas through approaches such as substitution, combination, adaptation, and modification, a press release from DBRAIT said.

Legal Awareness Programme

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addressed the gathering and elaborated on the services provided by Legal Services Authorities to vulnerable sections of society. He also highlighted various schemes introduced by NALSA for the welfare of marginalized groups.

Shri Neyaz Alam spoke on the provisions of the POCSO Act, focusing on the safety of the girl child and available legal remedies.

Shri Diptendra Nath Mitra explained key aspects of the POCSO Act, NDPS Act, and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, a press release from DLSA said.

Rugby kicks off in Car Nicobar with launch of school contact programme

Car Nicobar, Apr. 7

The Indian Rugby Football Union (Rugby India), in collaboration with the Rugby Football Association of Andaman & Nicobar (RFAAN), the Nicobar District Education Office and the District Administration, Car Nicobar, have officially launched the Rugby School Contact Programme in Car Nicobar.

The initiative commenced today with a Rugby Orientation Programme for Physical Education teachers from secondary and higher secondary schools across Car Nicobar, along with seven sports secretaries representing the Village Councils of Big Lapathy, Chuckchucha, Malacca, Perka, Kinmai, Sawai and Tapoiming.

The Rugby orientation programme introduced participants to the fundamentals of rugby, with a particular focus on touch rugby, while also equipping



teachers and community leaders with the knowledge required to support the growth of the sport within schools and villages.

Following the Rugby orientation, coaches and officials from Rugby India and RFAAN will conduct a two-day grassroots rugby development programme across participating schools in Car Nicobar. The Rugby Activation programme is aimed at introducing children to the sport, developing basic rugby skills and encouraging greater participation among both boys and girls.

The schools participating in the programme are GSS

Kakana, GSS Malacca, GSS Tamaloo, GMS Tapoiming, PM SHRI GSS Mus, GSS Lapathy, GSS Sawai and GSS Arong.

The programme will culminate on April 10 with the inaugural Car Nicobar Inter-School Touch Rugby Championships 2026, to be held at the SAI Ground, Lapathy from 10 am to 12 noon.

Boys' and girls' teams from all eight schools will compete in what will be the first-ever inter-school rugby championship in Nicobar. A total of 160 students age between 13 to 17 years are expected to participate in the event, a press release from RFAAN

said.

Vibrant Calf Show organised at Ambedkar Mela, Ograbraj to promote scientific cattle management

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7

In a colourful and educative event aimed at creating awareness among farmers about improved cattle breeds and scientific livestock management practices, the Department of AH&VS organised a Calf Show on April 5 at the Ambedkar Mela, Flood Light Ground, Ograbraj.

Nine enthusiastic farmers actively participated in the show, proudly presenting their calves and highlighting



the benefits of proper animal care, regular deworming, and selection of superior breeds. The programme was successfully coordinated by the Senior Veterinary

Officer, Veterinary Dispensary Port Mout, and received excellent response from the farming community, a press release from Department of AH&VS said.

Cleanliness drive conducted at Ramnagar Beach, Diglipur

Diglipur, Apr. 7

In a significant effort to preserve the coastal environment and promote the 'Swachh Bharat' mission, a comprehensive cleanliness drive was successfully conducted at Ramnagar Beach under the jurisdiction of the CD Block Diglipur collaboration with Gram Panchayat Ramnagar on April, 4. The initiative aimed to address the accumulation of plastic waste and marine debris, ensuring the beach remains a sustainable destination for both the local



community and tourists.

The drive saw active participation from local residents, youth volunteers, and members of the Gram Panchayat Ramnagar. Volunteers collected waste, primarily consisting of single-use plastics, glass bottles, and non-biodegradable

materials washed ashore.

Alongside the physical cleaning, an awareness session was held to educate visitors and shopkeepers on the importance of "Zero Waste" beaches and proper segregation at the source, a press release from BDO, Diglipur said.

