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Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.0
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.1
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 080
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 086
Sunrise time on 24/08/2026 (in IST): 0509
Sunset time on 24/08/2026 (in IST): 1734
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 007.9
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.2
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2026 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 1373.6

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'Gems of India' Challenge: A&N Creators Invited to Showcase Island Culture, Heritage and Tourism

Island digital creators can win cash awards up to Rs. 5 Lakh

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, has launched the Pilot Phase of the 'Gems of India' Challenge, a national initiative to identify, nurture and promote grassroots digital creators, as part of the Government's efforts to strengthen India's creative sector. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands is one of six States/UTs selected for the Pilot Phase, alongside Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa, and Ladakh.

For the Islands, the Challenge invites creators from all three districts - South Andaman, North & Middle Andaman, and Nicobar - to showcase the unique identity of the "Emerald Isles", including tribal culture, eco-tourism, local cuisine, traditional crafts and community achievements, to a national audience.

Participation Details:

How to Join: Download the WAVES OTT app, register your mobile number, and visit the MyWAVES section to create a Creator Profile.



Submission Window: Entries will be accepted from 1st to 31st August, 2026.

documentaries, or other creative formats-lasting 1 to 3 minutes, highlighting your district's unique culture, heritage, tourism, traditions, history, and remarkable achievements.

Awards & Recognition:

- > District Level: Up to 20 awards of Rs. 50,000 each, per district.
- > State/UT Level: One exceptional creator from each district will receive a State-level Award of Rs. 2 lakh.
- > National Level: During the subsequent national rollout, selected entries will compete for National Awards of Rs. 5 lakh each.

The Administration calls upon the youth and creative minds of all three districts to document our heritage and become the "Gems" of our Islands. For more information, visit the MyWAVES section on the WAVES OTT platform.

Meanwhile, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration is organising a series of Awareness-cum - Orientation Workshops on the 'Gems of India Challenge 2026' across the Islands to encourage students, youth and emerging digital creators to

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Tourism Department to notify New Film Policy to promote A&N Islands as a Prime Film Shooting Destination

Applications invited from Hoteliers, Tour Operators, and Transport Providers for Empanelment

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

To position the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as a premier global destination for film production, the Department of Tourism, A&N Administration, is in the process of notifying a comprehensive Film Policy. The policy aims to attract national and international film producers by offering attractive incentives, seamless operational support, and streamlined logistics for outdoor film shoots across the archipelago.

To establish a robust support network for visiting production crews, the Tourism Department invites applications from interested hoteliers, resorts, tour and travel agents, and transport service providers for empanelment.

Empanelled hotels, resorts, and service providers will extend the following proposed

incentives and facilities directly to eligible film production units:

♦ **Accommodation Discounts:**

1. 30% flat discount on published room tariffs during peak season, and 40% flat discount during the off-season (15 May to 15 September).
2. Free access to common areas including swimming pools, beaches, lobbies, and gardens, as well as complimentary use of conference and banquet halls for production needs.
3. 20% discount on all Food & Beverage services, laundry services, and spa facilities.
4. Assistance with secure storage space for equipment, dedicated guest liability insurance coverage by empanelled hotels, and a single-point contact person for seamless coordination between the crew, hotel, and local Administration.

♦ **Transport Benefits:**

A 20% discount on existing rates for transport and vehicle hiring charges for outdoor shooting units.

Interested service providers, hoteliers, and travel agents can submit their applications for empanelment to the Directorate of Tourism. By offering these incentives, the A&N Administration aims to boost local employment, drive film tourism, and showcase the pristine natural beauty of the islands to a global audience, a press release from IP&T Department said.

Directorate of Tourism invites applications under RAMP Tourism Interventions- 2026-27

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

The Directorate of Tourism, A&N Administration has invited applications from eligible MSMEs, Homestay owners/staff and individuals for availing benefits under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Tourism Interventions, 2026-27, notified vide Notification No.242/2026 dated 5th August, 2026 in the A&N Gazette (Extraordinary) No.243, also published in the Daily Telegrams dated 06.08.2026, for the following schemes:

1. Training, Certification and Exposure programme for Homestay Staff in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for Promotion of Quality and Sustainable Tourism.
2. Promotion of Astro-Tourism in Andaman &

Nicobar Islands through MSME Support for Astro-Tourism Equipment Purchase. Prescribed Application Forms, list of documents required and complete Guidelines are available on the e-Gazette

Portal: <http://andssw1.and.nic.in/doip/index.php/home/srchgazette> (Gazette No.243 dated 05.08.2026).

