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Partially cloudy sky and very light to light rain accompanied by thunder is likely over Sri Vijaya Puram. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 32.0°C and 25.0°C respectively on Sunday 18/10/2026.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 32.1
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 070
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 086
Sunrise time on 18/10/2026 (in IST): 0509
Sunset time on 18/10/2026 (in IST): 1700
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm:000.2
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2026 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 1909.7



Weather Report

District Administration, South Andaman intensifies measures for Containment and Control of African Swine Fever (ASF)

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
A District Task Force meeting was held today in the Conference Hall, District Office, South Andaman, under the chairpersonship of the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman to review the prevailing situation arising out of the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and to ensure coordinated containment measures.

Representatives of the major line departments, including the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPNC), Health Department and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department attended the meeting, wherein the prevailing situation and necessary measures were deliberated upon.

The Committee members present at the meeting were directed to intensify surveillance, identify affected areas, maintain close monitoring, undertake authorised culling operations and ensure the safe disposal of pig carcasses. The Member Secretary (AH&VS) was further directed to maintain proper records to facilitate



the verification and processing of eligible compensation claims.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed the formation of island-level operational teams to ensure effective coordination and implementation of containment measures. The Revenue Department, SVPNC, Rural Development Department, Police, Food Safety Department and other concerned agencies were instructed to extend all necessary assistance in field operations, public awareness activities and enforcement of

applicable restrictions to prevent further spread of the disease.

The concerned department/officers were further directed to sensitise Panchayati Raj Institution representatives, local communities, market associations, pork suppliers and retailers regarding preventive measures and compliance with official advisories. The Tribal Welfare Department shall disseminate appropriate advisories to tribal communities in coordination with the competent authorities. The respective Assistant Commissioners shall coordinate

containment and surveillance measures in South Andaman District.

The Food Safety Officers were directed to give wide publicity to the notification issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services dated 16.10.2026. All pork suppliers, retailers and other stakeholders dealing in pork and pork-related food products were instructed to strictly comply with the said notification and all other applicable directions issued by the competent authorities.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to accord highest priority to the matter, maintain close interdepartmental coordination and ensure immediate and time-bound implementation of the decisions taken during the meeting.

The general public is advised to remain calm, follow official advisories and promptly report suspected cases to the concerned veterinary authorities. For assistance, the District Control Room may be contacted at 112/ 1070 / 1077 for emergency assistance, a press release from DC SA said.

Political Parties urged to submit contact details for upcoming General Elections to Municipalities & Panchayats

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
In view of the forthcoming General Elections to Municipalities and Panchayats, all registered National and State Political Parties have been requested to submit the details of their party address, contact number, names and contact details

of office bearers and other designated representatives, to the District Election Cell. The information is required to facilitate smooth communication and coordination between the District Administration and political parties and to maintain records for

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Directorate of IP&T invites applications for skill development training prog.

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
The Directorate of Tourism, Andaman & Nicobar Administration conducting capacity building training programme for Coach, Cab & Auto Drivers/ Tourist Transport Operators on sustainable tourism practices under the Raising and Accelerating MSME

Performance (RAMP) Tourism Interventions 2026-27. Limited seats are available.

In this regard, the application form in the prescribed format may be submitted in the google link <https://forms.gle/K5vnXZzLdzmqjYo79> on or before 30th October, 2026 by 3 PM, a press release from IP&T said.

Applications invited for Professional Chef upskilling prog.

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
The Directorate of Tourism, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, has invited applications from interested youths, eateries, hotels, restaurants, SHGs for Professional Chef upskilling programme under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Tourism Interventions, 2026-27. Limited seats are

available.

In this regard, the application form in the prescribed format may be submitted to the Planning Section Directorate of Tourism, A&N Administration or fill in the google form in the link <https://forms.gle/i9iruK1s5fySWfji7> on or before 30th October, 2026 by 3 PM, a press release from IP&T Deptt. said.

Awareness prog. on drug abuse for NCC cadets held at JNRM

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
As part of the nationwide Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan (Drug-Free India Campaign), a team from Indian Coast Guard Ship Vijit conducted an awareness programme on the ill-effects of substance abuse for approximately 100 Naval and Army NCC cadets at JNRM yesterday. The programme

highlighted the harmful effects of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances on physical and mental health, as well as their social, legal and economic consequences. The cadets were encouraged to make informed choices, adopt a healthy lifestyle and stay away from substance abuse, a press release from NU NCC said.

SVPMC constitutes Special Task Force to contain African Swine Fever; seeks public cooperation

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, issued a Notification dated 16th October, 2026, notifying Sri Vijaya Puram as an infected area (epicentre) of African Swine Fever (ASF) in pigs. In view of this, Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPMC) has constituted a Special Task Force with immediate effect. The Task Force will work in close coordination with

the AH&VS Department, the A&N Administration and the A&N Police to prevent and contain the spread of the disease within the municipal limits.

African Swine Fever does not infect humans and poses no direct risk to human health. It is, however, a highly contagious viral disease of pigs that causes high mortality. There is no vaccine or specific treatment, so strict preventive measures are essential to stop its spread.

