



**"Smokers Beware -  
Smoke Out TB Too!"**

*Smoking weakens your lungs. Quit  
today, protect yourself from TB.*

Contact: TB Helpline: 1800-11-6666

Since 1920s the Oldest Daily...

# The Daily Telegrams

...the Largest Circulating Daily of the Islands

Partly cloudy sky with possibility of very light rain at isolated places over Sri Vijaya Puram. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30.0°C and 24.0°C respectively on Saturday 17/01/2026.  
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.1  
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.0  
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 070  
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 076  
Sunrise time on 17/01/2026 (in IST): 0544  
Sunset time on 17/01/2026 (in IST): 1715  
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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 002.0



Weather Report

## A&N Police celebrate 74<sup>th</sup> Raising Day with pride, honour, & remarkable achievements



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16 A mesmerising and dignified celebration marked the 74<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of the Andaman and Nicobar Police, commemorating over seven decades of dedicated service, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to public safety. The celebrations were held with great enthusiasm at the Police Lines Parade Ground, followed by an "At-Home" function at the Police Lines.

The "At Home" function was organized at the Police Lines in a warm and cordial atmosphere, fostering camaraderie and strengthening inter-agency cooperation. The function was graced by Admiral D.K. Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd), Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, along with other distinguished dignitaries.

The DGP, ANI welcomed the guests and expressed sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, the A&N Administration, and all Security and Intelligence Agencies for their continued guidance, cooperation, and unwavering support.

Earlier, the Raising Day celebrations in the morning commenced with an impressive Ceremonial Parade, showcasing disciplined contingents from the Executive Police (Men & Women), IRBn, Fire Service, A&N Police Brass Band, and the Ladies Pipe Band. The parade was led by Shri Naveen Kumar, Deputy Commandant/IRBn, as Parade Commander, while the Director General of Police, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal, IPS, took the salute.

On the occasion, Police Station Humfrygunj was adjudged the Best Police Station of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and DGP Commendation Discs were awarded to 42 personnel in recognition of their exemplary dedication and outstanding service.

Addressing the gathering, the DGP, ANI extended warm greetings to the people of the islands and all members of the A&N Police. He lauded the force for its unwavering commitment to maintaining law and order, ensuring the safety of residents and tourists, and upholding communal harmony and justice.

Emphasizing professionalism, transparency, and sensitivity as the cornerstones of service, the DGP assured the people of the islands that the A&N Police would continue to strive for excellence and uphold the highest standards of service.

(Contd. on last page )

## 'Sea Food Festival' concludes with prize distribution ceremony

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16 Sea Food Festival-2026 celebrating the rich flavours, traditions, and cultural heritage of the sea concluded at Marina Park stretch road here today. The festival was organized by the Department of Fisheries, in association with the IP&T Department, A&N Administration, with financial support from the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, placing special emphasis on 'Tuna Cluster Development' in the A&N Islands. The theme for the 2026 edition, 'safe, wholesome & sustainable seafood for all,' reflected the commitment towards promoting responsible fishing practices, food safety, and sustainable seafood consumption.

The Secretary (Fisheries), Ms. Jyoti Kumari, IAS, was the chief guest of the closing ceremony. In her brief address, the Secretary expressed her gratitude to the general public for their support towards the event. She explained about various categories of stakeholders involved in the value chain including fishermen, fish traders, fish processors, local vendors, restaurants, hotels and finally to the consumers.

The Secretary further informed about the sea food potentials and its availability and assured the gathering that the Fisheries Department will be conducting such type of events frequently to attract more tourists to the Islands and this will be a platform for the islanders to showcase the sea food.

(Contd. on last page )

### Meeting with representatives of National/State Political Parties held



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16 A meeting was held with the representatives of National/State Political Parties today in the conference hall of the Office of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman under the chairmanship of Returning Officer, Bye-Election, Ward No.17 to discuss the preparedness of Polling Stations and model code of conduct to be followed in the bye-election, Ward No.17 scheduled on 08.02.2026.

The Returning Officer has briefed on the agenda and status report of all the seven polling stations and discussed the

(Contd. on last page)

### Agriculture Department issues Advisory to Farmers Farmers urged to purchase quality Chemical fertilizers from Authorised Sources only

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16 The Department of Agriculture has commenced the sale of chemical fertilizers through Sub-Depots of the Agriculture Department. These fertilizers are being provided to farmers at subsidized rates as per the pattern of assistance in the UT plan scheme of the Department of Agriculture.

Chemical fertilizers are available on subsidized rates for sale to the farmers at their nearest Agriculture Sub-Depots of the Department of Agriculture. Farmers are advised not to purchase fertilizers from unauthorized dealers or illegal sources, as such products may be substandard and harmful to crops, soil and human health.

The Department has cautioned the illegal or unauthorized sale of chemical fertilizers and if such cases are found, strict action will be initiated under the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), 1985.

The Department of Agriculture appeals to the farming community not to purchase fertilizers from the illegal sources instead ensure purchase of quality subsidized fertilizers from sub depots of Agriculture Department for sustainable agricultural development.

Farmers are encouraged to contact their local Agriculture Sub-Depot or Zonal Agriculture Office, Kisan Call Centre at 03192-243434 for further information and guidance, a press release from Department of Agriculture said.