Under this initiative, selected beneficiaries can procure the required Astro Tourism

equipment/telescope and submit their claims for reimbursement of subsidy and Homestay Operators / Staff can participate in training programmes and exposure visits to top-performing homestays

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National Space Day celebrated with the theme 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership' by Science Centre

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

The Science Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram, celebrated National Space Day 2026 with great enthusiasm and active participation from students, teachers and science enthusiasts. The theme of this year celebration is 'Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership'. As part of the celebration,



a painting competition for primary level and a Quiz competition for middle level were organised for school students.

Accordingly, in the painting competition Alka Tirkey, St. Mary's School, Mohanpura, S. G n a n a s h r e e k a,

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Greater financial safeguards for sterilization beneficiaries

A&N Administration enhances compensation under Family Planning Indemnity Scheme

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

To build the confidence of clients it is necessary to provide them safeguards against adverse events. Sterilization services are largely provided through public and accredited Private/NGO health facilities. There is a continuing concern about the number of adverse

events following sterilization as well as litigations faced by the facilities /doctors against such cases. To mitigate this, the Government of India introduced the National Family Planning Insurance Scheme which was later modified as Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (FPIS),

now operational through State NHM Program Implementation Plan instead of private sector insurance company.

The objective of the Family Planning Indemnity Scheme is to indemnify all beneficiaries of sterilization, doctors and health facilities (public

and accredited private/ NGO) conducting sterilization operation in the unlikely event of death/ failure/ complication following sterilization operation. On compliance of directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with respect to the

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SVPMC issues directions for effective implementation of SWM Rules, 2026

Bulk Waste Generators asked to register and follow mandatory waste segregation norms

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

The Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council has informed all concerned that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, has notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, which have come into force with effect from 01.04.2026.

Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in Bhopal Municipal Corporation vs. Dr. Subhash C. Pandey & Others (Civil Appeal No. 6174/2023 and connected matters, order dated 19.02.2026), has directed strict and time-bound implementation of the said Rules throughout the country, observing that proper solid waste management forms an integral part of the Right to Life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

community halls, multiplexes, cinema halls, ports, airports and all other waste generators situated within the jurisdiction of the local body.

Rule 3 of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 defines a "Bulk Waste Generator (BWG)" as any entity fulfilling one or more of the following criteria:

Sl. No.	Criteria	Threshold as per SWM Rules, 2026
1	Buildings with floor area	20,000 Sqm and above
2	Water Consumption	40,000 litres per day and above
3	Solid Waste Generation	100 kg per day and above

It is mandatory for every waste generator to ensure segregation of waste at source into mandatory 04 categories, namely: (i) Wet (biodegradable) waste such as food and kitchen waste; (ii) Dry (recyclable) waste including paper, plastic, metal and glass; (iii) Sanitary waste such as diapers and sanitary napkins, which must be securely wrapped; and (iv) Special waste such as batteries, bulbs, medicines, chemicals and e-waste.

Rules 5 and 6 of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 prescribe the statutory duties, responsibilities and obligations of waste generators and Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs) with respect to registration, segregation, storage, processing, channelization and scientific disposal of solid waste in an environmentally sound manner.

In compliance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, all institutions

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BUILD SKILLS

GET RECOGNISED

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TB MukT Bharat App providing easy access to TB-related information and services

General public urged to download & actively use the App

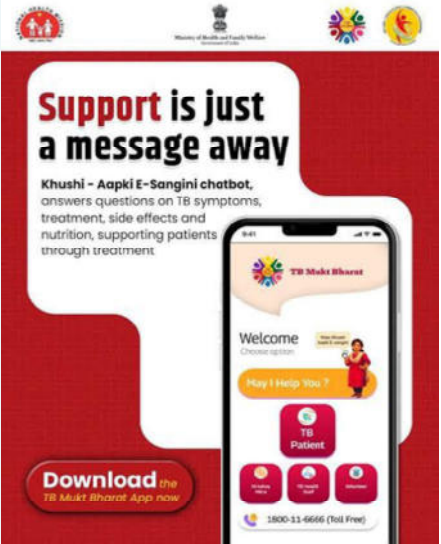
Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

The Central TB Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, has launched the TB MukT Bharat App, a digital initiative under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) aimed at strengthening tuberculosis (TB) care, enhancing public awareness, and promoting community participation in TB elimination efforts. The TB MukT Bharat App is a user-friendly digital platform designed to provide easy access to TB-related information and services. The application supports TB patients in their treatment journey by offering treatment guidance, adherence support, and follow-up assistance. It is also integrated with existing systems such as Nikshay to ensure seamless delivery of patient-centric services.

In addition to patient support, the app serves as a powerful tool for disseminating accurate information on TB, including its symptoms, prevention, and treatment, thereby helping to reduce stigma and encourage early diagnosis.

A key feature of the application is the facilitation of community engagement through the Nikshay Mitra initiative. Members of the general public, institutions, corporates, and organizations are encouraged to register as Nikshay Mitras through the app and extend support to TB patients by providing nutritional, social, or financial assistance during their treatment period.

