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Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.1
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 079
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 082
Sunrise time on 13/09/2026 (in IST): 0509
Sunset time on 13/09/2026 (in IST): 1722
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: Trace
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: Trace
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2026 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 1579.9

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BRICS nations unanimously adopted New Delhi Declaration on 1st day of BRICS Summit 2026

New Delhi, Sept. 12

BRICS nations have unanimously adopted the New Delhi Declaration on the first day of the BRICS Summit 2026, being held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi today. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi proposed to adopt the declaration at the end of the session on the first day of the summit. In his closing remarks, the Hon'ble Prime Minister noted that the New Delhi Declaration adopted today provides a clear direction for the shared resolve of the member countries. He added that it is now their shared responsibility to translate these resolutions into tangible results.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister said that today's discussion makes it evident that the changing world cannot be steered by outdated institutions and underlined that reforms are essential in representation, responsiveness, and rule-making. Shri Modi said that the leaders also emphasised that the Global South must have equal participation

in the development of future technologies and the rules governing them.

Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasised that the gap between decisions and their outcomes must be bridged through partnership and collective action. He also expressed his gratitude to the leaders for their valuable contributions, constructive spirit and commitment as the BRICS Chair. To mark the 20 years of BRICS, two commemorative postage stamps were also released by the leaders of the member countries on this occasion.

Earlier in his opening remarks on the first day of the session, which was based on inclusive Global Governance and Strengthening Multilateralism, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi proposed a BRICS Continuity and Implementation Mechanism to ensure that the grouping's institutional momentum is maintained despite every year.

In his opening remarks at today's



session of the BRICS Summit 2026, which is underway at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Shri Modi said the mechanism would enable follow-up of all initiatives and outcomes through the Troika. The Hon'ble Prime Minister said BRICS countries will have to work on a new and ambitious

agenda for the next 20 years. He said the process must begin with the grouping's own working system. The Hon'ble Prime Minister also proposed to establish a Seafarers Emergency Support Network to connect the maritime authorities and diplomatic missions of relevant

countries to facilitate assistance during difficult times. Shri Modi observed that seafarers make a massive contribution to global trade, yet they often find themselves lacking support during difficult times.

Shri Modi said the time has come to translate the unity and

consensus among BRICS countries into concrete outcomes on the global stage. He stressed that BRICS members respect one another and move forward through consensus. He said the grouping is not working against anyone, but is moving forward with the approach of taking

everyone along. The Hon'ble Prime Minister described this year's BRICS Summit as a historic milestone, noting that the grouping is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. He said BRICS is at its coming-of-age moment and has established its distinct identity on the global stage over the past two decades. Shri Modi said India's Chairship of BRICS is based on a people-centric and humanity-first approach. He said Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability have been India's foremost priorities as Chair. Guided by these priorities, India has laid special emphasis on connecting BRICS cooperation directly with the common people.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister noted that with this vision, more than 350 meetings were organised, and India had the privilege of welcoming delegations across nearly 30 cities in the country. In his address, the Hon'ble Prime Minister noted that the Global South stands in the front row of global crises but in the back row of decision-making. He emphasised this

'pyramid of privilege' into a 'platform of partnership'. In this context, the Prime Minister proposed to jointly formulate 10 proposals for global governance reform, aiming to shape them into a BRICS reform roadmap by the time of the next Summit.

On the issue of reform in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), the Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasised that reform of the UNSC can no longer be postponed and negotiations on this matter must be linked to a definite time frame and clear outcomes. He said, similarly, voting power, leadership positions, and policy priorities within financial institutions must align with today's economic realities. He mentioned that countries that drive global economic growth should also play an appropriate role in shaping global economic governance. Earlier, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi welcomed the leaders of BRICS Member countries during their arrivals at the Bharat Mandapam for the Summit.

National Lok Adalat organized by DLSA Settled many cases including pre-litigation cases

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 12

The District Legal Services Authority, Andaman & Nicobar Islands held National Lok Adalat in the District Court Building, Port Blair and Sub-Divisional Court Complex at Mayabunder, Diglipur and at Campbell Bay (through virtual mode) today.