## 'Historic reforms for farmers': Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister shares details of new Seed Act

### 'Strict action against fake seeds; traditional seed systems to remain protected': Hon'ble Minister

New Delhi, Jan. 16 (PIB) Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan today briefed the media in detail about the features of the new Seed Act (Seed Act 2026) and its impact on farmers. The Hon'ble Union Minister said the proposed legislation is a historic step aimed at ensuring farmers' protection, seed quality and transparency across the system.

**"Farmers will now know the complete story of every seed"**

Responding to media queries, Shri Chouhan said a nationwide seed traceability system will now be established. "We have tried to create a system through which it can be known where the seed was produced, which dealer supplied it and who sold it," he said. Every seed packet will carry a QR code which, when scanned, will allow farmers to access complete information about its origin. This will not only prevent the sale of fake or substandard seeds, but will also enable swift action against those responsible if such seeds enter the market.

**"Substandard seeds will not enter the system at all"**

The Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister said once traceability is implemented, fake or poor-quality seeds will be identified immediately. "Inferior seeds will not come into the system, and even if they do, they will be caught. Those who supply such seeds will be penalised," he said. This will put an end to the arbitrary practices of companies and

(Contd. on page 2)

## New immigration checkpoint for Andaman Islands



India's Sri Vijaya Puram airport has been designated an authorized immigration clearance point, making it more convenient for yachts traveling to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, according to a statement from Asia Pacific Superyachts.

A home ministry notification issued by the Government of India declares the Union Territory airport a "check post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers."

According to the statement released by Asia Pacific Superyachts, an e-Visa facility is expected soon at the seaport and airport of Sri Vijaya Puram to enable foreigners to obtain visas upon arrival. (Source: <https://www.the-triton.com/>)

## Hon'ble MP pays tribute at Gurudwara Dr Diwan Singh on Martyrdom Day



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16 On the solemn occasion of the martyrdom day of freedom fighter and poet Dr Diwan Singh Kalepani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray visited Gurudwara Dr Diwan Singh, Sri Vijaya Puram, on Jan. 4 to pay his respects.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray spoke in detail about the life, sacrifices, and invaluable contributions of martyr Dr Diwan Singh Kalepani, highlighting his role in India's freedom struggle and his supreme sacrifice at the Cellular Jail. He emphasized the importance of remembering such great patriots and drawing inspiration from their lives and also appraised the Sangat about the supreme role of the Gurudwara that is seva towards humanity as a whole.

The programme concluded with soulful Gurbani Kirtan, followed by the distribution of Kada Prasad and Langar, which was attended by members of the sangat in a spirit of unity and reverence, a press release from MP Office said.

## Deptt. of AH&VS introduces Broiler Namakkal Quail Production for the first time in the Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16 The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has successfully initiated the rearing and production of a new fast-growing variety of quails - Broiler Namakkal Quails - in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, marking a major step towards enhancing poultry diversity, meat production and farmer income in the islands.

As part of this initiative, 2500 Parent Stock Broiler Quail hatching eggs were procured from Veterinary College & Research Institute, Namakkal (Tamil Nadu). The hatching process was carried out at the Central Hatchery, Livestock Farm

(Contd. on Page 2)



Animal Welfare Fortnight 2026 commences across A&N Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, formally launched the Animal Welfare Fortnight 2026, which is being observed from Jan. 14 to 30. This annual observance is dedicated to spreading widespread awareness about kindness, compassion and responsible care towards all animals, while underscoring their vital role in agriculture, livelihood, food security and ecological harmony in the islands.

The inauguration took place with great enthusiasm at the Goshalas in Calicut and New Bimblitan, where cattle were honoured in traditional style. Local Panchayati Raj representatives, including Pradhans and PRI members, actively participated alongside school children, animal lovers and departmental officers. Senior Veterinary Officers were also present during the event. The gathering reflected strong community support for animal welfare initiatives and reinforced the message that protecting animals is a shared responsibility of every citizen.

Throughout the fortnight, a series of engaging and



meaningful activities are being organised to involve different sections of society and propagate the core message of humane treatment. Yesterday, the traditional Mattu Pongal was celebrated with deep reverence at the Cattle Farm, Dollygunj. Cattle are being ceremonially bathed, their horns painted and adorned with flowers and garlands, and traditional Pongal is being prepared as a mark of gratitude for their indispensable contribution to agriculture, dairy farming and rural life in the islands.

In the coming days, the programme will feature a colourful Pet Walk in South Andaman for pet owners, accompanied by awareness banners promoting responsible pet ownership, regular vaccination and sterilisation. Veterinary health camps will be conducted at various institutions offering free check-ups, anti-rabies vaccinations, deworming and guidance to animal owners. Awareness sessions on basic

veterinary first-aid practices for animals, including live demonstrations, will be organised in schools to equip children with essential emergency knowledge. The fortnight will conclude with exposure visits for school children to departmental veterinary farms, hatcheries and institutions, providing hands-on experience of scientific animal care, management and breeding practices.

The Department has invited residents, pet owners, animal lovers, school children, NGOs, PRI members and voluntary organisations to actively participate in the ongoing and upcoming events and join hands in fostering a more compassionate society. By treating animals with dignity, avoiding cruelty, reporting neglect or abuse, and supporting vaccination, sterilisation and shelter care initiatives, every citizen can contribute to a humane and harmonious environment in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a press release from Deptt. of AH&VS said.