The app also features "Khushi - Aap Ke e-Sangini", an interactive chatbot



designed to provide instant, reliable, and user-friendly information on TB. The chatbot assists users by answering queries related to symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and available government support services. The TB MukT Bharat App will play a crucial role in bridging gaps in awareness, improving treatment adherence, and mobilizing community support.

The general public have been urged to download and actively use the TB MukT Bharat App, not only to stay informed but also to contribute meaningfully by enrolling as Nikshay Mitras and supporting TB patients in need. Citizens are encouraged to come forward and be a part of this national movement, a press release from DHS said.

A&N Administration enhances.....

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doubling of compensation under Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (FPIS) and to share the burden thereof equally by the Govt. of India and the respective State Government, the UT Administration of A&N Islands has notified the doubling of ex-compensation fixed under Family Planning Indemnity Scheme under Section 1 (A-D) with effect from October 15, 2020 issue of the Notification in respect of claims being settled hereafter.

The content of the scheme is as under: -

Coverage	Limits as per FPIS (Amount paid from NHM (CSS))	Enhanced rate as directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court (Payable through State Health Budget)	Total Amount
Death following sterilization (inclusive of death during process of sterilization operation) in hospital or within 7 days from the date of discharge from the hospital	Rs. 2 lakhs	Rs. 2 lakhs	Rs. 4 Lakh
Death following sterilization within 8-30 days from the date of discharge from the hospital	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 1 Lakh
Failure of sterilization	Rs. 30000/-	Rs. 30000/-	Rs. 60000/-
Cost of treatment in hospital and up to 60 days arising out of complication following sterilization operation (inclusive of complication during process of sterilization operation) from the date of discharge	Actual not exceeding Rs. 25000/-	Rs. 25000/-	Rs. 50000/-

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Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules of Foreshore/Inter Island Sector vessels is being issued to the general public from 21.08.2026 (FRIDAY) at 0900 Hrs onwards.

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

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



SRI VIJAYA PURAM – MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 24.08.2026 onwards is being issued from 21.08.2026.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Strait Island	24.08.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	25.08.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Rangat	26.08.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	27.08.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Baratang	28.08.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	29.08.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
4.	MV Bharat Seema	29.08.2026 2000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	30.08.2026 1400 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f 25.08.2026 onwards is being issued from 21.08.2026.							
1.	MV Nalanda	25.08.2026 1000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	25.08.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	MV Bharat Seema	27.08.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	27.08.2026 2000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Nalanda	28.08.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	29.08.2026 0900 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Nalanda	30.08.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	30.08.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAR NICOBAR via LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule on 25.08.2026 is being issued from 21.08.2026 onwards.							
1.	MV Sentinel	25.08.2026 1200 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar	26.08.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAMPBELL BAY via ALL PORTS							
1.	MV Kalighat	27.08.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, & Nancowry.	30.08.2026 1200 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry, Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAMPBELL BAY – NANCOWRY							
1.	MV Campbell Bay	25.08.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	27.08.2026 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
Note: Embarkation of passengers will commence 02 Hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the vessel and boarding will be closed 30 Minutes before departure time. Passengers arriving late will not be allowed to board the vessel. The vessel will sail only after completion of survey procedure which will commence on completion of embarkation of passengers for issuance of 'B' Certificate as per MS Act. Further, with regard to cargo all the consigners are hereby advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.							
FORESHORE SECTOR							
24.08.2026 (MONDAY)							
1.	MV Rani Changa	24.08.2026 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	24.08.2026 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Kamorta	24.08.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	24.08.2026 0830 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram

PM-KISAN beneficiaries urged to complete e-kyc & Aadhaar seeding

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

The Department of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, has urged all PM-KISAN beneficiaries whose e-KYC and/or Aadhaar seeding of their bank accounts has been pending for a long time. The lists of such PM-KISAN beneficiaries have been displayed at the respective Gram Panchayats for information and necessary action. Beneficiaries are advised to visit their respective Gram Panchayats, check their names in the displayed lists, and complete the pending requirements at the

earliest. It is informed that beneficiaries who fail to complete the mandatory requirements within the stipulated time may face non-release of subsequent installments and may be liable for removal from the PM-KISAN beneficiary database.

The e-KYC can be completed through the PM-KISAN Portal, PM-KISAN Mobile App, or through the nearest Common Service Centre (CSC). For Aadhaar seeding of bank accounts, beneficiaries may approach their respective bank branches and request Aadhaar seeding/ linking of their bank accounts.

Therefore, all

concerned PM-KISAN beneficiaries are requested to check the beneficiary lists displayed at their respective Gram Panchayats and complete their pending e-KYC and/or Aadhaar seeding without further delay, in order to avoid any inconvenience in receiving benefits under the Scheme.

