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Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30.0°C and 24.5°C respectively on Monday 18/05/2026.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 28.1  
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.2  
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 097  
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 097  
Sunrise time on 18/05/2026 (in IST): 0455  
Sunset time on 18/05/2026 (in IST): 1736  
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) - in mm: 016.9  
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 003.7  
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 192.7

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## The dual-use Great Nicobar Island Project

India's most significant port project is a geopolitical project of enormous ramifications.

The Great Nicobar Project seeks to transform the island into a strategic maritime and economic hub by leveraging its proximity (about 40 nautical miles) to the East-West shipping route and reducing India's dependence on foreign transshipment ports.

The core of the project is a 14.2 million twenty-foot equivalent unit (MTEU) International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Galathea Bay which will reduce India's reliance on foreign ports like Singapore and Colombo for transshipment. Other elements include a Greenfield International Airport (4,000 Peak Hour Passengers), a 450 MVA gas-solar power plant and a planned township. The first phase of the project is due for completion by 2028.

The Rs 75,000 crore



The Great Nicobar Project seeks to transform the island into a strategic maritime and economic hub. (AI-generated image)

project is located just 40 nautical miles from one of the world's most critical maritime arteries, carrying 50 per cent of global container traffic and roughly 80 per cent of global seaborne oil trade. It transforms India from being a mere observer in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), into a key participant in the influential economic grouping. This is only one of the reasons that

makes the GNI one of the most significant geo-strategic projects ever attempted by India. **The Malacca Dilemma** The 921-square kilometre Great Nicobar Island is India's southernmost territory. It is a third the size of the state of Goa, and is located near the Six Degree Channel - the primary trade route exiting from the narrow funnel of the Malacca Strait. Nearly 80 per cent of China's energy

supplies pass through this critical maritime chokepoint, leading then-Chinese President Hu Jintao to coin the term "Malacca Dilemma" in 2003. In this Chinese dilemma lies an Indian opportunity. India maintains seven small military bases on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, including an airstrip, INS Baaz in Campbell Bay on the Great Nicobar Island. A

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## Scuba Diving in Diglipur, India: Four New Explored Dive Sites Unleashed in North Andaman

The Indian adventure tourism landscape is presently undergoing a momentous transformation. The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism, Andaman & Nicobar Administration has taken up a major project to extend recreational water sports to the lesser-explored northern territories of the archipelago. For years the global diving community has been attracted only to the southern gems of Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep. However, there is now a strategic pivot to diversify leisure and experiential travel throughout the islands.

The administration has officially recognised four clean scuba diving sites in the magical Diglipur area. This landmark initiative is aimed at relieving the tourism pressure on the southern hubs while



(AI-generated image)

showcasing the untouched marine ecosystems of the North & Middle Andaman district. Diglipur, known for its rugged and dramatic landscapes and isolated coastal ecosystems, is being touted as the country's next premier destination for elite scuba diving and underwater exploration. **Unveiling the Aquatic Treasures of Ross & Smith Islands**

The crown jewels of Diglipur's tourism market are the legendary twin islands of Ross & Smith, which are famously connected by an ephemeral, natural white sandbar. It is within this fairytale setting that the first two dive sites have been charted to captivate both novice and intermediate underwater enthusiasts. **Site 1: The Pristine Shoreline Sanctuary**

The first identified location is situated directly off the coast of the twin islands, specifically mapped at coordinates 13.307924° N, 93.070824° E. This site has been specifically designated for shore diving, allowing adventurers to walk straight off the sandy fringes into an underwater wonderland. A highly

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## TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan - 100 days intensified campaign in A&N Islands

Citizens urged to enroll as 'Nikshay Mitras' to support TB patients through nutritional & psychosocial assistance



Ayushman Arogya Shivir at Kamorta Island, Nicobar District

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 15 The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has been actively implementing the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan - 100 Days Intensified Campaign since its launch on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026, in alignment with national guidelines. The campaign was formally inaugurated in A&N Islands on the occasion of World TB Day which

focuses on a comprehensive and targeted approach to eliminate Tuberculosis (TB), with key objectives including: ♦ Early identification of all missing TB cases through proactive screening using chest X-rays and upfront NAAT testing among vulnerable populations and high-risk settings. ♦ Reduction in TB-