A&N Police celebrate 74<sup>th</sup> Raising Day.....(Contd. from page 1)

effective policing, he congratulated the parade participants for their precision and discipline.

The Raising Day also served as an occasion to highlight the remarkable achievements of the Department during 2025, which earned national recognition. Police Station Pahargaon was declared the Second Best Police Station in the country at the DGsP/IGsP Conference held in Raipur, where the award was conferred by the Hon'ble Union Home Minister and the Hon'ble National Security Advisor. Further, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands secured first position among all Union Territories on the CCTNS/ICJS PRAGATI Dashboard in July 2025, as per the NCRB, New Delhi.

Reaffirming its Zero Tolerance Policy against drugs, the A&N Police took stringent enforcement action. During 2025, 67 NDPS cases were registered and 102 persons arrested, with seizures including 74 kg ganja, 49 kg methamphetamine, 2 kg cocaine, and 525 alprazolam tablets. A historic milestone was achieved with the launch of the largest-ever drug destruction drive, involving over 6,000 kg of methamphetamine valued at approximately Rs. 30,000 crore internationally. As of 09 January, 2026, 4,377.460 kg had already been safely incinerated.

In the area of cybercrime control, the Department blocked 1,146 mobile handsets, traced 747, and recovered 425, achieving a recovery rate of 56.89%, among the highest in the country. During the year, 42 cybercrime cases were registered, 11 arrests made, and Rs. 32.47 lakh recovered.

Traffic enforcement and road safety remained a priority, with over 33,000 traffic challans issued, including 2,326 cases of drunken driving, resulting in fines amounting to Rs. 1.96 crore. To complement enforcement with education, the Children's Traffic Park was upgraded into the Centre for Traffic Education and Simulation (CTES), benefitting over 6,000 children and 100+ students by December 2025.

The A&N Police also played a vital role in maritime and coastal security, arresting more than 87 illegal foreign poachers and seizing 3,127 kg of protected marine species, including sea cucumbers. To enhance marine preparedness, a three-year Comprehensive AMC was finalized for four Fast Interceptor Boats, and solar power systems were installed at five remote Look Out Posts, improving surveillance and sustainability.

The Fire and Emergency Services rendered exemplary service by attending 268 fire calls and 833 special service calls, saving property worth approximately Rs.112 crore. In a historic development, the Fire & Emergency Services Training Centre was recognized by the Ministry of Home Affairs as a State Training Centre under NESC, Nagpur, enabling national-level training programmes in the islands.

Modernization initiatives included the inauguration of a state-of-the-art six-lane Firearms Training Simulator and 10 Commando Obstacles at the Police Training School, Prothrapur. To enhance operational mobility, 36 scooters for women police personnel were procured, supply orders issued for six LMVs, and approvals are underway for 23 PCR vehicles and 18 motorcycles.

Human resource development remained a key focus. The 74<sup>th</sup> batch of 248 police constables successfully completed their training, and 542 Home Guard posts were filled after a gap of nearly five years through a transparent recruitment process. Additionally, 42 personnel were promoted, and 308 personnel received MACP and pay fixation benefits.

Community policing initiatives such as Jan Sunwai, Bal Samvad, Vayovandan, and Sagar Darshan strengthened public trust, while large-scale awareness programmes on cybercrime, drug abuse, road safety, and digital literacy benefitted thousands. A major outreach initiative, the Nyaya Sanhita Exhibition held in January 2026, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister, enhanced public awareness of the new criminal laws.

The force also brought laurels to the Union Territory through outstanding performances in sports at the 38<sup>th</sup> National Games, All India Fire Service Sports Meet, and the A&N Police Soccer League. During 2025, 55 officers and personnel were honoured with prestigious awards, including the President's Medal for Distinguished Service and Medals for Meritorious Service.

The Raising Day celebrations also commemorated the rich legacy of the force, tracing its roots to 1875, with key milestones in 1924 and 1953, when Shri Naushirwan Feroz Sauntook became the first IPS officer to lead the force. The celebrations will continue through a week-long programme featuring awareness drives, cultural events, and the traditional Badakhana, reinforcing camaraderie and esprit de corps.

With renewed resolve, the Andaman and Nicobar Police reaffirm their steadfast commitment to safeguarding peace, security, and harmony in the islands, while serving the nation with dedication, integrity, and professionalism, a press release from SP (APU) said.



Mini RCH Camp to be held at Panchayat Hall, Collinpur today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16

The Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II), Union Territory Health Mission in association with Directorate of Health Services, A&N Administration and ANIIMS will be conducted a Mini RCH (Reproductive and Child Health) Camp on Jan. 17 from 10 AM onwards at Panchayat

Hall, Collinpur under PHC Tushnabad. The Gynaecologist, Paediatrician, ENT Specialist and Dental Surgeon will be providing their services in this camp.

In this connection, the Islanders have been requested to join hand so that the needy patients can avail the opportunity, a press release from DHS said.

Fee Waiver for SC/ST learners at IGNOU

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) offers various courses in certificate, diploma, undergraduate, postgraduate for learners in Arts, Humanities, Science, Agriculture Medical Science, Journalism, Law, Education, Continuing Education, Social Work, Vocational Education and Training, Performing and Visual arts, Foreign Languages, Computer and Information Sciences, Health Sciences, Gender and Development Studies, and Hospitality Service Management etc. In order to reach to all section of the society, IGNOU provides exemption of programme fee to students from SC/ST category as per its policy.