Further, farmers who have already completed e-KYC in the past but have not completed the Annual e-KYC for the year 2026-27 may also complete the e-KYC at the earliest to receive the benefits for the current year, a press release from Directorate of Agriculture said.

Spot Round counselling against vacant seats of Degree level Engineering, Architecture & Pharmacy course reserved at mainland institutions

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

All concerned candidates have been informed that the Spot Round Counselling of CSAB NEUT-2026 for allotment of vacant seats of Degree level Engineering, Architecture and Pharmacy course reserved at mainland institutions is scheduled to be held on 25.08.2026 at 10.00 am onwards in the Seminar Hall of Tagore Govt. College of Education (TGCE), Sri Vijaya Puram.

The Spot Round allotment will be made to candidates as per JEE Main Rank-2026 and category-wise vacant seats for Engineering and Architecture seats at the time of counselling. The details of eligibility requirement and academic qualifications for allotment of degree level Engineering, Architecture and Pharmacy course may be seen in the Information Brochure CSAB NEUT-2026.

Hence, all eligible and interested candidates seeking allotment against vacant seats of Degree level Engineering/ Architecture/B.Pharmacy courses reserved at mainland institutions are requested to submit the following documents to the Development-IV Section (Higher Education Section), Secretariat, Sri Vijaya

Puram on or before 24.08.2026 upto 3.00 pm :-

- Any photo ID proof.
- Admit Card of JEE (Main)-2026 issued by NTA for Engineering/ Architecture candidates (Not applicable for B.Pharmacy).
- Score Card of JEE (Main)-2026 issued by NTA for Engineering/ Architecture candidates (Not applicable for B.Pharmacy).
- Class X (High School) Board Certificate as proof of date of birth.
- Certificate and Mark sheet of qualifying examination.
- Category Certificate (ST Certificate/Local Certificate/Service Certificate).
- Duration/Bonafide certificate issued by the respective school.
- Certificate for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) and/or Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID), if applicable. The certificate should be issued from a duly constituted Medical Board. The certificate should stand valid up to 31.12.2026. Certificate not issued by a medical board &/or getting expired before 31.12.2026 shall not be accepted.
- Proof of place of examination center in case of final qualifying examination is from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) formerly known as

National Open School (NOS).

The eligible interested candidates are required to bring all educational qualification certificate/ testimonials and other documents in support of their category in original along with one self-attested copy as prescribed by the CSAB NEUT-2026 in their Information Brochure for spot round counselling on the date and venue as specified above. In addition, the candidates are also requested to bring two passport size photographs identical to the one pasted on the JEE (Main)-2026 application form.

Further, the aspiring students are advised to ensure that he/she fulfils the state eligibility criteria during Spot Round Counselling. Further details in this regard can be obtained from the CSAB website <https://csab.nic.in/csab-neut/>. It will be the sole responsibility of the candidate to verify his/her minimum eligibility and/ or special eligibility for a particular course/program/ Institute. The CSAB NEUT-2026 or A&N Administration will not be responsible for any cancellation of seats due to non-fulfilment of minimum eligibility and/ or special eligibility conditions, a press release from Deputy Secretary (Hr Edn.) said.

Filling of seats lying vacant at Govt. ITI Dollygunj, Bakultala & Arong

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

All concerned have been informed that few seats are lying vacant under certain categories across various trades at Govt. ITI Dollygunj, Govt. ITI Bakultala, and Govt. ITI Arong. These vacant seats will be filled through the General Merit List (Category-V/All Category List), which is already available in the Announcement section of the College Admission Portal for reference of the candidates: <https://collegeadmission.andamannicobar.gov.in>

Accordingly, interested candidates whose names appear in the General Merit List (Category-V/All Category List) of the respective ITIs have been advised to attend the counselling in person or through their duly authorised representative, as per the schedule given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Institute	Date	Reporting Time	Venue
1.	Govt. ITI, Dollygunj, Sri Vijaya Puram	24.08.2026	09:30 AM	Marine Workshop, Govt. ITI, Dollygunj
2.	Govt. ITI, Arong, Car Nicobar	25.08.2026	09:30 AM	Govt. ITI, Arong / Govt. ITI, Dollygunj
3.	Govt. ITI, Bakultala	27.08.2026	09:30 AM	Govt. ITI, Bakultala

Candidates or their duly authorised representatives may attend the counselling with the original certificates/documents for verification, along with one set of photocopies of all documents, two recent p a s s p o r t - s i z e photographs, and the requisite admission fee of Rs.950/- at the concerned ITI. The original documents required for

verification are the Qualification Certificate/ Mark Sheet, Category Certificate/Local Certificate, Date of Birth Certificate, Transfer Certificate, Aadhaar Card, and Bank Passbook.