Ayushman Arogya Shivir at Govt. Primary School Borang, Mayabunder

related deaths through personalized patient care, nutritional support, management of comorbidities, regular follow-up, and TB Death Audits. ♦ Prevention of new TB cases through screening and provision of TB Preventive Treatment (TPT) to eligible high-risk groups such as household contacts and People Living with HIV (PLHIV). ♦ Promotion of Janbhagidari through a

'Whole-of-Society' and 'Whole-of-Government' approach to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage timely health-seeking behaviour. ♦ Early detection and management of key comorbidities such as diabetes, hypertension, anaemia, undernutrition, and cancer to improve treatment outcomes. **The campaign adopts a multi-pronged service**

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## Solemn function organized at the 'Battle of Aberdeen' Memorial

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 17 The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, today led the islanders in paying rich tributes to Great Andamanese, who were killed in the 'Battle of Aberdeen' fought on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1859 between the British colonial rulers and the Great Andamanese.

A solemn function was organized by the Department of Art & Culture at the 'Battle of Aberdeen' Memorial at Water Sports Complex wherein the Chief Secretary placed wreath at the Memorial to pay tribute to Great Andamanese. This was followed by offering of floral



tributes by the Chairperson, SVP, Smt. Vasantha, Senior Officers of A&N Administration, Members of Great Andamanese

Community and general public. Later, the Chief Secretary interacted

with the Great Andamanese Tribe present on the occasion.

## CRC organizes summer camp on Models & TLM exhibition to promote inclusive education



Sri Vijaya Puram, May 17 Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC), A&N Islands organized a summer camp on Models & Teaching Learning Materials

(TLMs) exhibition in collaboration with Trainee Teachers of Tagore Government College of Education to promote inclusive education and inclusive society. Inaugurating the exhibition, Smt. Sumithamol. S, Director,

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## ANIIMS conducts workshop to train Island Medicos for ICMR's most coveted undergraduate research award



Sri Vijaya Puram, May 17 The Indian Council of Medical Research - Short Term Studentship (ICMR-STs) research fellowship program is among the most competitive national platforms for undergraduate medical research in India with a limited number of awards granted each year on proposal merit.

Under the patronage of Dr. Mukesh Tripathi, Director, ANIIMS, the Department of Community Medicine, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS), Sri Vijaya Puram, conducted a workshop and hands-on training program for

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## Southwest monsoon advances into many parts of Andaman Sea, entire Nicobar Islands & some parts of Andaman Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 17 Southwest monsoon has advanced into some parts of southeast Arabian Sea, southwest and southeast Bay of Bengal, many parts of Andaman Sea, entire Nicobar Islands and some parts of Andaman Islands including Sri Vijaya Puram on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The Northern Limit of Monsoon passes through 5°N/75°E, 6°N/79°E, 8°N/85°E, 10.5°N/90°E, 13.5°N/95°E, and 15.5°N/98°E.

During past 2 days there has been widespread rainfall activity over Nicobar Islands and adjoining areas of Andaman Islands. The strength of

westerlies over the region has increased and is around 35 kmph gusting to 45 kmph. The strength of westerlies over the region extends upto 4.5 km above mean sea level.

Conditions are favourable for further advance of southwest monsoon into some more parts of southeast Arabian Sea, southwest and southeast Bay of Bengal, remaining parts of Andaman Islands and Andaman Sea, and some parts of eastcentral Bay of Bengal during next 3-4 days, Shri Surendra Pratap Singh, Head Meteorological Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram, informed here today.

## Nicobari Folk Music Concert marks completion of 90 years of Akashvani



Sri Vijaya Puram, May 17 A Nicobari Folk Music Concert was organized in the auditorium of the Anthropological Survey of India by Akashvani, Sri Vijaya Puram on May 15 as part of the completion of 90 years of Akashvani. The Nicobari folk songs and traditional performances captivated the audience and reflected the rich cultural heritage of the islands. The Director, Art & Culture, Ms Priyanka Kumari as the chief guest said that Akashvani has

been serving the nation continuously for the last 90 years and has played a vital role in preserving and promoting the country's cultural heritage and traditions. The Guest of Honour, Dr. Manjulata Rao, appreciated the cultural programme presented by the Nicobari artists while the Deputy Director General, Shri C. Subbarao stated that Akashvani has served society with the motto 'Bahujan Hitaay'

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**Scuba Diving in Diglipur, India: Four New.....**

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accessible depth profile ranging from a shallow 2 metres down to 12 metres is featured here. Due to the gentle gradients and minimal currents, the location is deemed flawless for introductory courses, first-time discover-scuba programmes, and marine life photography in crystal-clear visibility.