For January- 2026 session admission is going on and fee exemption is given for three courses namely: Bachelor of Arts (BAM), Bachelor of Science (BSCM) and Bachelor of Commerce (BCOMF). For details, contact Phone No: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: rcpportblair@ignou.ac.in, a press release from IGNOU said.

Beach Volleyball Event at Baratang marks Police Raising Week



Baratang, Jan. 16

As part of Police Raising Week celebrations, Police Station Baratang organized a Beach Volleyball Tournament at Baludera Beach, Baratang, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from six teams.

After a series of competitive matches, Krishna Nagar Brothers emerged as the Winners, while

Oralkatcha Boys-A secured the Runner-up position. Prizes were awarded to the winning and runner-up teams at the conclusion of the event.

The gathering was also sensitized on the New Justice Laws with the aim of enhancing public awareness about the provisions of the new justice laws in simple and lucid terms, a press release from SP (N&MA) said.

NCC Cadets visit NSCB Dweep & North Bay during ongoing SNIC 2026



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16

As part of the ongoing Special National Integration Camp (SNIC), National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets undertook an educational and heritage visit to NSCB Dweep and North Bay. The visit aimed to instill a sense of patriotism, national integration, and awareness of India's rich historical and strategic heritage among the cadets.

The visit was conducted in the presence of the Commanding Officer NCC ARMY Unit Col KY Singh. The cadets were briefed on the historical significance of NSCB Dweep, particularly its role in India's freedom struggle. The visit served as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters for the nation. The cadets took part in various water sports activities at North Bay, a press release from NCC said.

'Sea Food Festival' concludes with prize.....

(Contd. from page 1)

delicacies. She also expressed her gratitude to the A&N Administration for giving an opportunity to the Fisheries Department to organize such an event. The Secretary also gave away the prizes to the winners of the competitions organized as part of the festival in the presence of the Director (Fisheries), Ms. Jagtap Kalyani Rajendra.

In her address, the Director (Fisheries) thanked the stall owners and SHGs for participating in the event with their displays and making the two days event a grand success.

A large gathering of people including visitors thronged to the festival venue on the concluding day today wherein a wide range of fisheries-related activities, products, and services were on display. The stall also displayed live, fresh, chilled, and frozen fish, value-added fish products, seafood cuisines, aquariums, fish feed, essential fisheries requisites, and sport fishing services. For the entertainment of the visitors, colorful cultural programme was organized in which the artistes of Balakrishna Nritya Academy and Lead band (Live Band) entertained the gathering with their performances. The winners of various competition organized as part of the

Festival are as follows:

Winner of Quiz Competition

- Ms.Rishitha Ganni P and Ms. Manisha Jana
- Ms. Jaspreet Kaur and Celesty T
- Nishda Nasir. P and Nasreen Begum

Traditional Fishing Boat Race

- Shri G. Mukender Rao and Shri R. Dilli Rao
- Shri A. Kumar Swamy and Shri A. Ganesh
- Shri T. Dilli Rao and Shri K Duravasulu

Best Chef (Male)

- Shri Imran
- Shri CH Somesh Rao

Best Chef (Female)

- Ms. Lini Thomas
- Ms. SK Sheela
- Ms. Salma Begum and Ms. TN Devi
- Ms. Gayaneshwari



1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner of Traditional Fishing Boat Race



1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner of Best Chef (Male)



1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner of Best Chef (Female)



1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner of Quiz Competition

Ograbraj Police nabs absconding fraudster from West Bengal

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16

In a significant enforcement, Ograbraj Police cracked a high-value land fraud case involving over Rs.1.24 crore by meticulously collecting documentary evidence, recording victim statements, scrutinising land records, sale agreements, dishonoured cheques and bank transactions related to Survey No. 161/1 of Ograbraj village. The investigation established that the same plot had been fraudulently sold to multiple buyers, prompting a strong criminal case under the

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

After registration of the case, the accused absconded to the mainland and deliberately attempted to erase his digital foot print by switching off known mobile numbers. The investigating team employed advanced technical analysis, including CDR and IPDR tracking. Persistent digital surveillance ultimately revealed the accused's location in Salt Lake City, West Bengal.

After obtaining approval from competent authority, a police team consisting SI Mohammed Rafique, IO of the case along with PCs

Mohammed Asraf & Naresh Das proceeded to West Bengal and maintained discreet surveillance and on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, the accused was apprehended in a swift, well-coordinated operation and was brought to Sri Vijaya Puram after obtaining Transit Remand from Hon'ble Court at Bidhan Nagar. On 31/12/2025, accused Rahul Ram was produced before the Hon'ble Court and remanded to judicial custody for 14 days. Further investigation is in progress, a press release from DIGP (SA) said.



## Dr. S. R. DIET conducts awareness programme on FLN, ANKURAN and Enhancement of school enrolment

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Garacharma, conducted a one-day Awareness Programme on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), ANKURAN, and Enhancement of School Enrolment at all Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs) of the South Andaman and Wimberlygunj Educational Zones during the period from 12.01.2026 to 16.01.2026.