The Special Task Force will regularly inspect areas where pigs are kept, reared, transported or found roaming. It will identify and maintain records of pig owners, pig-rearing locations, stray pigs and suspected affected areas. Sick or dead pigs will be reported immediately to the veterinary authorities for testing and further action. The Task Force will also enforce movement restrictions, isolation and other containment

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Island Coconut Festival-2026 with the theme 'Celebrating Coconut - Culture - Cuisine - Crafts of the Islands' to be held on October 24 & 25

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in collaboration with the allied departments, is celebrating 3rd Edition of the Island Coconut Festival-2026, on 24th and 25th October, 2026 at the ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram with the theme

"Celebrating Coconut - Culture - Cuisine - Crafts of the Islands from 4 PM to 9 PM. The festival will celebrate the rich cultural heritage, culinary traditions, handicrafts and livelihood opportunities associated with coconut in the Islands.

With the aim of actively engaging islanders and tourists in the celebration of the rich

cultural heritage and diverse uses of coconut, the department has curated an exciting array of workshops, competitions and activities centred on the theme of the Island Coconut Carnival-2026. All islanders, tourists, children, youth, artisans, entrepreneurs and coconut enthusiasts are warmly

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Closing ceremony of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 Campaign held

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
The Closing Ceremony of the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign was held today. The programme highlighted the cleanliness initiatives and community participation undertaken across the Blocks during the campaign. Dr. Apurva Sharma, Director (RD/P), as the chief guest outlined the objectives and key initiatives of the SHS 2026 Campaign, emphasizing community participation, cleanliness, waste segregation and sustainable sanitation practices.

Subsequently, a video presentation featuring the major activities and achievements of SHS 2026 across the Blocks was



screened, showcasing the concerted efforts of Panchayati Raj Institutions, field functionaries, students and local communities in promoting cleanliness and environmental awareness.

Elected representatives, Block-level functionaries from CD Blocks Prothrapur and Ferrargunj, and

officials and staff of the Directorate attended the programme.

Ten selected sanitation workers/Safai Mitras from Gram Panchayats under CD Blocks Ferrargunj and Prothrapur were felicitated in recognition of their dedicated service towards maintaining cleanliness and

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Hon'ble MP seeks interim grant-in-aid for Panchayati Raj Institutions

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17
Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, has appealed to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Dinesh Sharma Ji, to provide interim financial assistance to Panchayati

Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the Islands on the lines of the Rs.18.36 crore Grant-in-Aid released to the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council.

In his appeal, the Hon'ble MP also expressed gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor for

releasing funds to the Municipal Council to meet expenditure on essential civic amenities, including internal roads, bridges, water supply, sanitation and other basic services, a press release from Office of the MP said

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Election Commission for UTs

(Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Ladakh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu)

F-Block, M.S Apartments

KG. Marg, New Delhi 110 001

New Delhi 14th October 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The duration of Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samities, Zilla Parishads and Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is due to expire shortly. Hence, general elections to these local bodies are to be conducted before the expiry of their present term.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by rule 7 (1) (c) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 and rule 5 (3) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995, the Election Commission shall hold a draw of lots on 27.10.2026 (Tuesday) at 10.30 am in Community Hall, Zilla Parishad, Mayabunder, to allocate the seats reserved for women in Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samities and Zilla Parishad in North and Middle Andaman.

Further, the Election Commission shall also hold a draw of lots on 28.10.2026 (Wednesday) at 11.30 am at Dr B. R. Ambedkar Auditorium, Sri Vijaya Puram, to allocate the seats reserved for women in Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samities, Zilla Parishad in South Andaman District (Including Campbell Bay) and Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council. Any person or political party desirous to attend the draw is invited for the same.

Sd/-

(SK Gupta)

Secretary

F. No. A/72/2026-O/o JD(HQ)-AHVS_AN/2247

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services

Sri Vijaya Puram

Dated: October, 2026

NOTIFICATION

In view of the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) and the urgent need for coordinated interdepartmental action to prevent its further spread, District Task Forces are hereby constituted with immediate effect in South Andaman, North and Middle Andaman and Nicobar districts, with the following composition:

1. Composition of District Task Forces

Sl. No.	Designation	Role
1.	Deputy Commissioner of the district concerned	Chairman
2.	Superintendent of Police concerned	Member
3.	Divisional Forest Officer(s) concerned	Member
4.	Block Development Officer(s) concerned	Member
5.	District Transport Officer/representative of the Transport Department	Member
6.	District-level officer/representative of the Tribal Welfare Department	Member
7.	District-level officer/representative of the Health Department	Member
8.	Executive Engineer(s), APWD, concerned	Member
9.	Representative of the Civil Aviation Department	Member
10.	Representative of the Directorate of Shipping Services	Member
11.	Zonal Officer, AH&VS/Senior Veterinary Officer designated for the district	Member Secretary

The respective Heads of Departments shall nominate representatives wherever required. The Chairman may co-opt other officers and representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Tribal Councils, local bodies and technical institutions, as necessary.

2. Mandate and functions

The District Task Forces shall undertake the following functions:

1. Planning and coordination: Prepare and implement district-specific action plans in accordance with the National Action Plan for Control, Containment and Eradication of African Swine Fever and directions issued by the competent authorities, specifying responsibilities, resources, operational arrangements and timelines.