**Site 2: The Deep Blue Bridge**

For those ready to step off a boat, the second site is located just North East of the iconic Ross & Smith sandbar bridge. This boat-diving enclave is geographically anchored at coordinates 13.306624° N, 93.073193°. Depths stretching from 3 metres to 11 metres are offered here, making it an ideal marine canvas for multi-level certification dives. Lush patches of hard brain corals, delicate staghorn structures, and symbiotic anemone clusters are expected to be observed by divers navigating these newly mapped waters.

**Vertical Drop-Offs: The Majestic Walls of Diglipur**

For seasoned divers who seek the thrill of deep oceanic topography, the third and fourth sites present awe-inspiring underwater architecture that rivals the famous drop-offs of the Andaman Sea.

**Site 3: "Small Wall off Ross Island"**

Exceptional boat diving topography is introduced at the third site, which has been officially named the "Small Wall off Ross Island". This site is located at coordinates 13° 17.606' N, 093° 4.926' E. An intriguing depth configuration is presented to explorers, featuring a reef flat that sits between 8 and 10 metres at the top. From this sunlit shelf, a dramatic 21-metre vertical drop-off extends into the deep blue. This wall is projected to become a sanctuary for pelagic species, where schooling jacks, reef sharks, and grand sea fans swaying in the deep currents can be regularly encountered.

**Site 4: "Wall of Craggy/Gentle Slope"**

The deepest and perhaps most mysterious site among the new selection is the fourth location, aptly christened the "Wall of Craggy/Gentle Slope". Mapped at coordinates 13° 13.279' N, 093° 3.981' E, a versatile diving range from 8 metres down to an advanced depth of 31 metres is provided. The site transitions beautifully from a sloping coral garden into an imposing subterranean wall. Because of its grand depth and proximity to open waters, it is anticipated that encounters with larger marine megafauna-such as manta rays, eagle rays, and perhaps the elusive dugong (the state animal of Andaman)-will be enjoyed by advanced technical divers.

**Fulfilling a Long-Standing Vision for Local Stakeholders**

The formalization of these four sites is not merely an administrative triumph; it represents the fulfillment of a long-standing demand by regional tourism stakeholders, local boat operators, and hospitality entrepreneurs across the North & Middle Andaman district. For over a decade, the economic benefits of the island's roaring adventure tourism market were largely centralized in Sri Vijaya Puram and Swaraj Dweep. The enormous potential of Diglipur's pristine marine sanctuaries remained untapped due to a lack of regulatory frameworks and surveyed diving zones.

With the publication of these official coordinates and depth metrics, a structured framework has finally been established. Local boat operators are now being integrated into the tourism value chain, ensuring that sustainable economic growth is driven directly into the local communities of Diglipur, Kalipur, and Aerial Bay.

**A Call to Operators: Securing Sustainable Foundations**

A formal invitation has been extended by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration to established scuba diving centres, PADI/SSI instructors, and eco-tourism operators across India. Registration is now open for companies wishing to establish physical dive shops and operational bases within the Diglipur region.

Stringent adherence to the prescribed safety and environmental protection guidelines is heavily emphasized by government officials. Because Diglipur is bordered by sensitive marine national parks and vital nesting grounds for the endangered Olive Ridley, Leatherback, and Hawksbill sea turtles, all commercial diving activities will be strictly monitored. Sustainable mooring buoys are expected to be deployed at the boat sites to ensure that fragile coral ecosystems are never damaged by dropping anchors. Through this regulated approach, Diglipur's status as an elite, eco-conscious adventure tourism destination will be permanently solidified.

**Essential Travel Guide for the Diglipur Expedition**

**How to Reach the Northern Frontier**

Diglipur is situated approximately 320 kilometres north of the capital city, Sri Vijaya Puram. The journey can be undertaken via the Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) by private cab or public bus, offering a scenic traverse through dense tropical rainforests and indigenous reserves over 10 to 12 hours. Alternatively, regular government ferry services are operated from the capital to the Aerial Bay Jetty in Diglipur, which serves as the primary launchpad for boats heading to the new dive sites.