The awareness programme aimed at sensitizing parents and community members to the importance of early-grade learning, foundational education, regular school attendance, and sustained school enrolment. Parents



from different CRCs participated enthusiastically and responded positively to the awareness initiatives.

A key highlight of the programme was the cultural and awareness activities presented by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year D.El.Ed. trainees, which included role plays, dance performances, and group

songs. These activities effectively conveyed the significance of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, quality education, and school enrolment in an engaging, meaningful, and easily comprehensible manner for parents and community members, a press release from DIET said.

## Rag Doll Making prog. organized by RD Deptt. concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16

The Rag Doll Making Training Programme was concluded on Jan. 13 through a collaborative initiative between the Rural Development Department and INTACH. A total of 34 rural women, including members of various SHGs, actively participated in the training programme and were imparted hands-on skills in rag doll making, with a focus on creativity, quality, and income generation.

Dr. Apurva Sharma, Director, Rural Development (RD), graced the occasion and appreciated the dedication, creativity, and sincere efforts demonstrated by the SHG members throughout the



programme. He praised their enthusiasm and impressed upon the participants that such skill-based initiatives play a vital role in promoting women's economic empowerment. He further emphasized that for the 15 SHG members undergone this training of

Rag Doll making have the potential to become 'Lakhpati Didis', thereby contributing significantly to their household income and serving as role models for others. The programme concluded with certificate distribution, a press release from ANIRLM said.

### Deptt. of AH&VS introduces Broiler Namakkal Quail .....

(Contd. from page 1)

Complex, Dollygunj. The successfully hatched broiler quail chicks were reared at Livestock Farm Complex, Dollygunj until the birds reached egg-laying stage.

With the onset of egg production, the Department has started supplying fertile hatching eggs to other hatchery units. Under the first phase, 1,200 Broiler Quail hatching eggs have been dispatched to the Composite Livestock Farms at Hutbay, Basantipur and Sitanagar for further chick production and subsequent supply to farmers of these islands.

The Broiler Quails are known for their fast growth rate, reach marketable body weight within 5-6 weeks, early maturity start laying eggs by 6-7 weeks of age, high egg production produce 250-280 eggs per bird per year, low feed requirement and superior meat quality having better dressing percentage, dual purpose suitable both for egg and meat production. The species is considered ideal for small and marginal farmers due to its minimal space requirement and high economic return. The initiative is expected to provide a new income avenue for farmers of the islands, strengthen local meat and egg availability, a press release from Deptt. of AH&VS said.

## N&M Andaman District Police organizes 'SDPO Cup 2026' Open Volleyball & Badminton C'ships at Rangat

Rangat, Jan. 16

As part of the Police Raising Week, Police Station Rangat organized the SDPO Cup 2026 sporting events at Rangat, comprising the Open Volleyball Championship and Open Badminton Tournament, with the aim of strengthening police-public relations and promoting sportsmanship.

The Open Volleyball Championship held at Raman Bagicha, Nimbutala, Team Betapur emerged as champions in both the Men's and Women's categories. The final and prize distribution ceremony was graced by Shri Vikas Kumar, Assistant Commissioner, Rangat, who appreciated the initiative for promoting sportsmanship, discipline, and police-public engagement.

The SDPO Cup Open Badminton Tournament, saw enthusiastic participation across multiple categories, including men, women, and



junior events. The final matches were held yesterday, in the presence of Shri

Chandan G.S., SDPO Rangat, as chief guest, a press release from SP (N&MA) said.

## Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister....(Contd. from page 01)

dealers who mislead farmers.

**"Registration of seed companies to be mandatory"**

Shri Chouhan said every seed company will now have to be registered, making it clear which companies are authorised to operate. "Details of registered companies will be available, and no unauthorised seller will be allowed to sell seeds," he said. This will eliminate fake companies from the market and ensure that farmers receive seeds only from credible sources.

**"No restriction on traditional seeds"**

The Hon'ble Union Minister also dispelled concerns that the new law would impose restrictions on traditional seeds used by farmers. "Farmers can sow their own seeds and share seeds with other farmers. The traditional system of seed exchange at the local level will continue without any problem," he said. He cited the example of rural areas where farmers exchange seeds during sowing and return them later with an additional quantity, adding that such practices will remain unaffected.

**"Penalty up to Rs. 30 lakh and punishment for selling substandard seeds"**

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said there will be zero tolerance for negligence in seed quality. "Earlier, the penalty was up to Rs. 500. Now, there is a proposal to impose a fine of up to Rs. 30 lakh, and if someone deliberately commits an offence, there will also be provision for punishment," he said. While acknowledging that not all companies are at fault, he stressed that those who cheat farmers will face strict action.

**"ICAR and Indian companies to remain strong players"**

The Hon'ble Minister said the Seed Act has provisions at three levels: the public sector (Indian Council of Agricultural Research, agricultural universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras), domestic companies that produce high-quality seeds, and a proper evaluation mechanism for foreign seeds. "Seeds imported from abroad will be approved only after thorough testing and evaluation. Our public institutions and domestic private sector will be strengthened so that quality seeds reach farmers," the Union Minister said.