Late reporting shall not be entertained, and the vacant seat shall be allotted to the next eligible candidate in order of merit. Candidates selected for admission shall

submit a Medical Fitness Certificate within two days from the date of admission. Failure to submit the Medical Fitness Certificate within the stipulated time shall result in cancellation of admission, and the vacant seat shall be allotted to the next eligible candidate in order of merit without any further intimation, a press release from ITI Dollygunj said.

Weather forecast

Sri Vijaya Puram, Aug. 23

Thunderstorm with gusty wind (40-50 kmph) and lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29. Fishermen warning for Andaman and Nicobar Coast: Squally weather with wind speed reaching 35 - 45 kmph occasionally gusting 55 kmph is likely to prevail along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts from 24-08- 2026 to 27-08-2026.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into

the sea along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts from 24-08-2026 to 27-08-2026. Swell Surge Alert for the coast of Andaman and Nicobar Islands: Swell waves in the range of 16.0 - 17.0 m height have been forecasted up to 23:30 hours on 24-08-2026. It advised that there is a possibility of surging of waves, boats to ply with utmost vigilance, recreation with due care, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

SVPMC issues directions for effective

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and establishments falling within the definition of "Bulk Waste Generator" and functioning within the jurisdiction of the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council are hereby directed to submit self-declarations and register themselves as Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs) with SVPMC this Press Release for the purpose of verification and compliance monitoring.

Further, all non-registered BWGs are hereby granted a period of 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issuance of this Press Release to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and register in Central Pollution control Board Portal. Upon expiry of the said period, any violation or non-compliance by such Bulk Waste Generators shall attract penal action as prescribed under the applicable EPA Act,1986 and SWM Handling rules 2026 and other relevant statutory provisions.

Failure to register and comply with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall render as defaulting institution/establishment and hereby instructed to strictly comply with segregation, storage and handover of Solid waste generated and in case of failure of noncompliance will result in appropriate legal action U/s 5(b) of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for "temporary disconnection of power and water supply" also read with Section 6 of SWM Handling rules 2026 and any other applicable laws, may be deemed fit by the competent authority.

All BWG institutions and establishments must adhere to the above directions. The registration is mandatory in CPCB Portal <https://swm.cpcb.gov.in/register> and for technical assistance, for registration of BWG establishments/institutions, a press release received here said.

'Gems of India' Challenge: A&N Creators....

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participate in the national initiative and showcase the unique stories, culture, heritage and tourism potential of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T), in coordination with the District Administrations and partner departments, is facilitating wider awareness and participation in the Islands.

Meanwhile, Awareness-cum-Orientation Workshops on the 'Gems of India Challenge 2026' were organised at educational institutions, colleges, offices and other places across the Islands.

Directorate of Tourism invites applications

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organized by the Department.

In this regard, to facilitate the beneficiaries, Tourism Department would be organising a registration and facilitation camp. Expression of Interest/ willingness is invited from interested beneficiary for participation in the facilitation camp for availing assistance under the scheme. The willingness may be submitted in the prescribed format in Planning Section, Directorate of Tourism, A&N Administration on or before August 25, 2026 by 5 PM, a press release from IP&T said.

National Space Day celebrated with the....

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Kamaraj English Medium School, Brookshabad, Shreya, Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Pathergudda and Aayoseen Bruna, Government Girls Senior Secondary School secured first, second, third & consolation prize while in the quiz competition Hardik Chakravarty, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lamba Line, Dhruv Kumar B, Kamaraj English Medium School, Brookshabad & Shibli Hassain Gazi, Govt. Model Senior Secondary School were declared as winner, first runner up and second runner up respectively.

Felicitating the winners, Shri Satyaki Paul, Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India as the chief guest appreciated the efforts of the Science Centre in promoting scientific temper among students and encouraged them to explore new ideas and pursue their interests in science and technology.

Earlier, Shri Debashis Paul, Education Officer, Science Centre welcomed the gathering and highlighted the significance of National Space Day, a press release from Science Centre said.

Rebuilding Farming Systems: Regenerative Agriculture for a Resilient India

India's farms have sustained agricultural growth, but long-term productivity depends on healthy soils and resilient ecosystems. Regenerative agriculture offers a pathway to restore soil vitality, improve biodiversity, and strengthen resilience against climate stresses. Across the country, farmers are adopting practices such as natural farming, agroforestry, micro-irrigation, integrated farming systems, and scientific soil management. Government support has accelerated this transition. As of March 2026, natural farming clusters covered 8.80 lakh hectares and enrolled 18.19 lakh farmers. About 109 lakh hectares have been brought under Per Drop More Crop as of May 2026. In addition, 25.89 crore Soil Health Cards have been generated since inception, as of March 2026. These efforts are helping build a more productive, resource-efficient, and environmentally responsible future for Indian agriculture.