**Best Season to Dive**

The ideal window for planning a diving expedition to Diglipur is restricted to the months between October and May. During this post-monsoon period, the sea remains incredibly calm, and underwater visibility frequently exceeds 25 to 30 metres. Furthermore, this season coincides with the annual turtle nesting phenomenon at nearby Kalipur and Ramnagar beaches, allowing travellers to pair their underwater diving adventures with unforgettable terrestrial wildlife experiences. (Source: Travel and Tour World)

**TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan - 100 days.....**

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**delivery strategy:**

◆ **Outreach Activities:** Ayushman Arogya Shivirs (health camps) conducted across communities, including TB screening using handheld X-ray machines.

◆ **Facility-Based Services:** Intensified screening of all individuals visiting health facilities, integrated with Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) services.

◆ **Integrated Screening:** Convergence of TB, NCD, and general health services.

◆ **NCD Screening Components:** Blood pressure, blood sugar, BMI assessment, and anaemia testing.

**Overall Progress (24 March 2026 - 10 May 2026)**

The campaign has achieved significant outreach and impact across the islands:

**Ayushman Arogya Shivirs:**

◆ Total Shivirs conducted: 582 (Urban: 143, Rural: 439, Congregate Settings: 7, Other Areas: 9)

◆ Total Footfall: 19,895 (Male: 8,998; Female: 10,897)

◆ Ni-kshay Enrolments (New + New Episodes): 4,943

◆ Total Chest X-rays conducted: 6,323

◆ NAAT Tests conducted: 1,358

**Janbhagidari & Community Engagement Activities:**

◆ Total Janbhagidari activities: 81

◆ Elected Representatives involved: 161 (ULB: 19; PRI:142)

◆ Activities in Schools & Colleges: 126

◆ Activities in Line Ministries: 20

◆ Activities in PSUs/Corporates/Business Associations: 2

**Appeal to the Public**

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration urges all citizens to actively participate in the fight against TB:

1. Spread awareness that TB is preventable and curable.

2. Help eliminate stigma and discrimination associated with TB.

3. Individuals at higher risk-such as those aged 60 years and above, undernourished (BMI <18), diabetics, smokers or alcohol users (current or former), close contacts of TB patients, or those



Ayushman Arogya Shivir conducted at Panchayat Hall, Laxmanpur, Diglipur

who had TB in the last 5 years-are encouraged to get screened at the nearest public health facility.

4. Come forward as Nikshay Mitra to support TB patients through nutritional and psychosocial assistance.

The Administration reiterates its commitment to achieving a TB-free Andaman & Nicobar Islands through sustained efforts, community participation, and strengthened healthcare delivery systems, a press release from State Health Society received here said.

**Heavy rainfall (07-11 cm) likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands**

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 17  
Heavy rainfall (07-11 cm) very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with gusty wind (50-60 kmph) and lightning likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman and Nicobar Islands on May 18.

Heavy rainfall (07-11 cm) very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with gusty wind (40-50 kmph) and lightning likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman and Nicobar Islands on May 19 to 23. Due to squally weather with wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph occasionally gusting to 60 kmph likely to prevail along and off Andaman and Nicobar Coast from 17/05/2026 to 21/05/2026, fishermen are advised not to venture along and off Andaman and Nicobar coast during 17/05/2026 to 21/05/2026. LC-3 hoisted at Sri Vijaya Puram Port, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

**The dual-use Great Nicobar Island.....**

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tri-services theatre command established here in 2001 integrates land, air and naval assets. An Indian submarine based in the Andaman Islands would take just five days to arrive at the chokepoints of the Indonesian islands, roughly half the time it would take from Visakhapatnam.

Yet, even after 25 years, India has not based major warships, fighter aircraft, submarines or long-range Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) aircraft on these islands. Common reasons include a lack of fuel storage facilities, docking and repair facilities for warships and submarines. It is a chicken and egg conundrum.

Critics of the project prefer to see the GNI as a purely commercial venture delinked from the need to build up military infrastructure on the islands.