**"Wide awareness campaign for farmers"**

On the issue of lack of awareness among farmers, Shri Chouhan said initiatives such as the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' have been launched to ensure scientists, officials and progressive farmers reach villages to spread awareness. He said all 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across the country will play a key role in educating farmers about seed quality, seed selection and grievance redressal mechanisms.

**"Strict punishment for those selling fake seeds"**

Reiterating the government's stand, the Hon'ble Union Minister said anyone who deliberately produces or sells substandard seeds could face imprisonment of up to three years and a fine of up to Rs. 30 lakh. "Earlier, the law was weak. Now we are making it effective so that farmers get justice," he said.

**"Outdated 1966 law to be modernised"**

Shri Chouhan said the existing Seed Act of 1966 belonged to an era without advanced technology or data systems. "We are now bringing a modern law based on traceability, digital records and accountability, so that no farmer is cheated in the future," he said.

**"States' rights to remain intact"**

Addressing concerns that the new law could dilute states' powers, the Hon'ble Union Minister said, "Agriculture is a state subject. The rights of state governments will remain intact. The Centre will only coordinate, and the law will be implemented with the cooperation of states," he said.

**"Our goal is to ensure the right seed for every farmer"**

Summing up, Shri Chouhan said the Government's objective is to ensure that every farmer gets quality seeds. "Good companies will be encouraged, and those who do wrong will face strict action. That is the essence of this law," he said. He added that through Seed Act 2026, the government is taking a decisive step towards providing farmers with safe, reliable and productive seeds, strengthening trust and boosting agricultural productivity across the country.

## India Post announces 3-Month revival drive for lapsed PLI and RPLI Policies

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 16

The Department of Post, Ministry of Communications, has launched a nationwide special campaign to help policy holders revive their lapsed Postal Life Insurance (PLI) and Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) policies. The revival drive, which commenced on January 14, 2026, will remain active for a period of three months, concluding on April 14, 2026.

To encourage citizens to secure their financial future, the Directorate of PLI has announced significant waivers on late fees and default charges. The concessions are structured based on the total premium amount receivable:

Total premium Receivable for all types of PLI/RPLI Policies on account of revival	Concession /Waiver in Late /Default Fee	Maximum limit of Concession/Waiver in Late/Default Fee restricted to
Upto Rs.1,00,000/-	25%	Rs.2500/-
From Rs.1,0,001/- upto Rs.3,00,000/-	25%	Rs.3000/-
From Rs.3,00,001/- and above	30%	Rs.3500/-

These concessions apply to the default fee only and require the payment of the revival amount in a single lump-sum installment.

Policyholders have been encouraged to visit their nearest Post Office or CPC (Central Processing Centre) to check their eligibility and take advantage of these limited-time financial waivers, a press release from Department of Posts said.

## Outreach Health Camp & School Health Prog. conducted under AAM Mohanpur

Mayabunder, Jan. 16

As part of the ongoing public health outreach initiatives, an Outreach Health Camp and School Health Program were successfully conducted during January 2026 under Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) Mohanpur, under the supervision of Dr. Alice Bwa, Medical Officer In-charge, Dr. R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder.

An outreach health camp was organized at Borang yesterday to provide essential healthcare services to the local population. The camp was led by Dr. Haney Nickyson, along with a multidisciplinary team comprising Saw Zenial (MHW), Hermeena Tirkey (LHV), S. Punyawati (Community Health Officer), Thangam (Panchakarma), Y. Madhava Rao (District Programme Coordinator - NTEP), R. Durga Rao (Senior Treatment Supervisor - NTEP), Sanjitha

Soreng (TB Health Visitor - NTEP) and Roshni Dung Dung (ASHA Worker).

General medical consultations were provided, medicines were distributed, and patients requiring further evaluation were referred to Dr. R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder for blood investigations, X-ray, and sputum examination.

Health education formed an important component of the camp. A CPR awareness session with practical demonstration was conducted, followed by a Tuberculosis awareness programme covering causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment adherence, follow-up, and information on Nikshay Poshan Yojana & Nikshay Mitra. A total of 42 beneficiaries participated, with 31 patients examined, including initiation of treatment for newly detected hypertension cases and review of follow-up cases of hypertension and

diabetes. The medical team also conducted home visits for a bedridden geriatric patient and an old cured TB patient.

Earlier, on Jan. 13, an Outreach School Health Program and Medical Health Camp was conducted at Haratikry by a team consisting of R. Durga Rao (STS-NTEP), Sanjitha (TBHV-NTEP), Gokila (Public Health Nurse), Punyawati (Community Health Officer), Sunitha (ANM) and Maxima (ASHA Worker). School children were screened for height, weight, hemoglobin levels, dental and ear health, and TD vaccination was administered to eligible students. Health education sessions on balanced nutrition, personal hygiene, hand washing practices, yoga, and mindfulness were also conducted, along with inspection of Mid-Day Meal quality and hygiene, a press release from DTO, Mayabunder said.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Celebration Mar Thoma Mission School express gratitude



Mar Thoma Mission School, Ograbraj, celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Function on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2026, in the school premises with great enthusiasm and grandeur. The Principal and all Staff of the School express their invaluable gratitude to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray for gracing the occasion and encouraging the students. They also thanked, Smti. V. J. Annamma, the Land Donor, Shri Mohammed Safiq, Pradhan, Mithakhari & Shri Anand Amrit Raj, Pradhan, Tushnabad for their presence.