World Autism Day observed at GPS S.V. Mandir, Diglipur

Diglipur, Apr. 7

World Autism Day, globally observed on 2nd April, was commemorated on April 4 at GPS S.V. Mandir by the Block Project Office, Diglipur, under Inclusive Education, Samagra Shiksha. The programme was organized to promote the theme "From Awareness to Acceptance: Embracing Every Mind" and to enhance understanding of autism among students, teachers, parents, and the community.

A total of 25 participants, including parents, teachers,



students, SMC/SMDC members, Anganwadi workers, and other stakeholders, actively took part in the programme. The session focused on spreading awareness about autism, early identification, and the importance of inclusive education practices.

The event reaffirmed the commitment of the Block Project Office, Diglipur, towards strengthening Inclusive Education and building a compassionate and inclusive society where every individual is accepted and valued, a press release from BPO Diglipur said.

Seizure of Illicit sawn timber at Kala Pather, Mayabunder Division



Mayabunder, Apr. 7

A patrolling team of AFEVS conducted routine patrolling yesterday in the Reserve Forest area at Kala Pather, leading to detection and seizure of sawn timber measuring 0.494 cbm of superior hardwood.

The timber was found abandoned within the reserve forest area, and no offender could be traced at the time of seizure. The seized material has been secured, and necessary legal formalities have been initiated in

accordance with the relevant forest laws and regulations.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the timber may have been concealed for subsequent transportation. Intensive search operations were carried out in the surrounding area; however, no offender could be apprehended. Further investigation is in progress to ascertain the origin of the timber and identify those responsible, a press release from DFO, Mayabunder said.

Fire Mitras refresher training held at Baratang



Baratang, Apr. 7

Firefighters of Fire Station Baratang conducted Firefighting Refresher Training today for Fire Mitras enlisted with FS Baratang. The training

aimed to refresh the skills and knowledge imparted during their earlier training, and to enhance preparedness in responding to fire and emergency situations. Fire Mitras were briefed on

updated firefighting techniques, safety protocols and response mechanisms through practical demonstrations.

Such refresher programmes strengthen community participation in fire safety and enhance the capacity of trained volunteers to assist Fire & Emergency Services during emergencies, a press release from SP, N&MA said.

Chess Mahasangram 2.0 to be held on April 25 & 26



Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 7

The Andaman & Nicobar Chess Mahasangram 2.0, has been rescheduled to 25th & 26th April, 2026 at Netaji Stadium due to administrative reasons. The tournament is being organized by the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, A&N Administration, in collaboration with the Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA). For any queries & assistance, contact 9434293379 / 9474203878, a press release from Department of Sports & Youth Affairs said.

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Ambedkar Mela- 2026 concludes.....

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prize distribution ceremony for the best departmental stalls, recognizing innovation and public engagement. In the mela, 1st Position was bagged by Department of AH&VS, 2nd Position by Department of Agriculture; 3rd Position by Department of Health and 4th Position by Department of AAJVS.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Shri P.A. Sharfuddin, Zilla Parishad Member, Mithakhari Constituency, a press release from Gram Panchayat, Mithakhari said.

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1.	Graduate Engineer for Campbell Bay	01 No.	1 st Class B. Tech Degree in Civil Engineering from a recognized university/ Institution of repute.	02 Yr. in Road, Highway / Infra projects	Rs. 54,000/- (Plus allowances as per NHIDCL guidelines)
2.	Graduate Engineer for Sri Vijaya Puram	01 No.			
3.	Graduate Engineer for Site Office at Sippighat	01 No.			
4.	Graduate Engineer for Site Office at Diglipur	01 No.			

Interested candidates may submit their CV along with B.Tech Degree certificate and experience certificates within 07 days of publication of this notice to the following email address: pmu.baratang@nhidcl.com.