But what if GNI were a cleverly disguised dual-use project? A military project to dominate what is one of the world's seven chokepoints camouflaged as a benign civilian transshipment project. There are some clues that this is indeed the case. The civilian airfield on the project is clearly marked as a dual-use facility, meaning it is meant for use by military aircraft.

A dual-use strategic project should not surprise anyone. India has always hidden strategic programmes under civilian cover. The nuclear weapons programme was camouflaged by a civil nuclear programme. The nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) programme, was disguised as a naval propulsion reactor programme to power a nuclear-powered attack submarine (SSN), a tactical asset.

To western scholars, this dual policy might seem exasperating. India does not issue white papers on national security and has few well-defined national security doctrines. The few papers that are written, cause shock when they are revealed, decades later.

In the PN Haksar papers declassified a decade ago, for instance, we see an early articulation of the end state of India's nuclear weapons programme. The papers authored by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's close aide in 1968, clearly articulated the need for nuclear-tipped inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and SSBNs to target the population centres of Eastern China.

When the GNI project is seen through a straw, it appears to be a lonely, indefensible island outpost. The story of blind men feeling different parts of the elephant comes to mind. When the blindfolds are discarded, a bigger picture emerges of an Indian strategy to create a "first Island chain" around the peninsula.

A network of bases starting from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands extending in a sweep across the Indian Ocean, a base on Agalega Island in Mauritius, a proposed base on Assumption Island in the Seychelles and a naval base on Minicoy Island in the Lakshadweep Islands.

It is a bold Indian project meant to challenge China's naval dominance of the Indo-Pacific. This strategy is a modest version of the current US strategy to militarise its abandoned island fortresses in the Indo-Pacific like Titian, Guam and Palau or even China's creation of 15-square kilometres of artificial islands to create a defensive perimeter in the South China Sea.

In a 2022 paper "Reorienting Indian Military Grand Strategy", Rear Admiral Raja Menon, one of India's foremost strategic thinkers, calls the GNI project the fulcrum of India's response to the growing Chinese naval presence in the Indo-Pacific and a means to offset the pressure by the Chinese along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"If we have to establish superiority over the Malacca Straits, we need a place where we can establish information dominance, a kind of Indian Pearl Harbour (the giant US base in the Pacific). And that is where the GNI project comes in. We need to be there 24/7 over the Malacca Straits, not only establishing information dominance but also denying the enemy information dominance," Menon said.

The ongoing Hormuz crisis demonstrated the advantage of controlling key transport routes. Iran, with a non-existent navy and practically no Air Force, continues to control one of the world's most important energy arteries. This is not to suggest that a GNI project will turn India into a regional hegemon; rather, it is one that will enable New Delhi to exercise credible military options in a crisis.

Indian warships, submarines and anti-submarine aircraft based in GNI are closer to three other critical deep-water maritime passages, The Ombai-Wetar Straits, the Sunda and the Lombok Straits. These are critical, deep-water maritime passages in the Indonesian archipelago which serve as vital alternative shipping routes to Malacca and key linkages between the Pacific and the Indian Oceans. The Lombok Strait, for instance, is a deep passage preferred by supertankers and submarines as they transit to the waters of the Indian Ocean.

The GNI is also close to the "land bridge" project to link two ports on either side of the Kra Isthmus in southern Thailand, which will allow shipping vessels to bypass the congested Strait of Malacca by saving approximately 1,200 km and several days off maritime journeys. Vessels from the land bridge project will pass through the 10 degree channel between the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**Eastern Wall of India's Bastion**

A robust Indian presence on the GNI could also be a key enabler of India's nuclear strategy that relies on a triad of land, air and sea-launched weapons. The sea leg relies on a small but growing fleet of Arihant class SSBNs. These submarines are built in Visakhapatnam and will eventually be based in underground pens carved into a granite mountain in Rambilli, over 60 kilometres south of Visakhapatnam.

The base will allow submarines to stealthily enter the Bay of Bengal. It is difficult to spot submarines once they sail out into the open ocean. Hence, SSBNs form the most secure and survivable leg of the nuclear triad.

The current missile ranges of the K-4 missiles, around 3,500 km, mean the Arihant class submarines will need to launch their missiles from the northern and eastern parts of the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea. Newer submarines of the S-5 project that are under construction will fire longer-ranged missiles like the K-5 and K-6 from the centre of the Bay of Bengal. The Bay, thus, becomes crucial to India's sea-based nuclear deterrent, a bastion from whose safety Indian SSBNs can target both its nuclear-armed adversaries.