A total of 121 pre-litigation cases including 623 pre-litigation BSNL recovery cases, 3 pre-litigation cases already registered at DLSA and 875 cases pending in different courts at Port



Blair were referred to the National Lok Adalat out of which 35 pre-litigation bank recovery cases and 01 pre-litigation BSNL recovery cases were disposed of by the National Lok Adalat at Port Blair. Disposing of 35 bank recovery cases, the

involved amount of Rs. 1,13,92,937/- have been settled at Rs.74,65,000/- A sum of Rs. 3,67,000/- was realized on the spot. Disposing of 01 BSNL cases the involved amount of Rs. 14,229/- was settled at Rs. 6,000/-

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A&N Administration to observe 'Hindi Fortnight' from Sept.14 to 28 OL Deptt. chalks out various progs. to mark the observance

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 12

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration will be observing 'Hindi Fortnight-2026' from September 14 to 28, 2026 in its Offices and Educational Institutions. 'Hindi Diwas' will be celebrated in all Govt. Offices and Educational Institutions

on Sept. 14, 2026. As part of the observance, various programmes have been chalked out for Officers, Employees of the A&N Administration, Central Govt. Offices and students.

To begin with, Hindi Essay Competitions for Tamil, Telugu & Bangla medium students

studying in Class 6th to 8th and Class 9th to 10th of Headquarter area will be organized on 15.09.2026. Hindi Typing Competition for Employees of A&N Administration & Town Official Language Committee will be organized on 16.09.2026 at Hindi Typing

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National Conference on Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) concludes with focus on strengthening welfare and skilling ecosystem for construction workers

Mumbai, Sept. 12 (PIB)

The two-day National Conference on Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW), organised by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, in collaboration with Government of Maharashtra, concluded today in Mumbai. The conference, held on September 11-12, 2026, brought together representatives of the Central Government, State/UT Governments, BOCW Welfare Boards and other stakeholders to deliberate on issues concerning the welfare, skilling, employment and social protection of construction workers. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Labour and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports, chaired Day 1 of the Conference, in the presence of Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

In his opening remarks on Day 2, the Secretary elaborated upon the current challenges and opportunities in the BOCW sector. Strengthening the skill ecosystem and placing dignity of labour at the centre of policy and programme design, he stressed, is critical to building a more responsive, inclusive and resilient labour ecosystem. He highlighted the need to address information and accessibility asymmetries in the labour market and strengthen mechanisms that facilitate better linkages between jobseekers and employers.



The Secretary underlined that the mobility of workers, both interstate and international, should be duly considered while designing social security and welfare schemes, and called for greater attention to occupational health, physical safety and other workplace concerns of construction workers.

Appreciating the best practices shared by States and UTs during the Conference, he encouraged greater exchange of experiences and more frequent virtual engagements between the Centre and States for sustained collaboration and mutual learning.

The Conference thereafter held a dedicated session on Skilling and Employment, including a presentation on skilling by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and a presentation on India's employment growth story by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, followed by discussions.

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Vriksharopan - Medicinal Plant Drive marks National Ayurveda Day-2026 at District Office, Mayabunder

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 12

As part of the observance of National Ayurveda Day 2026, a Vriksharopan - Medicinal Plant Drive was organised at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, Mayabunder. On the occasion, Shri Sushant Padha, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, along with Shri S. Krishna Chaitanya, Additional District Magistrate, N&M Andaman, planted medicinal



plants, marking the Vriksharopan initiative under National Ayurveda Day 2026.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Priyanka Iqbal, GDMO (Ayurveda), Medical

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S P O R T S

India begin their 3-match
T20I series against
Afghanistan in Delhi today

New Delhi, Sept. 12

In cricket, India will begin their three-match T20I series against Afghanistan at Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi tomorrow (Sept. 13) at 7pm. All three matches are scheduled at the same venue. India have won eight of their nine T20Is against Afghanistan, with one match ending without a result. The Indian team will look to build momentum after defeats against Ireland and England in the new T20 cycle.

India eye record-extending eighth title win in
Women's T20 Asia Cup final against Sri Lanka

Dubai, Sept. 12

Seven-time champions India will look to Shafali Verma and Deepti Sharma to deliver once again when they take on a resilient Sri Lanka in the Women's T20 Asia Cup final here on Sunday (Sept. 13) at 6.30 pm.