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VACANCY NOTICE

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following post at the Head Office, Sri Vijaya Puram for the post of "Recovery Officer" & "Legal Consultant" on contractual basis for a period of 01 year in A & N State Co-operative Bank Ltd. Head Office, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Sl. No.	Name of the Vacancy	No. of Post	Educational Qualification	Age	Work Experience	Location	Nature of Appointment	Selection Process	Application submission	How to Apply	Consolidated Pay	Language	Willingness to Travel
1	Recovery Officer	01	Mandatory : Graduate in any discipline CA/CS/MBA Finance or equivalent. Certified Banking Compliance Professional by IIBF. Desirable: CA/CS/MBA Finance or equivalent. Certified Banking Compliance Professional by IIBF.	Between 45-55 years as on last date of application	Overall experience of at least 15 years in Banking or Financial Services, out of which minimum 10 years or above shall be in Audit/Financial/Compliance/Legal/Risk Management or in any supervisory position/ Branch manager in any nationalized/commercial bank. Candidate should have good understanding of industry and risk management, knowledge of regulation, legal framework and should perform as management expectations.	H.O	Contractual for 01 year (Sub to renewal on yearly basis)	Shortlisting on eligibility followed by Personal interview	Only physical submission, no email submission.	Submit detailed bio-data with copies of certificate and experience proof to AGM, Establishment, ANSCB, HO.	Remuneration of Rs. 80,000/- per month	Should be proficient in Local language and have working knowledge of English/Hindi.	Willing to travel across A & N Islands.
2	Legal Consultant	01	Graduate in law (03 years/05 years full time regular course) from a recognized University	Between 25-32 years as on last date of application	As on date of notification the candidate must possess professional experience of minimum 4 years post qualification experience as practicing lawyer and/or with law firm/or as law officer in any Bank/Financial Institution/State or Central Government and/or as a judicial officer. The experience as above can be cumulative.	H.O	Contractual for 01 year (Sub to renewal on yearly basis)	Shortlisting on eligibility followed by Personal interview	Only physical submission, no email submission.	Submit detailed bio-data with copies of certificate and experience proof to AGM, Establishment, ANSCB, HO.	Remuneration of Rs. 35000/- per month	Should be proficient in Local language and have working knowledge of English/Hindi.	Willing to travel across A & N Islands.

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PRESS NOTE

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 is an Act relating to children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law. It takes care of the basic needs of children through proper care, protection, development, treatment and social re-integration by adopting a child-friendly approach in the adjudication and disposal of matters in the best interest of children and for their rehabilitation through processes provided, and institutions and bodies established.

Department of Social Welfare, A & N Administration, invites applications from eligible candidates for the following positions which are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the District	CWC & JJB	Name of the Post	No. of Post
1.	South Andaman	CWC	Chairperson	01
			Member	04
			Social Worker Member	02
2.	North & Middle Andaman	CWC	Chairperson	01
			Member	04
			Social Worker Member	02
3.	Nicobar District	CWC	Chairperson	01
			Member	04
			Social Worker Member	02
Total				21

Composition and Qualification of Juvenile Justice Board and Eligibility criteria for members is as under (refer section 4 of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and Rule 4 of A & N Islands Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2023:-

- The Board shall consist of a Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate of First Class having at least three years experience to be designated as the Principal Magistrate of the Board and **two social worker members, of whom at least one shall be a woman, forming a Bench.**
- The social worker members shall be appointed by the State Government on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted under Rule 87 of A & N Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2023.
- The Social Worker Members shall not be minimum thirty five years of age and shall not be more than sixty five years of age on the date of notification and shall have at least seven years of experience of working with children in the field of education, health, or welfare activities, or should be a practicing professional with a degree in child psychology or psychiatry or sociology or in the field of law.
- As far as possible, the two social worker members so selected for a Board shall be from different fields.
- All members of the Board including the Principal Magistrate, shall be given induction training and sensitization within a period of sixty days from the date of appointment.
- The social worker members of the Board shall be paid not less than Rs. 2000/- per sitting, which shall include sitting allowance, travel allowance and any other allowance, as the UT Administration may prescribe.
- The Board shall sit on all working days for a minimum of six hours commensurate with the working hours of a Magistrate Court, unless the case pendency is less in a particular district and the UT Administration issues an order in this regard.