The Imperative for Regenerative Agriculture

India's agriculture and allied sectors have demonstrated strong and sustained progress. During FY16-FY25, it recorded decadal growth of 4.45 percent, the highest in previous decades. This achievement reflects the resilience of the sector and the continued efforts of farmers across the country. Yet, sustaining this momentum requires strengthening the ecological foundations that support long-term agricultural productivity.

Each season, farmers return to the same fields with renewed hope and growing responsibility. Years of intensive cultivation, heavy chemical use, and erratic rainfall leave many soils tired and less responsive. Yields that once came easily now demand higher inputs, while heatwaves, dry spells, or excess rain can undo months of labour. For millions of small and marginal farmers, declining soil health often translates into higher costs and uncertain harvests. As a result, the sustainability of farming has become an increasingly important concern.

This is where Regenerative Agriculture finds its relevance. By rebuilding soil vitality, strengthening ecosystem functions, and improving resilience to climatic variability, it addresses both soil and productivity challenges. More importantly, it offers a pathway to revive India's agricultural foundations while supporting long-term environmental balance and farm prosperity.

Understanding the Regenerative Agriculture Approach

Regenerative agriculture is a holistic farming approach centred on restoring soil health and enhancing biodiversity. At the same time, it seeks to ensure long-term productivity and resilience in farming systems. Healthy soils support higher food and nutritional output, store more carbon, and promote biodiversity. Unlike sustainable farming, which primarily aims to maintain existing conditions, regenerative agriculture seeks to improve them. It goes a step further by actively rebuilding soil health, enhancing biodiversity, and strengthening ecosystem resilience.

It is based on the following principles:

- ✓Minimizing soil disturbance
- ✓Protecting the living roots of perennial crops
- ✓Maintaining soil cover
- ✓Integrating Livestock
- ✓Limiting the use of chemical inputs
- ✓Enhancing biodiversity

In essence, Regenerative agriculture offers a practical and forward-looking pathway for the future of farming by restoring the natural foundations of agriculture. Strengthening Agricultural Resilience through Regenerative Approaches

Regenerative agriculture draws upon a diverse set of farming practices adopted in India. While the spectrum of regenerative approaches is much broader, some of the prominent practices can be broadly classified into the following categories:

Water and Resource Efficiency

Micro-irrigation systems such as drippers, sprinklers, and foggers deliver water directly to plant roots. This reduces water wastage and improves water-use efficiency. By optimizing farm-level water management, these systems enhance crop productivity and strengthen resilience to droughts and water stress. As a result, farming systems become more climate-resilient and economically viable.

Farm Mechanization involves the use of agricultural machinery and equipment to streamline and automate various farm operations. It helps optimize the use of key inputs such as water, fuel, and fertilizers, reducing wastage and lowering the carbon footprint. By enabling timely and precise farm operations, mechanization improves resource management, enhances productivity, and helps reduce the environmental impact of farming.

Soil and Nutrient Management

Nitrogen Fertilizer Management helps reduce nitrous oxide emissions while improving crop productivity. It focuses on selecting the right fertilizer and optimizing application timing and dosage. Other practices include deep placement of supergranular urea and the use of leaf color charts for precise assessment of nitrogen status. The approach also promotes biological inputs such as cyanobacteria and legume intercropping. Overall, these measures improve nitrogen-use efficiency and minimize environmental losses.

Natural farming is a chemical-free agricultural approach rooted in India's traditional knowledge systems. The system relies on on-farm biological inputs such as Beejamrut, Jeevamrut, Ghanjeevamrut, Neemastra, and Dashparni, prepared using inputs from native livestock. It also promotes the use of traditional seed varieties and the integration of trees along farm boundaries. Pest management is undertaken through locally prepared, on-farm botanical formulations. Practitioners are encouraged to adopt

continuous cover cropping, multi-cropping, mulching, and minimal soil disturbance to maintain soil fertility and ecological balance. The integration of livestock with diversified cropping systems further helps improve soil health, restores ecosystems, and reduces input costs for farmers.

Soil Health Management Practices such as green manuring, cover cropping, and mulching play a vital role in regenerative agriculture. Green manuring involves growing and incorporating specific crops into the soil to add organic matter and nutrients. It helps in improving soil fertility, structure, and carbon sequestration. Cover cropping refers to growing crops primarily to cover the soil rather than for harvest. It protects against erosion, maintains soil organic carbon, and supports nutrient cycling. Mulching involves covering the soil surface with organic residues such as leaves, straw, etc. It helps conserve moisture and regulate soil temperature. Mulching also suppresses weeds, promotes beneficial microbial activity, and improves crop productivity.