2. Surveillance and reporting: Coordinate surveillance, identification of pig-rearing locations, maintenance of pig population and ownership records, and immediate reporting of suspected cases and unusual mortality to AH&VS for examination, sampling and necessary action.

3. Containment and movement control: Ensure implementation of notified restrictions relating to movement, transportation, sale and other regulated activities involving pigs, pork, pig products, feed and potentially contaminated materials, including at road, sea and air transit points.

4. Veterinary operations: Facilitate personnel, security, transport, machinery and other logistical support for disease investigation, authorised humane culling and related operations under the supervision of competent veterinary authorities.

5. Safe disposal and disinfection: Identify suitable sites and arrange resources for safe disposal of carcasses and contaminated materials, including community deep burial pits wherever prescribed, in consultation with veterinary authorities and subject to applicable environmental requirements. Cleaning and disinfection of affected premises, vehicles and equipment shall also be ensured.

6. Community and field coordination: Coordinate with Assistant Commissioners, Panchayats, Tribal Councils, village functionaries and other stakeholders for prompt reporting, field operations and community cooperation.

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TB Mukti Panchayat Rallies organised at Keralapuram & Shibpur Gram Panchayats

Diglipur, Oct. 17
Awareness rallies were organized at Keralapuram and Shibpur Gram Panchayats yesterday by the Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur to promote public awareness about Tuberculosis (TB) and encourage active community participation in the fight against the disease.

It is a matter of pride that eight Gram Panchayats (GP Keralapuram, GP Shibpur, GP Laxmipur, GP

Gandhi Nagar, GP Kishori Nagar, GP Paschim Sagar, GP Nabagram and GP Kalighat) under Diglipur, N&M Andaman, have been declared TB Mukti and felicitated by Health Department with Bronze Mementos in recognition of their efforts under the TB Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan.

The rallies aimed to promote the concept of TB Mukti Gram Panchayats among the general public, encouraging them to maintain TB Mukti status

with sustained community participation, motivating the Gram Panchayats to strive for the Silver category next year. Awareness rallies are proposed to be conducted in the remaining six Gram Panchayats to sensitize the general public about TB Mukti Panchayats.

The rallies were flagged off by the respective Pradhans of the Gram Panchayats and witnessed active participation from

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BCCI announces India's ODI and Test squads for New Zealand series

New Delhi, Oct. 17

The Board of Control for Cricket in India has announced the Indian men's team squads for the upcoming ODI and Test series against New Zealand. The five-match ODI series begins in Auckland on the 4th of next month, with the final two matches scheduled in Mount Maunganui on 13th and 15th November.

Shubman Gill will captain the side in the first three ODIs before leaving to prepare for the Test series. Shreyas Iyer,



who has been named vice-captain for the opening three matches, will lead the team in the final two ODIs.

Senior batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli feature in both ODI squads. Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has been rested from the ODI

series but included in the Test squad, while all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has been left out of the ODI teams.

Anshul Kamboj has been selected for the first three ODIs, while wicketkeeper-batter Kumar Kushagra joins the squad for the final two matches. Prasidh Krishna's selection for the opening three ODIs is subject to fitness clearance. Gill will also lead India in the Test series, with KL Rahul named vice-captain.

A&N State Women's Chess C'ship to be held on Oct. 25

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct.17

The Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA), affiliated with the All India Chess Federation (AICF), is organising the Andaman & Nicobar State Women's Chess Championship 2026 on Oct. 25 to promote women's participation in chess and strengthen the women's chess community in Isles.

The championship is open to all female players from

the A&N Islands. The last date for registration is Oct. 21. The entry fee is Rs. 400 per player. The top four players in the overall open category will qualify to represent the Islands at the national-level championship.

The championship will be conducted under the Swiss System using a Swiss Manager, with a maximum of seven rounds. The time control will be 15 minutes plus a 5-second

increment per move (15+5), in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. Players can register through both online and offline modes. Online Registration: Registration link: <https://form.svhrt.com/6ad1a2fa3a5593d489762ccd>

For online registration assistance one may contact over phone at 95319 43832 and for Offline Registration at 99332 17055, a press release from ANCA said.

GSSS Bathubasti celebrates 54th Annual Athletic Meet

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct.17

Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS), Bathubasti, South Andaman, celebrated its 54th Annual Sports Day, 'Athlefest 3.0.'. The grand sporting event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students, teachers and staff members, highlighting the importance of physical fitness, discipline, teamwork and the all-round development of students.

The opening ceremony was graced by Shri V.



Vetrivelu, Councillor, Ward No. 19, as the chief guest. The closing ceremony was graced by Smt. Kavitha Udhay

Kumar, Councillor, Ward No. 24, as the chief guest, a press release from GSSS, Bathubasti said.

2nd Block Level Inclusive Sports Meet 2026 for CwSN concludes at Diglipur

Diglipur, Oct. 17

The Block Project Office (BPO), Diglipur, under Inclusive Education Samagra Shiksha, successfully organised the 2nd Block Level Inclusive Sports Meet 2026 for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) on Oct. 15 & 16 at the Multipurpose Hall, Diglipur, under the inspiring theme "Every Child is a Champion." A total of 62 children with special needs participated in various sporting activities organized across different categories and age groups.