North Bay Mini Marathon 2026
concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 12

The Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, in collaboration with the Directorate of Education & Directorate of IP&T, today organized the North Bay Mini Marathon as part of the Tourism Events Calendar 2026-27. The 10 Km Open Men & Women Race commenced with the route starting from Chunnabatta to North Bay Beach and back to Chunnabatta. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the general public, school and college students from across the Islands, reflecting a strong spirit of sportsmanship, fitness and healthy



living.

The 10 Km Men's Open Mini Marathon was flagged off by Shri Sukhranjan Biswas, Joint Director, MY Bharat, while the Women's 10 Km Mini Marathon was flagged off by Shri Venkat Ram Babu Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Wimberlygunj.

In the Men's Open 10 Km category, Raja, Sandeep & G. Ram secured 1st, 2nd & 3rd position while in the

Women's 10 Km category, Arpita Toppo, Stuthy & Sakshi secured 1st, 2nd & 3rd position. The winners were awarded medals and trophies by the guest of honour during the concluding ceremony. Shri. V. Ranjith Kumar, Assistant Director (Sports), Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs propose vote of thanks, a press release from Department of Sports & Youth Affairs said.

India reaches
Women's Junior
Asia Cup final with
5-1 win over South
Korea

Moqi, Sept. 12

In Hockey, India stormed into the final of the Women Junior Asia Cup 2026 defeating South Korea 5-1 in Moqi, China today. India will face host China in the final clash of the tournament. For India Supriya scored a hat trick, while Madhu Sidar and Sukhveer Kaur also found the net for India. While Yuri Jeong scored South Korea's only goal of the match.

The victory follows India's 19-0 quarterfinal win over Pakistan. India topped its group, which also included Japan, Malaysia and South Korea. India is seeking a third consecutive Women's Junior Asia Cup title after winning the tournament in 2023 and 2024.

Ben Shelton
advances to US Open
final for Alexander
Zverev showdown

London, Sept. 12

Ben Shelton defeated compatriot Frances Tiafoe 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5 in an electric U.S. Open semi-final on Friday to secure a title clash with Alexander Zverev and move closer to ending a 23-year American wait for a men's singles Grand Slam champion.

Zverev booked his place in Sunday's final by fighting past unseeded Russian Karen Khachanov 6-3, 7-6(7), 7-6(6) earlier in the day to close in on a second major title.

Gems of India Challenge 2026

Submission Window
extended till September 30

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 12

The Gems of India Challenge 2026, a national initiative of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, implemented through Prasar Bharati, has invited citizens, particularly youth and digital content creators, to showcase the culture, heritage, tourism potential, traditions, cuisine, art and inspiring local stories of their respective districts on a national digital platform.

The initiative is being implemented in the pilot phase across six States/UTs, namely Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa and Ladakh. The Pilot Submission Window, which was earlier scheduled from August 1 to August 31, 2026, has now been extended up to 30th September, 2026 through the MyWAVES platform within the WAVES OTT Platform.

The Challenge provides an important opportunity for the people of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, especially young creators, to present the unique identity, natural beauty, rich cultural

heritage, traditions, cuisine, tourism attractions and inspiring stories of the Islands to audiences across the country. The existing WAVES OTT Social Media Team has also prepared promotional creatives, including static creative, carousels, reels and promotional videos, to create wider awareness and encourage participation.

Registration and enrolment are already open on the MyWAVES section of the WAVES OTT Platform, and participants can submit their entries up to 30th September, 2026. The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, therefore, appeals to aspiring creators, youth, students, tourism enthusiasts and citizens across the Islands to make use of this opportunity and participate actively in the Gems of India Challenge 2026. For further information and registration, participants may visit the MyWAVES section of the WAVES OTT Platform, a press release from IP&T Department said.

Cargo vessel MV Chuglam to sail for
Campbell Bay on Sept. 16

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 12

The cargo vessel MV Chuglam will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teresa, Katchal & Nancowry on 16.09.2026 at 1600 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Sri Vijaya Puram immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports. Booking of cargo for the

above sailing will commence from 11.09.2026 onwards between 0900 Hrs & 1200 Hrs at Commercial Wing. Loading of cargo will commence on 13.09.2026.