Integrated and Climate-Resilient Farming Systems

Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) is a holistic agricultural approach that combines multiple farm enterprises into a single system. It integrates crops, livestock, fisheries, and allied activities such as horticulture, agroforestry, and apiculture. The approach promotes practices such as intercropping, crop rotation, multi-cropping, and mixed farming that maximize resource use. This also reduces the risk of crop failure, diversifies livelihood opportunities, and enhances resilience to climate extremes such as floods and droughts.

Agroforestry integrates perennial tree systems with fruit and plantation crops to create a more sustainable and profitable farming system. It helps farmers earn additional income while improving soil moisture, regulating local temperatures, and storing more carbon.

In rainfed regions, agroforestry plays a crucial role in rejuvenating degraded land. These systems help mitigate the impacts of unpredictable rainfall, enhance agricultural resilience, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions over time. Climate-Resilient Agriculture (CRA) encompasses a plethora of strategies and technologies to fortify agricultural systems against a changing climate. Its key components include:

- ✓balanced use of nutrients and fertilizers,
- ✓effective pest management,
- ✓efficient and judicious use of water,
- ✓conservation of soil moisture at the field level,
- ✓and appropriate land preparation practices that safeguard soil health and enhance crop performance.

In addition, CRA includes innovations such as water-sharing groups, seed and fodder systems, community nurseries, and collective marketing mechanisms. Together, these practices and innovations strengthen agricultural systems, enabling them to better withstand climate-related stresses and shocks.

The Multifaceted Benefits of Regenerative Farming

Regenerative agriculture offers a wide range of environmental, economic, and social benefits, supporting both healthy ecosystems and resilient farming.

Environmental Outcomes

- ✓Soil restoration: Regenerative practices rebuild soil organic matter, improve soil structure, and enhance long-term soil fertility, supporting stable agricultural productivity.
- ✓Biodiversity enhancement: Regenerative approaches create favourable conditions for a wide variety of species, including pollinators, beneficial insects, and soil microorganisms. This helps in strengthening overall ecosystem balance.
- ✓Climate change mitigation: These systems absorb and store more carbon than they emit, helping reverse agricultural emissions.
- ✓Water efficiency: Healthier soils improve water retention and reduce runoff. This limits soil erosion and the flow of sediments and pollutants into rivers and lakes, helping protect water bodies.

Economic and Social Outcomes

Profitability: Healthier soils reduce dependence on synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and irrigation. This lowers input costs, stabilizes yields, and enhances farmers' net incomes.

Employment generation: Regenerative agriculture creates new livelihood opportunities across farming, advisory services, technology, and ecological management.

Greater resilience: Farms adopting regenerative practices are better equipped to withstand climate variability and market fluctuations.

Promoting Regenerative Agriculture through Targeted Interventions

The government is implementing a wide range of schemes to promote regenerative agricultural practices. Some of the key initiatives support natural and organic farming, agroforestry, micro-irrigation, integrated farming systems, and scientific soil health management.

National Mission on Natural Farming

The National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), launched in 2024, creates a favourable support ecosystem to help farmers progressively transition to natural farming. The scheme provides an output-based incentive of Rs.4,000 per acre per year for two years, covering up to one acre per farmer. In order to support farmers with easy access to bio-inputs such as Jeevamrit and Beejamrit, the mission provides for 10,000 need-based Bio-input Resource Centres. It also envisages the formation

of natural farming clusters. Each cluster is supported by two Community Resource Persons (CRPs) to guide farmers in natural farming practices.

As of 05 March 2026, 18,786 clusters have been formed across the country. These clusters cover 8.80 lakh hectares, and 18.19 lakh farmers have been enrolled to promote Natural Farming. Additionally, 33,676 CRPs have been trained at Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)/ Agricultural Universities (AUs)/ local natural farming institutions.

Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana

Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), launched in 2015, has emerged as a key pillar of India's organic farming initiative. It provides farmers with an organized framework for adopting eco-friendly practices, obtaining organic certification, and accessing markets that reward sustainable production. Under the scheme, farmers adopting organic farming are supported with Rs.31,500 per hectare over three years.

As of 31 October 2025, a total area of 16.90 lakh ha has been covered under PKVY since its inception.

Per Drop More Crop

Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) is being implemented across the country since 2015-16. It helps improve on-farm water use efficiency through micro-irrigation systems, specifically drip and sprinkler irrigation. Drip irrigation delivers water directly to plant roots through pipes and emitters, reducing water wastage. Sprinkler irrigation sprays water onto the field through pipes and nozzles, ensuring uniform coverage.

Under PDMC, the Government provides 55% financial assistance to small and marginal farmers and 45% to other farmers for installing these systems. In addition, some states provide top-up subsidies to farmers from their own budgets.

Implemented since 2015-16, the scheme has covered about 109 lakh hectares as of May 2026. A total of Rs.26,325 crore in central assistance has been released, significantly improving water-use efficiency.