The inaugural ceremony on Oct. 15 was graced by Shri M. Krishna Kumar, Executive



Engineer, APWD, as the chief guest. Dr. C. Pushpavalli, Block Project Officer (BPO), Diglipur was also present on the occasion.

A wide range of category-wise sports events for boys and girls was organised, including wheelchair races and other

activities suited to the abilities and needs of the participating children.

The concluding ceremony was graced by Shri P. Singaram, Pradhan, Subhashgram Gram Panchayat declared the sports meet closed, a press release from BPO Diglipur said.

IRCA Nicobar organises Volleyball Championship & Zonal- Level Inter-School Quiz Competitions

Campbell Bay, Oct. 17

Under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA), the Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA), ICDS (Tribal Project), Nicobar District, organised a Volleyball Championship and Zonal-Level Inter-School Quiz Competitions on the theme "Let's Build a Drug-Free Nicobar."

The Volleyball Championship was organised at Campbell Bay in collaboration with the District Administration and Gram Panchayat, Campbell Bay yesterday. A total of 6 teams participated in the tournament, which promoted sportsmanship, teamwork, youth engagement and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The Pradhan, Gram



Panchayat Campbell Bay, Smt. Rameshwari, as the chief guest emphasised the importance of community participation in preventing substance abuse. Shri Tanesh Indwar, Project Coordinator, IRCA Nicobar, highlighted the role of sports in engaging youth in constructive activities and spreading awareness about substance abuse. The players took the NMBA Pledge

before every match, reaffirming their commitment to a healthy and substance-free lifestyle.

The Zonal-Level Inter-School Quiz Competitions were organised in collaboration with the Education Department, Nicobar District, in which 18 schools participated, a press release from ICDS (TP), Car Nicobar said.

Block Level inclusive sports meet for CwSNs held



Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17

Block Project Office, Wimberlygunj Block organized a two-day block level sports meet for Children with Special Needs (CwSNs) on 15th & 16th October, 2026 at Wimberlygunj Mini Stadium and Auditorium of GSSS Wimberlygunj. Dr. Nargis Anwar, Medical Officer (Homoeo), PHC Ferrargunj as chief guest of the inaugural function appreciated the initiative of Samagra Shiksha and BPO Wimberlygunj for organizing inclusive sports for special children. Shri. Venkat Ram Babu, Gram Panchayat Pradhan, Wimberlygunj was the guest of honour.

A total number of 70 CwSN students from



different schools under Wimberlygunj Block participated with great enthusiasm in various outdoor and indoor inclusive sports conducted over the two days of sports events.

All participants were encouraged and winners were felicitated. On the concluding day, medals and certificates were distributed to winners and participants by the chief guest, a press release from BRC Wimberlygunj said.

Closing ceremony of Swachhata Hi Seva.....

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sanitation.

CD Block Ferrargunj

1. Shri Sameer Soreng - Gram Panchayat Mannarghat
2. Shri Tushu Kumari - Gram Panchayat Guptapara
3. Shri V. Mariamma - Gram Panchayat Shorepoint
4. Shri Prasanjit - Gram Panchayat Chouldari
5. Shri Anos Kujur - Gram Panchayat Wandoor
CD Block Prothrapur

1. Shri Bhusan Kullu - Gram Panchayat Calicut
2. Shri Karthik - Gram Panchayat Beodnabad
3. Shri S. Ramu - Gram Panchayat Sippighat
4. Shri Ravi Malto - Gram Panchayat Shyam Nagar
5. Shri A. Tennarasi - Gram Panchayat Neil Kendra
Felicitations of School Students

School students were felicitated for their achievements in competitions conducted under the themes "Four Ways Segregation" and "Clean & Green Villages." The details of the selected students and their positions are as follows:

1. CD Block Ferrargunj

A. Government Secondary School - Theme: 'Four Ways Segregation'

1. First Position: Ms. Sahana Bibi, GSS, Namunaghar
2. Second Position: Ms. Gunjan Kerketta, GSS, Namunaghar
3. Third Position: Ms. K. Pranati, GSS, Namunaghar
B. Government Senior Secondary School - Theme: 'Clean & Green Villages'

1. First Position: Ms. Sakshita Chakraborty, GMSSS, Ferrargunj
2. Second Position: Ms. Shakchi Kullu, GMSSS, Ferrargunj
3. Third Position: Shri Nishant Ekka, GMSSS, Ferrargunj

2. CD Block Prothrapur

A. Government Secondary School - Theme: 'Four Ways Segregation'

1. First Position: Shri Mohd. Ummer, GMS, Calicut
2. Second Position: Ms. Priyanka Kar, GMS, Calicut
3. Third Position: Shri Dip Mondal, GMS, Calicut
B. Government Senior Secondary School - Theme: 'Clean & Green Villages'

1. First Position: Ms. Saloni, GSSS, Rangachang
2. Second Position: Ms. R. Gopika, GSSS, Rangachang
3. Third Position: Ms. Tanu Gupta, GSSS, Rangachang

The felicitation recognized the valuable contribution of sanitation workers and the active participation of students in promoting responsible waste management, source segregation and the vision of clean and green villages, a press release from Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs said.

Cargo vessel MV Chuglam to sail for Campbell Bay on Oct. 27

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 17

The cargo vessel MV Chuglam will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 27.10.2026 at 1600 Hrs from Junglighthat Jetty 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 19.10.2026 onwards between 0900 Hrs & 1200 Hrs at Commercial Wing. Loading of cargo will commence on 22.10.2026.