All the consigners are further advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transshipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed, a press release from DSS said.

National Conference on Building.....

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A session on the Labour Stack was also held, and deliberations were done on the Construction Sector and Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW), with a presentation and subsequent discussion on the subject.

The deliberations during the two-day Conference provided a platform for States and UTs to share their experiences and practices and to discuss measures for strengthening welfare, skilling, employment and service delivery mechanisms for Building and Other Construction Workers.

National Lok Adalat organized by DLSA

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which was realized on the spot. Disposing of 01 case under NI Act the involved amount of Rs. 4,09,505/- has been settled at Rs. 2,50,000/-. Disposing of 587 Criminal cases a sum of Rs. 8,65,600/- was realized as fine. Disposing of 28 cases under Motor Vehicle act through virtual mode pertaining to Campbell Bay, a fine amount of Rs. 1,30,500/- was realized.

In Mayabunder, one bench was constituted and 38 pre-litigation cases including 90 pre-litigation BSNL and 89 petty cases were referred out of which 24 pre-litigation bank cases, 04 BSNL pre-litigation cases and 74 petty cases were disposed. Disposing of 24 bank recovery cases, the involved amount of Rs. 68,75,878/- have been settled at Rs. 44,61,000/- . A sum of Rs. 2,38,000/- was realized on the spot. Disposing of 04 BSNL pre-litigation cases the involved amount of Rs. 7,389/- has been settled at Rs. 6,062/- which was realized on the spot.



Disposing of 74 cases pending in different courts a fine amount of Rs. 87,550/- was realized. In Diglipur, one bench was constituted and 01 case under NI Act including 171 pre-litigation BSNL recovery cases and 41 petty cases were referred. Disposing of 29 BSNL recovery cases, the involved amount of Rs. 65,612/- have been settled at Rs. 47,100/- which was realized on the spot. Disposing of 34 criminal cases a fine amount of Rs. 1,91,300/- was realized.

The District Legal Services Authority has constituted three benches at Port Blair, one Bench at Mayabunder and one bench at Diglipur. The Benches at Port Blair were presided over by Shri. Umesh Singh, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Port Blair, Shri. Jayanta Mukherjee, Judicial Magistrate First Class, 2nd Court, Port Blair, Shri. Sayatan Misra, Judicial Magistrate First Class, Addl. Court, Port Blair sitting with Ms. K. Sneha, Advocate, Ms. Ananna Biswas, Advocate, Ms. Sapna Pakhar, Advocate, Shri. Mandeep Gerewal, social worker, Shri. Om Karatmanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Rama Krishna Mission and Smti. Ratna Kannan, social worker. The bench at Mayabunder was presided over by Shri. Pabitra Sen, Chief Judicial Magistrate (i/c), N&M Andaman, Mayabunder sitting with Smti. Banani Biswas, Advocate and Shri. J. Prakash Rao, PGT, PM SRI Govt Model SSS. The bench at Diglipur was presided over by Shri. Rajib Sarkar, Judicial Magistrate First Class, N&M Andaman, Mayabunder sitting with Smt. Ranjita Sarkar, Advocate and Shri. Kali Pada Sajjal, Retired Head Master.

The entire programme at Port Blair was arranged by Shri. Samrat Roy, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Port Blair under the supervision and guidance of Shri. Subhra Bandyopadhyay, District and Sessions Judge -cum- Chairman, DLSA, A&N Islands.

The entire programme at Mayabunder and Diglipur was arranged under the supervision and guidance of Shri. Pabitra Sen, Chief Judicial Magistrate (I/c), N & M Andaman, Mayabunder, a press release from the Secretary, DLSA said.

Weather forecast

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 12

Thunderstorm with gusty wind (30-40 kmph) and lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18.

Swell waves in the range of 17.0-18.0 sec period with 1.3-1.5 m height have been forecasted up to 23:30 hours on 13-09-2026. It is advised that there is a possibility of surging of waves. Boats are advised to ply with utmost vigilance, and recreational activities should be undertaken with due care, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management.