Term of Members of the Board under Rule 5 of A & N Islands Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2023:-

- The term of the social worker member of the Board shall not be more than for a period of three years from the date of appointment.
- A social worker member of the Board shall be eligible for appointment of maximum of two terms, which shall not be continuous.
- The members may resign at any time, by giving one month's notice in writing to the State Government.

Composition and Qualification of Child Welfare Committee and Eligibility criteria for members (refer section 27 of JJ Act 2015 (as amended in 2021) and Rule 15 of A & N Islands Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2023:-

- The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, and four other members as the UT Administration may think fit to appoint, of whom at least one shall be a woman and another, an expert on the matters concerning children.
- The Chairperson and members of the Committee shall be appointed by the UT Administration on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted under Rule 87 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2023.
- The Chairperson and Members shall be above the age of thirty-five years and not more than 65 years and shall have a degree in child psychology or psychiatry or law or social work or sociology or human health or education or human development or special education for differently abled children and has been actively involved in health, education or welfare activities pertaining to children for seven years or is a practicing professional with a degree in child psychology of psychiatry or law or social work or sociology or human health or education or human development.
- A member of the Committee shall be eligible for appointment of maximum of two terms, which shall not be continuous.
- The Chairperson and the members may resign at any time by giving one months notice in writing to the State Government.
- The Chairperson and members of the Committee shall be paid such sitting allowance, travel allowance and any other allowance, as the UT Administration may prescribe, but not less than Rs.2000/- per sitting.
- The Committee shall sit on all working days for a minimum of six hours commensurate with the working hours of a Magistrate court, unless the case pendency is less in a particular district & UT Administration issue an order in this regard.

Applications are hereby invited in the prescribed format and interested candidates for selection to the aforesaid posts in the South Andaman, North & Middle Andaman, and Nicobar Districts. The duly completed applications must be submitted separately for each post applied for and shall reach the Office of the Director, Directorate of Social Welfare, Goalghar, Sri Vijaya Puram-744102, either by post or by physical submission, on or before **17/04/2026**.

Candidates applying for more than one post shall submit separate applications for each post, duly accompanied by self-attested copies of testimonials in support of their educational qualifications and experience. Applications not supported by the requisite documents are liable to be rejected without further correspondence. Applications received after the prescribed last date, or found incomplete in any respect, shall be summarily rejected and will not be entertained under any circumstances.

All eligible candidates will have to appear before the Selection Committee for a face to face interaction based on which candidates for CWC & JJB will be selected. Dates for personal interaction will be intimated in due course. The Meeting of Selection Committee for the interview all posts for all three districts will be held at Sri Vijaya Puram.

For detailed information on Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Board, please see the Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children Act, 2015 & A & N Islands Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2023.

Director (Social Welfare)

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
SECRETARIAT
NOTIFICATION

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 6th April, 2026.
No.70/2026/ F/No.2-116/2026-Rev.— In exercise of the power conferred under Rule 8(ii) of the Census Rules, 1990, read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Letter No. 9/3/2026-CD (Cen.)1, dated 12.03.2026, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands appeals the general public of Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to cooperate in furnishing accurate and unambiguous information in respect of the questions that may be put to them during census, failing which they shall be punishable with penalties prescribed under Section 11 of the Census Act, 1948 :

(i) The Census is the primary source of data up to the lowest administrative units, i.e. villages in rural areas and town / wards in urban areas on Housing Condition; Amenities & Assets, Demography, Literacy, Religion, Economic Activity, Migration, Fertility etc. It is widely used for planning and formulation of policies and effective Public Administration by the Central / State / UT Governments. Apart from this, Census data are used for delimitation and reservation of Constituencies for Parliamentary, Assembly, Panchayats and other Local Bodies. Thus, the public are to cooperate in census taking and provide the correct information. Some of the important provisions in the Census Act, 1948 are reproduced below for information of the public.

(ii) Section 8:- Asking of question and obligation to answer :

(1) A Census-Officer may ask all such questions of all persons within the limits of the local area for which he is appointed as, by instructions issued in this behalf by the Central Government and published in the Official Gazette, he may be directed to ask.
(2) Every person of whom any question is asked under Sub-section (1) shall be legally bound to answer such question to the best of his knowledge or belief.