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

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7. **Forest and wildlife coordination:** Coordinate with the Forest Department regarding suspected disease or unusual mortality in wild pigs and preventive measures at the interface between domestic pigs and wildlife.

8. **Public awareness:** Disseminate clear advisories on biosecurity, disease reporting, notified restrictions and authorised disposal procedures, while preventing panic and misinformation.

9. **Compensation and resources:** Monitor compensation verification and documentation, resolve operational difficulties and promptly refer additional resource requirements to the Directorate of AH&VS.

3. **Island-level operational arrangements**

The respective Deputy Commissioners may constitute island-level operational teams under the concerned Assistant Commissioner or an appropriate administrative officer, with the jurisdictional Senior Veterinary Officer/Veterinary Officer coordinating technical operations.

These teams shall implement the directions of the District Task Force and submit regular action taken reports through the district reporting mechanism.

4. **Separate arrangements for the municipal area**

For areas falling within the jurisdiction of Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPMC), prevention, control, containment and related field operations shall be undertaken separately through a Municipal Task Force notified under the chairmanship of the Secretary, SVPMC.

The Municipal Task Force shall coordinate with the District Task Force, South Andaman, and the Department of AH&VS for veterinary guidance, enforcement support, resources, compensation verification and consolidated reporting. The Secretary, SVPMC, shall ensure deployment of municipal personnel, sanitation teams, vehicles and other necessary resources for these operations.

5. **Island-level Compensation Verification Teams**

The respective Deputy Commissioners shall notify Island-level Compensation Verification Teams for the affected islands within their jurisdictions where Assistant Commissioners or senior officers of the administration are not posted, comprising:

Sl. No.	Designation	Role
1.	Tehsildar/Deputy Tehsildar or designated Revenue Officer	Chairman
2.	Jurisdictional Senior Veterinary Officer/Veterinary Officer	Member
3.	Representative of the BDO/local body concerned	Member

For the municipal area, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, shall notify the Compensation Verification Team with a representative of SVPMC as the local body member. The Team shall function in coordination with the Municipal Task Force chaired by the Secretary, SVPMC.

The Compensation Verification Teams shall:

1. Verify ownership, number and identification particulars of pigs proposed for authorised culling and record the measurements/weight required for determining the prescribed carcass-weight classification.
2. Complete verification before culling, in coordination with the veterinary operational team, and maintain authenticated records, photographs and acknowledgement of the owner.
3. Verify and record the quantity of animal feed destroyed during authorised containment operations.
4. Maintain records of authorised culling and disposal, verify beneficiary bank account particulars and supporting documents, and submit recommendations to the respective Deputy Commissioner for processing eligible compensation claims.

6. **Compensation provisions**

Compensation for pigs culled and animal feed destroyed during authorised ASF containment operations shall be regulated strictly in accordance with Office Memorandum No. K-11053/8/2017-LH dated 28th May, 2020, issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, and applicable subsequent amendments/orders.

Compensation shall be assessed on the prescribed carcass-weight classification and applicable rates. Payment shall be made directly into the beneficiary's bank account through RTGS/NEFT, as prescribed in the aforesaid Office Memorandum.

Verification by the duly notified Compensation Verification Team shall be mandatory for processing compensation claims. The Deputy Commissioners shall ensure timely deployment of these Teams alongside veterinary operational teams so that verification and documentation do not delay containment operations.

7. **Meetings, reporting and implementation**

The District Task Forces and Municipal Task Force shall convene immediately and thereafter meet as frequently as required. Proceedings, operational records and action taken reports shall be maintained.

Daily situation reports during active outbreak operations shall be submitted to the Director, AH&VS, with a copy to the Secretary, AH&VS. Reports from the municipal area shall also be shared with the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, for district-level consolidation. Urgent requirements and significant developments shall be reported immediately.

All departments concerned shall extend necessary cooperation and assistance.

This notification shall take effect immediately and remain in force until further orders.

This has the approval of the Competent Authority

Sd/-
Director (AH&VS)
Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services
Andaman and Nicobar Administration

Political Parties urged to submit contact details (Contd. from page 1)

election-related correspondence. All concerned political parties have been requested to submit the details to the District Election Cell either in person or via email tehsildarelectionpme@gmail.com on or before Oct. 25, a press release from DC (SA) said.

SVPMC constitutes Special Task Force to contain.....

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measures as directed by the veterinary authorities. In addition, it will ensure the safe handling and deep burial of carcasses as per prescribed norms, and manage stray pigs in consultation with veterinary officials. Affected locations, equipment and vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected. Pig owners, residents and vendors will be informed about the preventive measures and restrictions in force.

SVPMC appeals to all residents, pig owners, vendors and traders to cooperate fully in controlling the disease. Pig owners are requested to keep their pigs confined, not allow them to roam freely, and keep sick pigs separate from healthy ones. Any sick or dead pig should be reported immediately to SVPMC or the nearest Veterinary Officer. While the restrictions are in force, the public is requested not to buy, sell, transport or bring in live pigs, pork or pork products. Pig carcasses or waste should not be dumped in drains, open spaces, creeks or the sea, and pig sheds and their surroundings should be kept clean and disinfected. Citizens are also requested to extend full cooperation to the Task Force teams during inspections and field operations, a press release SVPMC said.