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Tickets can be booked through the DSS e-Ticketing Portal at <https://dss.andamannicobar.gov.in/eticketing>, which is available 24x7 on all days. For user convenience, a QR code linking directly to the portal has also been provided.

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



SRI VIJAYA PURAM – MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f 15.09.2026 onwards is being issued from 11.09.2026.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Bharat Seema	14.09.2026 2000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	15.09.2026 1400 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Rani Changa	16.09.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	17.09.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Rani Lakshmi	18.09.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	19.09.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
4.	MV Kalighat	19.09.2026 2000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	20.09.2026 1400 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f 15.09.2026 onwards is being issued from 11.09.2026.							
1.	MV Campbell Bay	13.09.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	13.09.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	MV Campbell Bay	15.09.2026 1000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	15.09.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Bharat Seema	17.09.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	17.09.2026 2000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Campbell Bay	18.09.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	19.09.2026 0900 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	MV Campbell Bay	20.09.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	20.09.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAR NICOBAR via LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule on 16 th & 20 th Sept., 2026 is being issued from 11.09.2026.							
1.	MV Kalighat	16.09.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	17.09.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman
2.	MV Sentinel	20.09.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	21.09.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAMPBELL BAY via ALL PORTS							
1.	MV Kalighat	24.09.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teresa, Katchal, & Nancowry.	27.09.2026 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry, Katchal, Teresa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman

SECURING FARMERS' FUTURE WITH DIGNITY

7 YEARS OF PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN MAANDHAN YOJANA

For seven years, PM-KMY has helped small and marginal farmers look towards old age with greater financial security and dignity. Launched in 2019, the scheme offers a minimum assured pension of Rs. 3,000 per month from the age of 60. By February 2026, over 24.96 lakh farmers have enrolled under the scheme across the country. Haryana leads with around 5.75 lakh enrolments, followed by Bihar with over 3.46 lakh. Since 2019, Rs. 540.66 crore has been utilised to support the scheme's implementation and outreach, as of February 2026. Its reach reflects a growing awareness of the importance of social security among farming communities. PM-KMY stands as a continuing effort to make farmers' later years more secure and dignified.

7 Years of PM-KMY: Looking Beyond the Years of Farming

For generations, India's farmers have nurtured the nation's food security, dedicating themselves tirelessly to the fields. As they grow older, the Government recognises that their years of hard work deserve the reward of security and dignity. This is particularly significant for small and marginal farmers who may have limited savings to rely on in their later years.

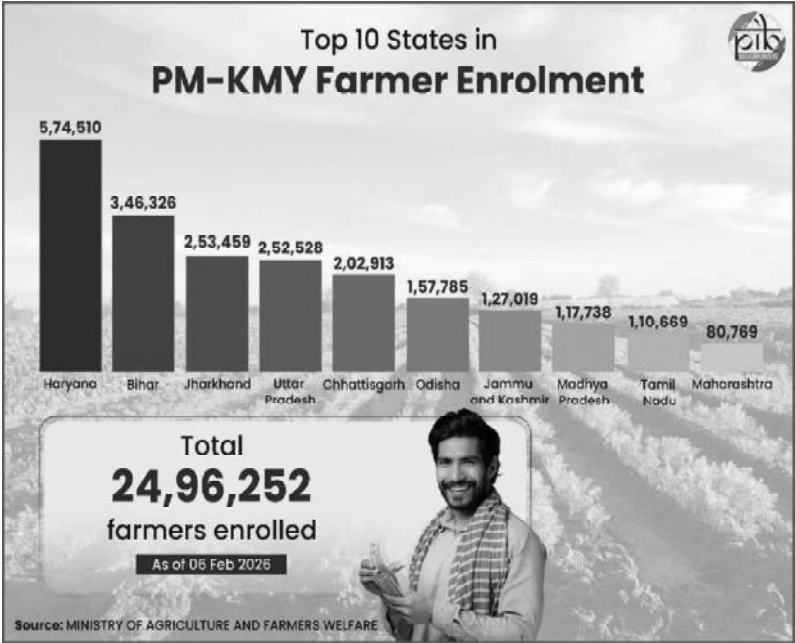
With this vision, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) was launched on 12th September, 2019. The scheme offers eligible landholding Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs), both male and female, the assurance of a steady monthly pension from the age of 60. The intervention seeks to ensure their golden years are met with stability and peace of mind.