Rainfed Area Development Programme

The Rainfed Area Development Programme (RAD), being implemented since 2014-15, promotes Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) through an area-based cluster approach. The programme encourages practices such as multi-cropping, crop rotation, inter-cropping, and mixed cropping. These are integrated with allied activities, including horticulture, livestock, fisheries, and apiculture, to enhance farm income, strengthen livelihoods, and build resilience to climate extremes.

Under RAD, clusters of about 20 hectares are developed within one or more adjoining villages. This approach promotes convergence, encourages community participation, and supports wider replication of successful models. Farmers are supported with financial assistance of Rs.30,000 per family for adopting IFS. An additional ?10,000 per cluster is provided for training and capacity-building activities.

Since its inception, Rs.2251.98 crore has been provided as Central Assistance to States for adopting IFS. The scheme covered 9.53 lakh hectares and benefitted 15.73 lakh farmers (as of December 2025).

Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) further support the programme through demonstrations and training on location-specific IFS models. During 2024-25, KVKs conducted 4,416 demonstrations and trained 96,013 farmers on different IFS models.

In FY 2025-26, an allocation of Rs.343.86 crore was made to States/UTs for the implementation of RAD, under which 96,013 farmers received training.

Sub-Mission on Agroforestry

The erstwhile Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) was restructured as the Agroforestry Component under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) from 2023-24. It supports the establishment of agroforestry nurseries to provide Quality Planting Material (QPM) to farmers. The scheme component includes:

- ✓establishment of new nurseries,
- ✓raising of saplings in existing nurseries,
- ✓setting up tissue culture units,
- ✓skill development and awareness,
- ✓research and development,
- ✓monitoring and evaluation,
- ✓specialised technical activities,
- ✓formulation of projects for the voluntary carbon market in the agriculture sector, and
- ✓local initiatives.

It provides 100% assistance to Government agencies and 50% back ended credit-linked assistance to private beneficiaries.

During 2025-26, as on 31 October 2025, sanctions amounting to Rs.78.31 crore were issued to 27 States/UTs. A total of 135 new nurseries were established. Sapling production was undertaken in 614 existing nurseries. About 176.59 lakh saplings were raised in these nurseries, benefitting around 25,693 farmers.

Soil Health Card Scheme

Launched in 2015, the Soil Health Card Scheme (SHC) provides farmers with plot-wise soil test reports, generated through scientific testing, for each landholding. The card assesses soil health on 12 key parameters, covering macronutrients, micronutrients, and critical soil properties.

Issued every 2 years, the Soil Health Card helps farmers understand the nutrient status and physicochemical conditions of their soils. It provides crop-specific recommendations on the appropriate use of chemical fertilisers, bio-fertilisers, organic inputs, and soil treatments.

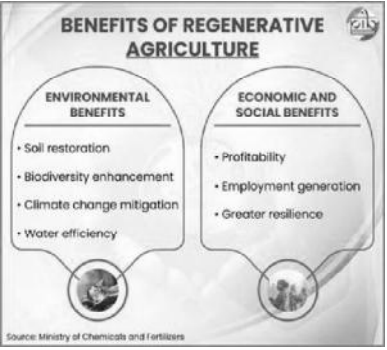
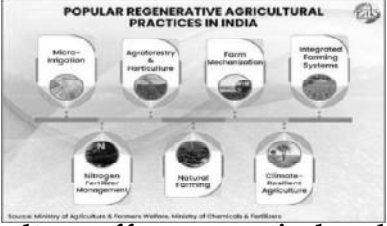
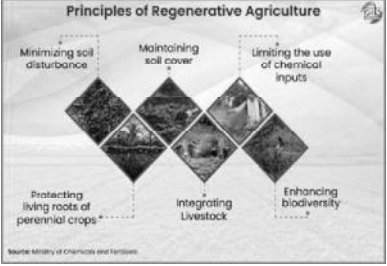
As of 13 March 2026, a total of 25.89 crore Soil Health Cards have been generated since inception. Around 7.17 lakh demonstrations have been conducted to promote balanced fertiliser use. These demonstrations were conducted through advisories supported by the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). In addition, 70,002 Krishi Sakhis have been trained to support the dissemination of soil health advisories at the grassroots level.

Growing towards a More Resilient Future

Regenerative agriculture is gradually reshaping the future of Indian farming. It restores soil health while improving resilience and resource efficiency. Practices such as natural farming, agroforestry, micro-irrigation, and integrated farming are contributing to resource-efficient agricultural systems.

Government initiatives are helping farmers adopt these approaches at scale. As more farmers embrace regenerative practices, agriculture can become both environmentally sustainable and economically rewarding. The journey begins with healthier soils and leads towards more resilient farms and secure livelihoods.

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