Island Coconut Festival-2026 with the theme 'Celebrating

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invited to participate wholeheartedly, showcase their talents, share their creativity and are part of this vibrant celebration of the island's coconut culture and traditions.

S. No.	Date	Workshop / Competition / Activity	Details
1	24.10.2026	Coconut-themed Painting Workshop (For Children)	A hands-on workshop to encourage children to explore their creativity and artistic talents in collaboration with Education Department.
2	25.10.2026	Coconut-themed Handicraft - making Workshop (For Children)	An engaging workshop to inspire children to create handicrafts using coconut and its by-products. Resource person Ms. Sobha Rani & Ms. Kamala SHGs through RD Deptt.
3	24.10.2026	Coconut De-husking Competition (Both men and women category)	Opportunity for participants to showcase their traditional coconut de-husking skills in separate categories for men and women. The Agriculture Deptt. will coordinate.
4	24.10.2026	Coconut Cooking Competition (Open to all)	Opportunity to showcase culinary skills through coconut-based dishes. Participants must bring the prepared food. Only garnishing is allowed on the spot. For registration pl. contact Ms. Reshma, Consultant, RD Deptt. - 7063970389
5	24.10.2026	Coconut-based Art and Handicraft Competition (Open to all)	An opportunity to showcase creativity through coconut-based art and handicrafts. For registration pl. contact Ms. Reshma, Consultant, RD Deptt. - 7063970389
6		Allotment of Stall	Applications are invited from hoteliers, restaurant owners, food stall operators, artisans, SHGs, NGO, cultural associations to showcase their products, culinary specialities during the Carnival. Application forms may be obtained from Directorate of IP&T. Last date for receiving of applications is on 22.10.2026.

Showcase your talent. Promote your products. Celebrate the rich Coconut Heritage of Our Islands, a press release from Directorate of Tourism said.

Andaman and Nicobar Administration
Secretariat

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 5TH October 2026

VACANCY NOTICE

Vacancy Circular for appointment of Superintending Engineer in
Andaman Public Works Department, A&N Administration on deputation
(ISTC) basis for a period of 03 years.

The Andaman & Nicobar propose to fill up one **(01) post of Superintending Engineer (Civil)**, (General Central Service) Group 'A' Gazetted (Ministerial) carrying the Pay Level-13 (Rs. 123100-215900) in the Andaman Public Works Department under A&N Administration on deputation (ISTC) basis for a period of three (03) years from the officers under the Central Govt./State Government/Union Territory Administration/Public Sector undertakings/Universities/recognized Research Institutions/Semi Govt./autonomous or statutory organization and possessing the following experience and other eligibility conditions of appointment.

Deputation (Including short term contract):
Officers under the Central Government/State Govt./UT Administration /PSUs/ Universities/recognized Research Institutions/Semi-Government or Autonomous Bodies or Statutory Organization:-

(a)
(i) *holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre/department.*
OR
(ii) *with five years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in Level-12 (Rs. 78800-209200) in the Pay Matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; OR*
(iii) *with ten years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in Level - 11 (Rs. 67700-208700) in the Pay Matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; AND*
(b) *Possessing the following educational qualification and experience*
i. *Degree in Civil Engineering of a recognized University/Institute*
OR
Having passed Part 'A & B' Examination of the institution of Engineers (India) in Civil Engineering
ii. *10 years experience in Planning or Execution or Maintenance of Civil Engineering Projects.*

The departmental officer in the feeder category who are in the direct line of Promotion will not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, Deputationist shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.
(Period of Deputation (ISTC) including period of Deputation (ISTC) in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other Organization/Department of the Central Govt. shall ordinarily not to exceed five years. The maximum age limit for appointment by Deputation (ISTC) shall be not exceeding 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of applications).
Note: For the purpose of appointment on Deputation basis, the service rendered on regular basis by an officer, prior to 01.01.2016, the date from which the revised pay structures based on the Vllth CPC recommendation has been extended, shall be deemed to be the service rendered in the corresponding Grade Pay/Pay scale extended based on the recommendations of the Pay Commission except where there has been merger of more than one pre-revised Pay Scale of Pay into one Grade with a common Grade Pay/Pay Scale and where this benefit will extend only for the post(s) for which the Grade Pay/Pay scale is the normal replacement grade without any upgradation.

The eligible officers are requested to apply for the post and applications of such eligible candidate as are desirous of being considered for the aforesaid post and who can be relieved immediately on selection may be forwarded alongwith the bio-data (in duplicate) in the prescribed application form together with the following documents. The closing date for receiving applications will be within 45 days from the date of publication of this circular.

List of documents to be attached with the nomination:-

i. Statement of Bio-data in the prescribed Proforma (as per Annexure-I) in duplicate duly signed by the Volunteering Officer and forwarded through proper channel.
ii. Vigilance clearance certificate.
iii. Integrity Certificate.

iv. Statement of Penalty (Major/Minor) imposed if any.
v. ACR dossier of ACRs for the last five years (it may kindly be noted that in case of photo of ACRs the same should be attested one each page by an officer not below the rank of Under Secretary or equivalent rank).