Since its launch, PM-KMY has emerged as an important pillar of social security for the farming community. On 12th September, 2026, the scheme marks seven years of its journey. Over these seven years, the scheme has steadily expanded its reach among farmers across the country. It reflects the government's continued commitment to ensuring that farmers can look towards their later years with greater financial security and dignity.

Impact: Expanding the Social Security Footprint

The journey of PM-KMY is reflected not only in its seven-year milestone, but also in the growing number of farmers it has brought within its social security framework. The promise of social security has increasingly found resonance among farming communities, with PM-KMY drawing 24,96,252 enrolments by 06 February 2026.

The impact is particularly visible in the scheme's state-wise spread. Haryana leads with around 5.75 lakh enrolled farmers, followed by Bihar with over 3.46 lakh. Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh have each crossed 2.5 lakh enrolments, while Chhattisgarh has recorded over 2 lakh. Odisha, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra further strengthen the scheme's national footprint.



Behind this expanding reach lies sustained public investment. Since 2019, Rs. 540.66 crore has been utilised nationwide under PM-KMY as of February 2026, supporting its continued implementation and outreach.

From a social security measure introduced for farmers' old-age protection, PM-KMY has grown into a nationwide safety net. It brings the promise of financial security closer to millions who spend their working lives securing India's food security.

A Pension Shield for Farmers' Golden Years

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) is a Central Sector Scheme administered by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. The scheme is implemented in partnership with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

PM-KMY is a voluntary and contributory old-age pension scheme designed to provide financial security to small and marginal farmers during their later years. Under the scheme, eligible subscribers receive a minimum assured pension of Rs. 3,000 per month after attaining the age of 60 years.

The scheme also provides family pension support after the subscriber's death. If a subscriber passes away while receiving the pension, the spouse is entitled to a family pension equal to 50% of the subscriber's pension. This amounts to Rs. 1,500 per month. The benefit is available exclusively to the spouse and applies only if the spouse is not already a beneficiary of PM-KMY.

The scheme also provides an option in case a subscriber dies before attaining the age of 60 years. If the beneficiary has made regular contributions, the spouse may join and continue the scheme by making the prescribed regular contributions. Alternatively, the spouse may exit the scheme as per the exit and withdrawal provisions.

Who Can Benefit from PM-KMY?

The scheme is open to small and marginal farmers throughout the country with cultivable landholdings of up to two hectares. Farmers must be between 18 and 40 years of age to enrol. To qualify, their names must appear in the land records of the respective States or Union Territories as on 1 August 2019. They must not fall under the scheme's exclusion criteria.



Exclusion Criteria: Who Is Not Eligible for PM-KMY?

While the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) is designed as a broad social safety net for Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs), specific categories of individuals are explicitly excluded to ensure benefits reach those with minimal old-age financial coverage.

1. Farmers Covered Under Other Social Security & Pension Schemes

Farmers who are already enrolled in other statutory or central social security programs are not eligible to join PM-KMY:

P Subscribers to statutory schemes such as the National Pension Scheme (NPS), Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme, or Employees' Fund Organization scheme.

P Beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana (PM-SYM).

P Beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maandhan Yojana (PM-LVM).

2. Categories of Higher Economic Status

To target support toward vulnerable farming families, individuals and families meeting any of the following higher economic indicators are excluded:

P Institutional Landholders: All institutional landholding entities.

P Constitutional Post Holders: Former and present holders of constitutional posts.

P Public Representatives: Former and present Ministers or State Ministers, Members of Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha, Members of State Legislative Assemblies or Councils, Mayors of Municipal Corporations, and Chairpersons of District Panchayats.

P Government & Public Sector Employees: Serving or retired officers and employees of Central/State Government Ministries, Departments, or field units, Central or State Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs), attached or autonomous institutions, as well as regular employees of Local Bodies.

P Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS), Class IV, and Group D employees are exempted from this exclusion and remain eligible for PM-KMY.

P Income Tax Payers: All individuals who paid Income Tax in the last assessment year.