This fact has not been lost on the Chinese who have surged oceanographic vessels and spy ships into the Indian Ocean Region. Recently, Chinese Unmanned Underwater Vehicles (UUVs) or gliders have been recovered near Indonesian waters near the Lombok Strait.

It would not be unreasonable to expect that the Chinese have already planted such "listening devices" on the seabed near India. In times of conflict, these could be used to locate Indian submarines which could then be interdicted by roving Chinese submarines. It thus becomes vital for India to base ASW aircraft on the Andaman Islands from where they can detect and track Chinese submarines.

Currently, only the eastern shores of this "Indian lake" are defended. The dual-use GNI will anchor the southern end of a chain of island fortresses and airfields on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Indian ASW aircraft can detect and track Chinese warships and submarines entering the Bay of Bengal. A well-developed GNI island fortress thus becomes extremely vital for India's great power ambitions well into the middle of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. (Source: India Today)

**CRC organizes summer camp on .....**

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CRC, expressed happiness over the overwhelming response received for the programme and highlighted the importance of innovative teaching methods in inclusive education. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from scores of parents, caregivers and Divyang children who visited the exhibition and interacted with the 42 trainee teachers, accompanied by their faculty members to understand the usefulness of the innovative models and TLMs prepared for enhancing conceptual understanding and learning among children with special needs.

During the exhibition, the trainee teachers explained the utility of the models and TLMs in academics, conceptual learning and daily living skills for Divyang children. The programme served as an interactive learning platform for students, parents and rehabilitation professionals. Later, prizes were distributed to the winners under first, second and third categories, while all other participants were presented with gifts as a token of appreciation for their active participation and contribution towards promoting inclusive education, a press release received here said.

**Nicobari Folk Music Concert .....**

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Bahujan Sukhay.' Welcoming the gathering, Assistant Director (Programme), Ms Meena Prakash said that Akashvani has been serving the nation for the last 90 years by preserving and promoting India's rich cultural heritage, folk traditions and diverse art forms. The programme was gracefully anchored by retired Senior Announcer Zakir Hussain. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Programme Executive Ms Jaisheela, a press release received here said.

**ANIIMS conducts workshop .....**

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MBBS students to walk them through the full architecture of drafting a competitive ICMR Short Term Studentship (STS) research proposals.

The workshop forms part of ANIIMS's broader academic vision of embedding a research-oriented ethos from the undergraduate stage onward and reinforces the Department of Community Medicine's continuing role as a hub for research and capacity-building at the institute. For students at an island medical institute, structured faculty-led training directly addresses the access gap that separates them from mainland peers and is intended to translate into a measurable rise in ANIIMS submissions in the current and upcoming cycles. A successful ICMR-STs award offers undergraduate students' early exposure to research methodology, structured mentorship under qualified medical faculty, an opportunity for peer-reviewed publication and a documented academic distinction, making proposal submission and selection rates a recognised institutional indicator of research culture, a press release from ANIIMS said.



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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