Provided that no person shall be bound to state the name of any female member of his household, and no woman shall be bound to state the name of her husband or deceased husband or of any other person whose name she is forbidden by custom to mention.
(iii) Section 9:- Occupier to permit access and affixing of numbers :

Every person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place shall allow Census-Officers such access thereto as they may require for the purposes of the Census and as, having regard to the customs of the Country, may be reasonable, and shall allow them to paint on, or affix to, the place such letters, marks or numbers as may be necessary for the purposes of the census.

(iv) Section 10:- Occupier or manager to fill up schedule :

(1) Subject to such orders as the Census Commissioner may issue in this behalf, a Census-Officer may, within the local area for which he is appointed, leave or cause to be left a schedule at any dwelling-house or with the manager or any officer of any commercial or industrial establishment, for the purpose of its being filled up by the occupiers of such house or of any specified part thereof or by such manager or officer with such particulars as the Census Commissioner may direct regarding the inmates of such house or part thereof, or the persons employed under such manager or officer, as the case may be, at the time of the taking of the census.
(2) When such schedule has been so left, the said occupier, manager or officer, as the case may be, shall fill it up or cause it to be filled up to the best of his knowledge or belief so far as regards the inmates of such house or part thereof or the person employed under him, as the case may be, at the time aforesaid, and shall sign his name thereto and, when so required, shall deliver the schedule so filled up and signed to the Census-Officer or to such person as the Census-Officer may direct.

(v) Section 11:- Penalties
(1) -(a) Any Census-Officer or any person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of census who refuse to perform any duty imposed upon him by this Act or any rule made thereunder, or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty, or
(aa) any Census-Officer or any person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of a census who neglects to use reasonable diligence in performing any duty imposed upon him or in obeying any order issued to him in accordance with this Act or any rule made thereunder, or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty or obeying any such order, or;
(d) any person who intentionally gives a false answer to, or refuse to answer to the best of his knowledge or belief, any question asked of him by Census-Officer which he is legally bound by Section 8 to answer, or
(e) any person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place who refuses to allow a Census-Officer such reasonable access thereto as he is required by Section 9 to allow, or
(f) any person who removes, obliterates, alters, or damages any letter, marks or numbers which have been painted or affixed for the purpose of the census, or
(g) any person who, having been required under Section 10 to fill up a schedule, knowingly and without sufficient cause fails to comply with the provisions of that Section, or makes any false return there under, or
(h) any person who trespasses into a census office, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees and in case of a conviction under part(a) shall also be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years.

(2) Whoever abets any offence under Sub-section (1) shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.
(vi) Section 15:- Records of census not open to inspection nor admissible in evidence :

No person shall have a right to inspect any book, register or record made by Census-Officer in the discharge of his duty as such, or any schedule delivered under Section 10, and not withstanding anything to the contrary in the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (47 of 2023), no entry in any such book, register, record or schedule shall be admissible as evidence in any civil proceeding whatsoever or in any criminal proceeding other than an prosecution under this Act or any other law for any act or omission which constitutes an offence under this Act.

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Sd./-
(A. Yesu Raj)
Assistant Secretary (Revenue)
Andaman and Nicobar Administration

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
SECRETARIAT
NOTIFICATION

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 1st April, 2026.
No.69/2026/F.No.34-725/2026-Rev.— WHEREAS, the Preliminary Notification under Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 was issued by Revenue Department for acquisition of 6.8244 hectares of land in Hopetown Village under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District vide Notification dated 29.01.2025 which was published in the Andaman and Nicobar Gazette for the public purpose of "Shifting the existing POL Terminal from Haddo to Hopetown village" for Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).