The celebration featured impressive cultural performances, prize distribution of the school's academic and co-curricular achievements. The event witnessed active participation from students, teachers, parents and well-wishers, making it a memorable occasion.

Rev Jinu Dani James thanked the Chief Guest for his valuable presence and gave a brief history of the school from the beginning. Principal, Staff, and Students extend their sincere gratitude to the Manager Rev. Jinu Dani James, Management of the school, Members of Mar Thoma Church, Sri Vijay Puram who contributed to the grand success of the Annual Day celebration.

### LOST

It is notified for the information that my Original / Duplicate Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main / Compartment, Secondary, Senior Secondary Examination of Year 2022 and Roll No. 20604563 issued by CBSE has been actually lost / destroyed / mutilated. Name of the Candidate EILEEN, Full Address / Tel. TAMALOO, CAR NICOBAR, 9695091875

### TO LET

Third Floor open space area measuring 130 Sq. meters available for lease / rent at Haddo, road facing suitable for Gym and Coaching Centers.

Contact: 9046242991

### TO LET

Well ventilated, fully furnished 2 BHK Flat at first floor available for rent at Island Niwas, Delanipur. Preference will be given to Defence Personnel / Central Govt. Employees / Bank Officials. Interested person may Contact @ 9434282647 / 9679539147

### Read

Daily Telegrams

**SREE KALIAMMAN TUNAI**

**Anbhu Jewellery Celebrating 28th anniversary celebration 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Offers**

1. No making charge & Lowest wastages  
2. Assured gift for every purchase  
3. Old gold exchange offers available

Offers valid for one week (19<sup>th</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> January)

Heartly Thanks to all our Valuable Customers

From Anbhu Jewellery Medical Road, Aberdeen Bazaar, Sri Vijaya Puram, Pin-744001  
Mob: 9434242691, 9333224363

(Reg. No. 1652/LC/2011)

### PRESS NOTE

The interview (demo theory and practical) for recruitment of Guest Lecturers and Part Time Instructors in various Diploma Programs in the establishment of Govt. Polytechnic Diglipur for the Academic Session 2025-26 (Even sem) is scheduled 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 at Govt. Polytechnic Diglipur, Diglipur. The details of qualifications, schedule for interview and demo topics can be downloaded from the institute website <https://dbrait.andamannicobar.gov.in>. The eligible candidates are informed to bring their original documents and resume along the duly self-attested copies of education qualification, trainings, experience, etc. For any queries candidates may contact Academic Cell, DBRAIT and Govt. Polytechnic Diglipur on all working days from 09:00 AM to 03:00 PM or can contact over phone no. 03192-210955.

ID. No. 11939

Principal i/c

### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

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

1. NIT No. EE/PR/SAD-I/GEN/2025-26/181 **Name of Work:** 1. Repair and Maintenance of CC Road from Y. Tulsamma house to Chandra Sekhar house at Ward No. 07 under Gram Panchayat Shore Point. 2. Repair and Maintenance of CC Drain with slab cover from Thangaraj house (main road) to Narayanswamy (Ramu) house at Ward No. 03 under Gram Panchayat Shore Point. **Estimated Cost: Rs. 7,09,435/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 14,189/-, Time of Completion:** Four (04) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 19/01/2026 (1500 hrs.)

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

**Tender ID : - 2026 RDPRI 21439 1**  
**I.D. No. 11940**

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

### COMMERCIAL LAND TO LET

100 Sq. mtrs. Commercial Land available Bathroom facility available ideal for business / commercial purpose.

Contact: 9933287989

### TO LET

Commercial Shop available for rent area 50 Sq. mtrs. suitable for any business. Contact: 9933287989

### LAND FOR SALE

4000 Sq. mtrs. Land single patta at Wandoor Vill.

Contact: 9476009706

### URGENT JOB VACANCY

- Sales Executive 2 Posts  
- Tour Coordinator 1 Post  
- Driver 1 Post  
(Experienced only required)  
Please submit your Resume in Mail or WhatsApp  
**DREAMZ YATRA PVT. LTD.**  
Address: 16/1, Near DTDC Courier, Deen Street, M.G. Road, Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram  
Mob. 9933779919 / 9474266144  
Email: [info@dreamzyatra.com](mailto:info@dreamzyatra.com)  
Reg. No. 22273/LC/2025

### 01<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary On 17.01.2026

In loving memory of



**P. Iswar Rao**  
R/o Phongychaung  
**Inserted by: - P.Pursotham & All family members.**

### MASTER MOBILE CARE

➤ DISPLAY Starting From Rs. 950/- Only  
➤ Multi Brands Repairing Available  
➤ Complete Wholesale Price Available  
➤ Spot & Fast & Reliable Service  
➤ For More Details: 8900999995  
Shop No. 31 & 33, Near JTC Petrol Pump, A/ Bazaar, Sri Vijaya Puram.  
Reg. No. UDYAM-AN-01-0014831

### TO LET

One No. 2 BHK Flat is available for rent purpose at Doctor's Colony, Bhatubasti.  
Contact Ph. No. 9434267024 / 9434284904 / 9933255412

### FOR SALE

TATA Harrier 2019 Model, Nissan Kicks 2020 Model & TATA Tiago XZ+ 2023 Model, single hand used, Price Negotiable.  
Contact: 7585917737

### HOME SERVICE

AC, Fridge, Washing Machine, Deep Fridge, Repairing and Servicing.  
Contact: 8900942650 / 9593464551  
Reg. No. UDYAM-AN-01-0009446  
MD KHAN

### DISCLAIMER

Readers are requested to verify and make appropriate enquiries to satisfy themselves about the veracity of an advertisement before responding to any advertisement published in this newspaper. The publisher of this newspaper, does not vouch for the authenticity of any advertisement or advertiser or for any of the advertisers products and services.  
The Owner, Publisher, Printer, Employees of this newspaper shall not be held responsible/liable in any manner whatsoever for any claims and/ or damages/consequences for advertisements in this newspaper.

### OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS MILL DIVISION CHATHAM

#### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mill Division, Chatham, Department of Environment & Forests, Sri Vijaya Puram invites e-tender for the below mentioned work from the eligible and bonafide contractors/firm and do not have any adverse remarks. The details of the work are as under:

NIT No.	:	No.76/Genl/MD/2025-26/Furniture Showroom at GSM/629, Dt: 13/01/2026
Name of the Work	:	Outsourcing of Deposit Works of Wood Furniture and Other Wood Products at Government Sawmill, Chatham on Revenue Sharing Basis.
Earnest Money	:	₹ 66,724/-
Period of Completion	:	12 (Months)
Bid Submission End Date	:	28.01.2026 (11.00 AM)
Bid Opening Date	:	29.01.2026 (11.30 AM)

Tender ID 2026\_DCFMD\_21473\_1

The tender Details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>

**Scope of Work:** The contractor/firm shall be required to manufacture wooden articles, furniture, and other allied items within the premises of GSM Chatham for the general public on a Revenue Sharing basis with GSM Chatham.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Only Small Scale Industrial (SSI) units registered with the Andaman & Nicobar Administration shall be eligible to participate in the bidding process.

**Method of Selection:** The bidder offering the highest revenue share to the Government, subject to a minimum base rate of 15%, shall be selected.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held at the Chamber of the Chairman, Purchase Committee, Mill Division, Chatham on 20.01.2026 at 1100 hours to discuss the tender.

The meeting aims to clarify tender details and address bidders' queries. All interested parties are requested to attend promptly to ensure a clear understanding of the requirements  
ID No. 11944

Deputy Conservator of Forests

### WANTED

Back Office Assistant - 01  
Position

**Eligibility:**

- Minimum 1 year of Tally experience preferred
- Freshers are also welcome to apply

Share your Resume at  
[info@manshahotels.com](mailto:info@manshahotels.com)  
Reg. No. 35AURPS7596Q122

### VACANCY

Following Posts are on Part Time / Full Time  
Job Basis

- ❖ Sales Boys / Girls - 05
- ❖ Godown Staff - 03 (Male)
- ❖ Accounting Staff - 01 (Experienced)
- ❖ Full Time Maid - 01 (Female)

Starting Salary Rs.12000 to Rs. 15000/- + Incentive

For details Call: 9932080819 / 9531842527 / 9732474606  
Reg. No. 21739/LC/2025

REG.NO.UDHYAM-AN-01-0010729

# We are Hiring

Join Our Team

APPLY NOW

[hr@govindallsons.com](mailto:hr@govindallsons.com)

+91 9932082873  
(Reg.No.35AAFCL8918C1Z)

### Account Manager

- Qualification: Graduates
- Experience: 2+ years
- Knowledge: Tally, GST, TDS, TCS, MIS
- Work: Accounting, Book keeping, Compliance, audit & team handling
- Salary: As per experience

### Accountant

- Qualification: Graduates
- Experience: 1+ year
- Knowledge: Tally, GST, TDS, TCS
- Work: Day-to-day accounts, bank reconciliation, GST returns
- System: Basic computer & Excel
- Salary: As per experience

### Cashier

- Qualification: Graduate / 12th
- Experience: 0-6 months
- Work: Cash handling, receipts, daily cash book, bank deposit
- Knowledge: Basic Tally / billing
- Salary: As per experience



**The Platinum Panache**  
Family Salon & Spa

### Services Offered

- Haircuts
- Hair Styling & Treatments
- Hair Coloring & Highlights
- Facials & Skin Care
- Nail Art
- Manicure
- Pedicure
- Bridal Makeup
- Party Makeup
- Massage & Wellness Care
- Waxing (UDYAM-AN-01-0009340)

Visit Today



9831799974 Goal Ghar, Next to Syamala Clinic

IN LOVING MEMORY



**Smti Raj Kaur**

Dec 14, 1935 - Feb 21, 2025

Please join us for

**Bhog of Sehaj Paath Sahib**

on Sunday, 18th January from 10am to 12 Noon  
followed by ardas and Guru ka Langar at  
Police Gurudwara, Supply line

Inserted by : All Family Members

### CONDOLENCES



**Mr. Palaniswamy**

Father of Shri P. Palaniappan

Palaniappan Pan Shop, Andaman Tamizhar Sangam Complex

Who passed away in his hometown  
Menampatty Village, Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu  
on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Inserted By Friends of Andaman Tamizhar Sangam,  
Sri Vijaya Puram

MAY THE DEPARTED SOUL  
REST IN PEACE