The application form for this purpose can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Engineer, APWD, Nirman Bhawan, Sri Vijaya Puram, A&N Islands, PIN- 744101. Applications can also be downloaded from the website of the A&N Administration as well as APWD viz. <https://andamannicobar.gov.in> or <https://apwd.and.nic.in>.

The application and the bio-data duly specifying (i) the name (ii) address (iii) date of birth (iv) education qualifications (v) detail of present employees (vi) the details of post presently held (vii) present pay scale (viii)present salary (ix)details of experiences (x) vigilance clearance certificate (xi) Integrity certificate (xii) Statement of penalty (Major/Minor) impose, of any and (xiii) ACRs dossier of ACRs for the last five years and forwarded by the employer should reach the office of the Deputy Secretary (PWD), Room No. 139, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Secretariat, Sri Vijaya Puram, 744101 within 45 days from the date of publication of this circular.

Incomplete applications and applications forwarded without the complete set of essential documents listed above, shall be rejected. Candidates who apply for the post will not be allowed to withdraw their candidature subsequently.

Deputy Secretary (PWD)
A&N Administration
(F.No. A-3501080/1/2024-Estt.Sec.I-CE-APWD
F. No. 2-62/2019-PWD(PF)/ 598

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

1. In addition to pay the selected persons will be entitled to DA as admissible.

2. Special compensatory allowance and Island Special Allowance as admissible under rules.

3. Rent free unfurnished accommodation subject to general review from time to time.

4. Free sea passage once in a year for self and family members while proceeding / returning from leave in accordance with the orders in force from time to time.

5. Deputation allowance as admissible under rules.

6. Tenure: Initially for a period of 03 (Three) years, which may be extended, if required in accordance with the rules.

7. They shall be governed by the relevant rules and order in force from time to time in respect of the Government servants of their category serving under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

8. The officer selected for appointment on deputation basis will have the option either to get his pay fixed in the deputations post or to draw pay of the post held by him in his parent department plus deputation allowances in accordance with and, subject to the condition, as modified from time to time and such other general or special orders issued by the Ministry of Finance.

9. The period of deputation of official shall not ordinarily exceed five year. The maximum age limit for appointment on deputation (ISTC) shall not be exceeding 56 years, as on the closing date of receipt of application.

10. The officer once selected shall not be allowed to withdraw or refused to join and it shall be responsibility of sponsoring authority to release the selected officers within a month of the issue of appointment letter /order.

BIO-DATA/CURRICULUM VITAE PROFORMA

1. Name and Address (In Block Letters)	
2. Date of Birth (In Christian era)	
3. i) Date of entry Into service	
ii) Date of retirement under Central/State Government Rules	
4. Educational Qualifications	
5. Whether Educational and other qualifications required for the post are satisfied. (If any qualification has been treated as equivalent to the one prescribed in the Rules, state the authority for the same)	
Qualifications/Experience required as mentioned in the advertisement/vacancy circular	Qualifications/experience possessed by the officer
Essential	Essential
A) Qualification	A) Qualification
B) Experience	B) Experience
Desirable	Desirable
A) Qualification	A) Qualification
B) Experience	B) Experience
5.1 Note: This column needs to be amplified to indicate Essential and Desirable Qualifications as mentioned in the RRs by the Administration Ministry/Department/Office at the time of issue of Circular and issue of Advertisement in the Employment News.	
5.2 In the case of Degree and Post Graduate Qualifications Elective/main subjects and subsidiary subjects may be indicated by the candidate.	
6. Please state clearly whether in the light of entries made by you above, you meet the requisite Essential Qualification and work experience of the post.	
6.1 Note: Borrowing Departments are to provide their specific comments/views confirming the relevant Essential Qualification/Work experience possessed by the Candidate (as indicated in the Bio-date) with reference to the post applied.	
7. Details of Employment, in chronological order. Enclose a separate sheet duly authenticated by your signature, if the space below is insufficient.	