AND, WHEREAS, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has requested withdrawal of the said acquisition vide letter dated 04.12.2025 since the land offered to IOCL at Hope Town for creation of new POL Terminal, falls under ICRZ IA, IB and CRZ III areas as per the IPZ Notification, 2011 and while the construction of Petroleum, Oil & Lubricant (POL) storage and handling facilities is permissible in ICRZ III areas subject to obtaining CRZ clearance, such facilities cannot be constructed in ICRZ IA and IB areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 93(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, the Lieutenant Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, is pleased to withdraw from the acquisition of the land notified vide Preliminary Notification dated 29.01.2025, and hereby de-notifies the said land from acquisition :

Details of Land De-notified

Sl. No.	Name of the tenant	Survey No.	Total area in hec.	Classification	Boundaries						
					N.	S.	E.	W.			
1.	Geeta Bai W/o late Sukh Lall	71/1/1 72/1/2	1.36 0.29	Hilly	71/1/3	71/2 & 60	73/2, 72/1, 72/2/P & 71/2	63, 64 & 65			
					70/2 & 70/17	71/1/3	73/1	65, 66 & 67			
2.	Sumitra Devi & 02 others (D/o & S/o late Jai Chand Lall)	71/2	0.01	Hilly	71/1/1	60	72/2/P	71/1/1			
					72/1	0.51	Hilly	74/2	72/2/P	74/2	71/1/1
3.	T. Antony & 01 other	72/2/P	1.00	Commercial	72/1	61 & 62	74/2 & 78	71/1/1 & 71/2			
					73/1	0.1375	Hilly	70/17	73/3	70/17	71/1/2
					73/2	0.1365	Hilly	73/3	71/1/1	74/2	71/1/1
					74/1	0.9713	Hilly	North Bay Village	74/3	74/1/P	70/17
					74/2	0.3621	Hilly	74/3, 75/1	72/1 & 72/2/P	74/2/P	73/2
					75/1	0.0270	Hilly	75/2	74/2	74/2	74/2
4.	Bhagawathi Devi & 03 others	70/2	1.9700	Hilly	70/18	71/1/2	70/3 & 70/17	65 & 70/18			
					70/3	0.05	House-site	70/2	70/2	70/17	70/2
		Total	6.8244								

Further, as provided under Section 93(2) of the said Act, the Collector (Land Acquisition), South Andaman, shall determine and pay compensation, if any, for damages suffered by the land owners due to the acquisition proceedings already undertaken, in accordance with law.

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

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Sd./-
Assistant Secretary (Revenue)

LOST

I have lost my Duration Certificate issued from Govt. Senior Secondary School, Haddo Tamil Medium in Between Haddo and A / Bazaar.
Finder may Contact:
S. Hemalatha, 7063963126

TIN / ROOF PAINTING

Contact: 9434281737
Reg. No. UDYAM-AN-01-0009252

FOR SALE

Triple Storyed RCC House (267 Sq. mtrs.) at Junglighat Deen Street.
Contact No. 9434282135 / 9932082135

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/RR/2026-27/01 Name of Work: Up-gradation of Rural Road from Guptapara Junction to Subhash Banik house at Manglutan under PMGSY-II. SW:- Providing Gabion structure for a length of 50.00 mtr on either side of RCC Culvert along with RCC Road in the left out portion for a length of 44.70 mtr. (both side) at ch 11.00 mtr and gabion structure at ch 28 mtr for a length of 33.00 mtr ch 410 mtr for a length of 6 mtr ch 535 mtr for a length of 23.00 mtr. (Total length 62.00 mtr). Estimated Cost: Rs. 38,87,976/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 77,760/-, Time of Completion: Six (06) Months, Tender Fee: 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 13/04/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.
Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22604 1

Executive Engineer
Panchayati Raj Institution
South Andaman Division-I
Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram
South Andaman
I.D. No. 12048

NOTICE FOR OPEN / OFFLINE AUCTION

Obsolete articles belonging to Food Corporation of India in Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman District will be auctioned on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". Therefore, interested bidders are invited to participate in the open / offline auction in person.