**For Empanelment and Contractual Engagement of Professional Expert (Advisor to Board)**

Post	Professional Expert (Advisor to Board, Non-Executive)
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Educational Qualification	<b>Mandatory:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chartered Accountant (CA) or Cost Accountant or Company Secretary.</li> <li>Retired Banker (Commercial Banks/PSUs: AGM &amp; above / Cooperative Banks: GM &amp; above).</li> <li>MBA (Finance) / Post Graduate in Commerce / Economics / Business Management.</li> <li>Advocate with legal/auditing relevant professional standing.</li> <li>Post Graduate in Agriculture or allied fields.</li> </ul>
Experience	Minimum 15 years of post-qualification experience in banking, finance, audit, legal, agriculture finance, risk management, or regulatory compliance, preferably in financial institutions or regulated entities.
Age	40-65 years as on the date of application
Location	Non-Transferrable, exclusively at Sri Vijaya Puram, Head Office
Remuneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sitting Fee: Rs. 10,000/- per meeting.</li> <li>TA/DA: It shall be admissible as per Bank norms, aligned with those applicable to Directors of the Board within the jurisdiction of A&amp;N Islands.</li> </ul>
Tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractual for 01 year, extendable at the discretion of the Bank.</li> </ul>
Key Duties & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure professionalism in the Board of the bank, they should provide technical advice to strengthen governance, financial discipline, regulatory compliance, and professional making decision like dealing with public money, banking operations, loans, investments and other relevant norms.</li> <li>To advise the Board on Governance&amp;oversight/forecast.</li> <li>To advise the bank on financial discipline and existing cum emerging risk management aspects of the bank.</li> <li>To advise the Board on maintaining the Regulatory compliance mandatorily as per RBI &amp; NABARD statutory guidelines issued time to time.</li> <li>The role shall be purely advisory, and non-executive or decision-making powers shall be vested upon Board.</li> </ul>
Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short listing based on eligibility and experience.</li> <li>Interaction/assessment by Board of Management or any selection committee authorised by the Board.</li> <li>Final selection at the discretion of the Board of Management.</li> </ul>
Application submission	Application submitted both in physical form and through email shall be accepted. However, incomplete applications in physical form or applications forwarded through e-mail without the essential document listed above, shall be rejected, without assigning any reasons thereof.
Legal Status of Engagement/Empanelment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Engagement/Empanelment shall be purely on contractual, advisory and non-executive basis in nature.</li> <li>The selected professional shall not be a Director or member of the Board in their capacity as a Professional Expert.</li> <li>Participation in meetings of the Board/Managing Committee/Sub-Committees/committees, shall be as an invitee, without any voting rights, decision-making authority, or quorum recognition.</li> <li>The Engagement/Empanelment shall strictly be done under as per the RBI fit and proper criteria – master directions 28 Nov. 2025.</li> <li>The Engagement/Empanelment shall not be construed as an appointment under the Cooperative Societies Act or Banking Regulation Act (AACs).</li> </ul>
General Terms and Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incomplete, defective, or non-compliant applications shall be summarily rejected without assigning any reason.</li> <li>The Bank reserves the absolute right to accept, reject, shortlist, modify, cancel, suspend, or withdraw this EOI/engagement process at any stage, without prior notice and without assigning any reason.</li> <li>This EOI does not confer any right, claim, or legitimate expectation of empanelment or engagement.</li> <li>The applicant shall mandatorily disclose any conflict of interest (actual, potential, or perceived) at the time of application and on a continuing basis; failure to do so shall lead to immediate termination.</li> <li>The selected professional shall be bound by strict confidentiality obligations, including non-disclosure of any information obtained during the course of engagement, in any form (oral, written, digital, or otherwise), even after cessation of engagement. The professional expert shall not act as an office bearer of any committee/sub-committee of the bank.</li> <li>The engagement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Bank's registered Bye-laws, applicable Cooperative laws, and regulatory directions, and shall not confer any rights inconsistent therewith.</li> <li>The engagement shall be non-transferable and non-assignable.</li> <li>Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this engagement shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of courts/authorities at Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands.</li> </ul>

Applications, complete in all respects, along with bio-data, self-attested copies of supporting documents, and duly signed declarations, shall be submitted either by hand delivery, or through Speed Post/Courier, or through email at the address/email ID specified below. Any applications received without the aforesaid enclosures and above the stipulated timeframe will not be accepted.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION: 05.06.2026

AGM (Establishment)

A & N State Co-operative Bank Ltd.  
98, Maulana Azad Road, Phoenix Bay  
Head Office, Sri Vijaya Puram – 744101

The detailed Expression of Interest (EOI) alongwith applications format which is to be filled up and submission with due authorized signatory including terms & conditions, duties and responsibilities and other criteria also available on Bank's website ([www.anscbank.in](http://www.anscbank.in)) and Bank's Notice Board.