P Registered Professionals: Practicing professionals such as Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants (CAs), and Architects registered with professional bodies.

3. Verification & Self-Declaration

Eligibility verification for PM-KMY relies primarily on self-declaration by the applicant. State or Union Territory Governments certify eligibility based on these self-declarations. If an applicant is found to have

submitted an incorrect or false declaration, they become ineligible for financial benefits under the scheme, the Central Government's matching contribution is stopped, and subscriber contributions are refunded without interest.

A Shared Contribution for a Secure Future

PM-KMY follows a shared contribution model, under which the farmer and the Central Government contribute equally to the pension fund. Farmers make a monthly contribution throughout their working years, while the Government makes an equal matching contribution.

The farmer's monthly contribution ranges from Rs. 55 to Rs. 200, depending on the age at which the farmer joins the scheme. Thus, younger entrants contribute a lower amount each month, while those joining at a later age contribute a higher amount, as mentioned below:

Entry Age (in Years)	Superannuation Age (in Years)	Member's contribution (Rs.)	Government's contribution (Rs.)	Total contribution (Rs.)
18	60	55	55	110
19	60	58	58	116
20	60	61	61	122
21	60	64	64	128
22	60	68	68	136
23	60	72	72	144
24	60	76	76	152
25	60	80	80	160
26	60	85	85	170
27	60	90	90	180
28	60	95	95	190
29	60	100	100	200
30	60	105	105	210
31	60	110	110	220
32	60	120	120	240
33	60	130	130	260
34	60	140	140	280
35	60	150	150	300
36	60	160	160	320
37	60	170	170	340
38	60	180	180	360
39	60	190	190	380
40	60	200	200	400

The farmer's contribution is automatically debited from the bank account linked to the scheme. This ensures regular monthly contributions towards the pension fund. At the time of enrolment, the farmer provides an auto-debit mandate. It authorises the deduction of the applicable monthly contribution from the linked bank account.

Eligible Small and Marginal Farmers can also opt to use their PM-KISAN benefits for voluntary contributions towards PM-KMY. For this purpose, the farmer submits an enrolment-cum-auto-debit mandate. It authorizes automatic deduction of the contribution from the bank account into which PM-KISAN benefits are credited.

Enrolment: A Simple Digital Process

PM-KMY provides eligible Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) with a simple, paperless enrolment process through the nearest Common Service Centre (CSC). Farmers need to carry their Aadhaar card, bank account details and mobile number for OTP verification.

At the CSC, the Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE) verifies the farmer's details and completes online registration. The farmer signs the mandate form. At this step, the first contribution is processed digitally.

After successful registration, the farmer receives a Pension Account Number and pension card. The details are forwarded to Life Insurance Corporation, which manages the pension fund and pension payouts. Subsequent contributions are auto-debited from the farmer's bank account.

Farmers can choose monthly, quarterly, four-monthly or half-yearly contribution options, providing flexibility according to their financial cycles. This process enables farmers to complete enrolment digitally at their convenience, while ensuring that their contributions and pension records are maintained systematically.

A Continuing Commitment to Farmers' Well-Being

Seven years of PM-KMY reflect a sustained effort to strengthen social security for India's small and marginal farmers. Launched in 2019, the scheme has steadily expanded its reach across the country, bringing old-age income security closer to farming families. Its simple, paperless enrolment process and flexible contribution options have made it easier for eligible farmers to participate. More importantly, PM-KMY looks beyond farmers' productive years by providing a dependable pension after the age of 60. The journey of PM-KMY is therefore not only about enrolment and coverage. It represents a wider commitment to protecting farmers' dignity and financial stability in their later years. By building a pension safety net, the scheme strengthens the promise of greater security for those who spend their working lives securing India's food security.