Auction Date & Time : 10.04.2026, 11.00 AM

Place of Auction : FCI, DO Sri Vijaya Puram, Dollygunj

For more complete details and any queries contact

G. Sunil Kumar, Manager (Storage)

Phone No. 918096273999

FCI, Divisional Office, Sri Vijaya Puram

Divisional Manager
FCI, DO, Sri Vijaya Puram

e-TENDER NOTICE

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Ltd., Vikas Bhawan, Post Box No.180, Sri Vijaya Puram (ANIIDCO) invites online item rate e-tenders from contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these islands and do not have any adverse remarks for the following work.

NIT No. ANIIDCO/CW/26-27/TD - 02

Name of Work : Interior Modification of IMFL shop at Hutbay, Little Andaman
Estimate cost : Rs.13,83,778/-
Tender/Bid processing Fee : NA
Earnest Money : Rs.27,676/-
Period of Completion : 60 Days
Bid document publishing Date : 06.04.2026
Bid document Download/Start Date : 07.04.2026 at 10:00 AM
Bid Submission Start Date : 20.04.2026 at 10:00 AM
Bid Submission End Date : 28.04.2026 upto 03:00 PM
Bid Opening Date : 29.04.2026 at 11:00 AM
The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.
Tender ID:2026_ANCVL_22610_1

General Manager(CW)
ANIIDCO

TO LET

1 BHK Room for Rent at Delanipur, Opposite Rohinder Eye Clinic.
Contact Ph.No.: 9933211201

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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
SECRETARIAT
CORRIGENDUM

The name of the member appeared in Andaman and Nicobar Islands Allied and Health Care Council vide notification No./File No. A/16/2023-ACADEMIC SECTION-ANIMERSAN dated 23.03.2026 at S.No. 5 is hereby corrected to read as Dr. Tarannum Mushtaq instead of Smti. Tarannum Mustaq.

Sd/-
Assistant Secretary (Health)

WANTED

South Indian Cook -2
Bar Waiter -2
Dish Washer -1
Contact: 9933224128

WANTED

HOME TUTOR for Class X for Teaching Maths, Science.
Contact: 9474243243

TO LET

One BHK RCC Room Available for Rent Opposite to Bank of Maharashtra Junglighat. Contact No.: 9933208908 / 9434270401

TO LET

1 BHK Family Accommodation / Shop/ Godown Near Delanipur Masjid Opp. M.T. Pool A.I.R Road. Contact No.: 9933203313

Shradhanjali Invitation

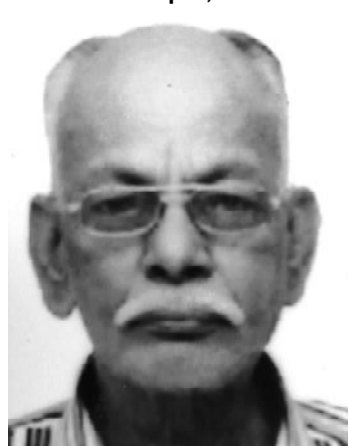
In loving memory of
Late Smti. G. Kamalu Amma
W/o Late Shri. G. Nayakanna garu R/o Haddo, Ward No. 1



With deep sorrow, we inform that our beloved mother passed away on 29th March 2026. The 11th-day Ritual Ceremony will be held as per details below:
Date: 08th April 2026 (Wednesday) Time: 12:00 noon onwards
Venue: Community Hall, Haddo, Ward No.: 1
Relatives, friends and well-wishers are cordially invited to attend the ceremony and offer prayers for the departed soul.
Inserted by, G. Hemachandra Murthy, G. Narasimha Murthy and family members.

16th Death Anniversary

On 8th April, 2026



LATE R. SOUNDER RAJAN
A father's love never dies; it lives on in the hearts of their children.
Remember by: Wife, Son, Daughter-in-Law, Daughter, Son-in-Law, Grand Children.

15th Death Anniversary

DOD: 08.04.2020



LATE MAHINDER SINGH
"A wonderful husband and an incredible Father. Your love built our world and your memory keeps it alive."
Inserted by: Akansha Kaur (Wife), Jasvinder Kaur (Daughter).