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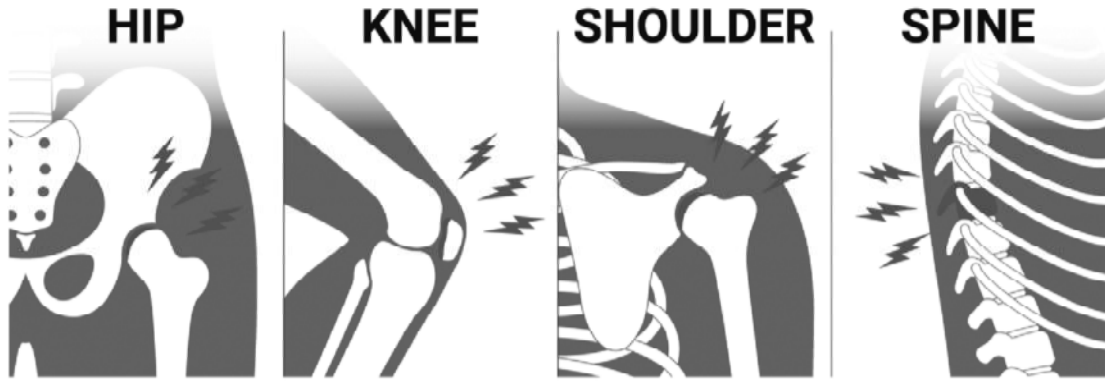
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## NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Dt: 14/05/2026

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Ltd. (ANIIDCO), Sri Vijaya Puram invites online e-tenders for appointment of Contractor for handling/transportation of IMFL/BEER/RTD/Wine products from Chennai to Sri Vijaya Puram for a period of two years commencing from the date of work order. Detailed tender document containing terms & conditions can be downloaded from website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in> or can be obtained from Sr. Manager (IMFL), ANIIDCO Ltd., Vikas Bhawan, Sri Vijaya Puram -744101 during office working hours on all working days upto 29/05/2026.

The last date for receipt of online e-tenders is upto 02.00 PM on 01/06/2026 which shall be opened on the same day at 04.30 PM.

General Manager (IMFL)  
ANIIDCO Limited

No :M/55/2025-O/o SM(IMFL)-ANIIDCO\_AN (E. 136229)/723  
I.D. No. 12109

## TENDER NOTICE

PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Panchawati, Distt. North & Middle Andaman invites sealed tenders from authorized/reputed

Firms/Agencies/Suppliers/Contractors/Manufacturers for the Academic Session 2026-27 for supply/services of the following items:

1. Vegetables & Fruits
2. Chicken, Mutton, Eggs & Fish
3. Washing & Ironing Services
4. Hair Cutting Services
5. Bakery Items
6. Tuck Shop

Tender forms will be available from 17.05.2026 to 06.06.2026 between 09:00 AM to 04:00 PM from the Vidyalaya office on payment of Rs.200/- (non-refundable) per tender. Tender documents may also be downloaded from the Vidyalaya website: <https://www.navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/North-and-Middle-Andaman/en/home/index.html>

In case of downloaded tender forms, a separate Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of Principal JNV, Panchawati of Rs.200/- per tender towards tender fee must be enclosed compulsorily. No other mode of payment will be accepted. Tenders without prescribed tender fee or not fulfilling tender conditions shall be rejected summarily.

Each tender must be submitted in two separate envelopes i.e. Envelope-1 (Technical Bid) & Envelope-2 (Financial Bid). Both envelopes should be sealed in one outer envelope. Tender forms will be accepted only up to 04:00 PM on 06.06.2026. No tender shall be accepted thereafter.

Tender opening date: 08.06.2026 at 11:00 AM in the presence of PAC Committee at PM SHRI JNV Panchawati, North & Middle Andaman.

Note: The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender fully or partially without assigning any reason. Jurisdiction shall be North & Middle Andaman District only.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY

On 18/05/2026



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NIT No. ANIIDCO/CW/25-26/TD - 29  
Name of Work : Repair and maintenance of milk Chilling Centre at Subhashgram, Diglipur.

Estimate cost : Rs.4,57,157/-  
Tender/Bid processing Fee : NA  
Earnest Money : Rs.9,145/-  
Period of Completion : 30 Days  
Bid document publishing Date : 15.05.2026  
Bid document Download/Start Date : 16.05.2026 at 10:00 AM  
Bid Submission Start Date : 25.05.2026 at 10:00 AM  
Bid Submission End Date : 01.06.2026 upto 03:00 PM  
Bid Opening Date : 02.06.2026 at 11:00 AM

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.  
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### 1st Death Anniversary

On 18/05/2026

SHREE KUMAR  
(Ex. Higher Grade Clerk, A&N Administration)

"It's been a year since you left us but not a day goes by that you're not in our hearts."  
'Miss you always'

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