Office/Institution	Post held on regular basis	From	To	*Pay Band and Grade Pay/Pay Scale of the post held on regular basis	Nature of Duties (in detail) highlighting experience required for the post applied for
*Important: Pay-band and Grade Pay granted under ACP/MACP are personal to the officer and therefore, should not be mentioned. Only Pay Band and Grade Pay/Pay Scale of the post held on regular basis to be mentioned. Details of ACP/MACP with present Pay Band and Grade Pay where such benefits have been drawn by the Candidate may be indicated as below:					
Office/Institution	Pay, Pay Band and Grade Pay drawn under ACP/MACP Scheme			From	To
8. Nature of present employment i.e. Ad-hoc or Temporary or Quasi-Permanent or Permanent					
9. In case the present employment is held on deputation/contract basis, please state-					
a) The date of initial appointment	b) Period of appointment on deputation/contract	c) Name of the parent office/organization to which the applicant belongs.		d) Name of the post and Pay of the post held in substantive capacity in the parent organisation	
9.1 Note: In case of Officers already on deputation, the applications of such officers should be forwarded by the parent cadre/Department alongwith Cadre Clearance, Vigilance Clearance and Integrity Certificate.					
9.2 Note: Information under Column 9(c) & (d) above must be given in all cases where a person is holding a post on deputation outside the cadre/organization but still maintaining a lien in his parent cadre/organisation					
10. If any post held on Deputation in the past by the applicant, date of return from the last deputation and other details.					
11. Additional details about present employment: Please state whether working under (indicate the name of your employer against the relevant column) a) Central Government b) State Government c) Autonomous Organization d) Government Undertaking e) Universities f) Others					
12. Please state whether you are working in the same department and are in the feeder grade or feeder to feeder grade.					
13. Are you in Revised Scale of Pay? if yes, give the date from which the revision took place and also indicate the pre-revised scale					
14. Total emoluments per month now drawn					
Basis Pay in the PB		Grade Pay		Total Emoluments	
15. In case the application belongs to an Organisation which is not following the Central Government Pay-scales, the latest salary slip issued by the Organisation showing the following details may be enclosed.					
Basic Pay with Scale of Pay and rate of increment		Dearness Pay/Interim relief/other Allowances etc. (with break-up details)		Total Emoluments	
16. A Additional information, if any, relevant to the post you applied for in support of your suitability for the post (this among other things may provide information with regard to (i) additional academic qualification (ii) Professional training and (iii) work experience over and above prescribed in the Vacancy Circular/Advertisement) (Note: Enclose a separate sheet, if the space is insufficient)					
16.B Achievements: The candidates are requested to indicate information with regard to; (I) Research publications and reports and special projects (II) Awards/Scholarships/Official Appreciation (III) Affiliation with the professional bodies/Institutions /societies and; (IV) Patents registered in own name or achieved for the organization (V) Any research/innovative measure involving official recognition VI) any other information; (Note: Enclose a separate sheet if the space is insufficient)					
17. Please state whether you are applying for deputation (ISTC)/Absorption/Re-employment Basis # (Officers under Central/State Government are only eligible for "Absorption". Candidates of non-Government Organizations are eligible only for Short Term Contract)					
# (The option of 'ISTC'/Absorption'/Re-employment are available only if the vacancy circular specially mentioned recruitment by "STC" or "Absorption" or "Re-employment")					
18. Whether belongs to SC/ST					
I have carefully gone through the vacancy circular/advertisement and I am well aware that the information furnished in the Curriculum Vitae duly supported by the documents in respect of Essential Qualification/Work Experience submitted by me will also be assessed by the Selection Committee at the time of selection for the post. The information/details provided by me are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and no material fact having a bearing on my selection has been suppressed/withheld. (Signature of the candidate)					
Address_____					
Date_____					
Certification by the Employer/Cadre Controlling Authority					
The information/details provided in the above application by the applicant are true and correct as per the facts available on records. He/She possesses educational qualifications and experience mentioned in the vacancy Circular. If selected, he/she will be relieved immediately.					
2. Also certified that;					
I) There is no vigilance or disciplinary case pending/contemplated against Shri/Smt. _____					
II) His/ Her Integrity is certified.					
III) His/Her CR Dossier in original is enclosed/photocopies of the ACRs for the last 5 years duly attested by an officer of the rant of Under Secretary of the Govt. of India or above are enclosed.					
IV) No major/minor penalty has been imposed on him/her during the last 10 years Or A list of Major/minor penalties imposed on him/her during the last 10 years is enclosed. (as the case may be)					
Countersigned					
(Employer/Cadre Controlling Authority with Seal)					
ANNEXURE-II					
Points to be noted by the Borrowing/Parent Department/Office to be highlighted in DOP&T circular for compliance by the Ministries/Departments)					
Vigilance Clearance will not normally be granted for a period of 3 years after the currency of punishment, if a minor penalty has been imposed on an officer, In case of imposition of a major penalty, Vigilance Clearance will not normally be granted for a period of 5 years after the currency of punishment in terms of DOP&T O.M. No. 11012/11/2007-Estt.(A) dated 14.12.2007.					
While forwarding applications in respect of officers who are about to complete their cooling –off period shortly the instructions DOP&T as contained in OM. No. 2/1/2012-Estt.(Pay.II) dated 04.01.2013 may be strictly adhered to.					
3. A copy of the Application format may be provided by the Borrowing Department in their website in a downloadable form as <i>Word Document</i> along with the advertisement.					
4. In the case of a vacancy already existing at the time of issue of communication inviting nominations/ publication in the Employment News, the eligibility may be determined with reference to the last date prescribed for receipt of nominations in the concerned administrative Ministry/Department. In the case of an anticipated vacancy, the crucial date for determining eligibility should be the date on which the vacancy is expected to arise.					
5. It shall be prominently mentioned in the vacancy circular/advertisement that the applications/CV not accompanied by supporting certificates/documents in support of Qualification and Experience claimed by the candidates would not be processed for determining the eligibility of the candidates for the selection.					
6. Crucial date for determining the eligibility of the applicants will be counted after excluding the first date of publication of the vacancy/post I the Employment News, i.e. For the vacancy published in the Employment News of 18-24 Jan, 2014, the crucial date will be counted from the 19 th Jan, 2014 (excluding the first date of publication)					
7.To facilitate determination of eligibility of the applicants working in Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous organizations not following the Central Government Scales, their equivalent scales of pay/posts may be confirmed by the borrowing Department. Where necessary, details in this regard may also be ascertained from the lending Department.					