(Source: PIB)

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Rabindra Nagar, Little Andaman 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/2026-27/74 Name of Work: Black Top Road from Kalipada Banik to Jagadish Paul Choudhari at Rabindra Nagar Ward No. 04 under Gram Panchayat Rabindra Nagar, Little Andaman. (Re-Tender) Estimated Cost : Rs. 32,76,151/- , Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 65,523/-, Time of Completion: Eight (08) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 23/09/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.
Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 24637 1
I.D. No. 12245

Executive Engineer
Panchayati Raj Institution
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Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram
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On 13-09-2026

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Inserted by:
Bhanu Mati
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(Daughter), Avinash Lall
(Son), A Chandini
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Late MADAN MOHAN LALL
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Grand Opening on the Auspicious Occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi Grand Launch on 14th September '2026'

Venue: Raju Jewellers
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AFFIDAVIT

I, Senthilraj, S/o Arumugm, aged about 41 years, residing at Indira Nagar, Manglutan, South Andaman do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as under:

- That I am a citizen of India and a permanent resident of the above mentioned address.
- That my expired Indian Passport bearing Number M4283837 contains certain discrepancies regarding my name and my mother's name.
- That in the said expired passport, my name has been erroneously recorded as Senthilraj Arumugam, whereas my correct, original, and legal name is Senthilraj.
- That in the same expired passport, my mother's name has been erroneously recorded as Bakkiyam, whereas her correct, original and legal name is Backiyam Arumugam.
- That "Senthilraj Arumugam" and "Senthilraj" refer to one and the same person, being myself. Similarly, "Bakkiyam" and Backiyam Arumugam" refer to one and the same person, being my mother.
- That I require the correction of these names in my passport records for the renewal of my passport and for all other official purposes.

That I swear this affidavit to be true and correct, and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.
Dated: 10/9/2026
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

Deponent

A VERY HAPPY 9TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR DARLING DAUGHTERS (TWINS LITTLE ANGELS)

On 13th September, 2026

RASHI & SAKSHI
(Khushi & Khushbu)
D/o S. Shailendra Behari & Smita Devi
R/o Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram
You both came into our lives like two beautiful rays of sunshine, filling our hearts with endless **KHUSHI** and our home with the sweetest **KHUSHBU**.
Two little hearts, two beautiful smiles - twice the happiness, twice the love, and twice the blessings! You are the precious little angles who make our world brighter and our lives more beautiful every single day.
May you both always be blessed with good health, boundless happiness, grand success, and endless love.

We love you more than words can ever say, beta!
With Blessings, Best Wishes & Lots of Love From: Dadaji's Family & Nanaji's Family, (Granddaughters of Shri Shanti Behari & Late Smti. Krishna Wati, Shri Mangat Ram & Smti Sangita Devi Great-Grand daughters of Late Shri Kunj Behari Chakrabarty & Late Smti. Bhagwati)

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ENGAGEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERTS

Applications are invited for the head visor and non-executive panel member to Professional Expert in the Managing Committee of Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd.

- No. of Professional Expert: 02
- Age Limit: 40-65 years as on the date of application.
- Location: Sri Vijaya Puram (Non-Transferable).
- Mandatory Qualifications: CA / Cost Accountant / CS / Retired Banker (AGM & above for Commercial/PSUs, MBA (Finance) / Post Graduate in Commerce, Economics, Business Management, or Agriculture / Advocate.
- Experience: Minimum 15 years of post-qualification experience in banking, finance, audit, legal, agriculture finance, risk management, or regulatory compliance.
- Remuneration: ₹10,000/- per board meeting + TA/DA as per Bank norms.
- Tenure: October, 2026 – April, 2030

How to Apply: Applications can be submitted via physical form (Hand Delivery/Speed Post/Courier) to the AGM (Establishment) at the Head Office address or via the designated bank email. Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected without assigning reasons. The engagement strictly follows RBI Fit & Proper Criteria Directions.
LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION: 30.09.2026
Full Details: The comprehensive EOI notification, detailed terms & conditions, duties, legal disclosures, and prescribed application formats are available on the Bank's website at www.anscb.bank.in and in the Bank's Notice Board.

Sd/-
Managing Director

First Death Anniversary
On 13.09.2026
In Loving Memory of

Late Ganesh Chander Saha
R/o Phoenix Bay
"It has been one year since you left us, and we are still learning to live our lives without you.
We miss you every single Moment and we know you continue to watch over us with love that you always gave us so selflessly".
Forever Remembered.
Forever Missed.

Inserted By: Smti. Urmila Saha (Wife), Priyanka & Nitika (Daughters), Sons-in-Law and Family Members.
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