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Partly cloudy sky and dry weather most likely over Sri Vijaya Puram. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30.5°C and 24.0°C respectively on Monday 28/01/2026.

Weather Report

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.6
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 065
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 064
Sunrise time on 28/01/2026 (in IST): 0544
Sunset time on 28/01/2026 (in IST): 1720
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs): in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2025 upto 0830 hrs of date) in mm: 002.8

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77th Republic Day celebrated with gaiety & patriotic fervour in Isles

Hon'ble Lt. Governor outlines developmental achievements and key initiatives in A&N Islands

Tourism Growth, Mega Infrastructure Projects and Good Governance highlighted



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 27

Impressive parade, colourful cultural programme, presentation of Medals and Lt. Governor's Commendation Certificates marked the 77th Republic Day celebration in A&N Islands yesterday. The main function for the Republic Day was held at the Marina Park Road stretch wherein the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) unfurled the National Flag. The function was attended by the First Lady of the Islands, Smt. Chitra Joshi, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, CINCAN, Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, AVSM, NM, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, DGP, Shri H.G.S Dhaliwal, IPS, Senior Officers of Defence & Civil Administration, public representatives and general public.

In his address to the Islanders, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor greeted the Islanders on the auspicious occasion of 77th



Republic Day and said that this day reminds us of the dignity of our Constitution, our democratic values, and our collective responsibilities towards nation-building.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor also paid homage to all the brave heroes of the freedom struggle, whose sacrifices and supreme dedication have enabled us to continuously progress as a Sovereign, Democratic Republic. He further stated that under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, while playing our distinctive role in the national resolve of Viksit Bharat, A&N Islands is steadily advancing on the path of development, security, and good governance.

While mentioning about Tourism, Hospitality and Service Sector, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor stated that, compared to the previous year, the total number of tourists as well as foreign tourists visiting the A&N Islands has increased by approximately 14%. Additionally, the number of foreign tourists visiting for game fishing has witnessed a remarkable growth of nearly 35%. This growth is the result of the islands' natural uniqueness, improved



connectivity, and well-planned tourism development, he added.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor further disclosed that the Government of India has approved the A&N Administration's proposal for the development of five-star luxury resorts under PPP mode at Megapode Resort, Aves Island, Shaheed Dweep, and Long Island. These projects will be environmentally

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Shri Nityanand Rai, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Member of Parliament, Ujjaypur (Bihar) during his visit to A&N Islands unfurled Tiranga at Viper Island on Republic Day 2026 as part of campaign to hoist the National Flag on all uninhabited Islands on special occasions met Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.) Hon'ble Lt. Governor A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Lok Niwas, Sri Vijaya Puram. Discussed various ongoing mega projects nearing completion and follow-on proposals for subsequent phases.



On the occasion of 77th Republic Day, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency paid homage to the freedom fighters at the Martyrs' Column, National Memorial Cellular Jail on Jan. 26, 2026.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor hosts 'At Home' function on Republic Day-2026 at Lok Niwas

Invitees from all walks of life take part; PRIs/SVPM Councillors/ Frontline Workers and Best Marching Contingents/ Best Tableaux/ Best School Bands of RD Parade felicitated

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 27

Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency hosted 'At Home' function at Lok Niwas on the occasion of 77th Republic Day yesterday. During the event, the Lt. Governor interacted with the invitees and exchanged Republic Day greetings. The function was represented by diverse set of invitees. The reception was attended by the First Lady of the Islands, Smt. Chitra Joshi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, CINCAN, Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, AVSM, NM, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, DGP, Shri H.G.S Dhaliwal, IPS, Adhyaksh, ZPSA, Shri Prakash Adhikari, Chairperson,



SVPMC, Shri, Shahul Hameed, public. During the Senior Officers of Defence & Civil function, the Hon'ble Lt. Administration, public Governor felicitated the representatives and general

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai unfurled National Flag at Viper Island

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 27

On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, yesterday unfurled the National Flag at Viper Island in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, marking a significant moment of national pride and unity. In line with the vision and directives of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to strengthen coastal security, and under the able guidance of Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has been consistently undertaking a special campaign over the past few years to hoist the National Flag on all 836 islands of the archipelago on occasions of national importance such as Independence Day and Republic Day.

The occasion was also graced by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu

Pada Ray, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS and other senior officers of A&N Administration.

Viper Island holds a significant place in India's freedom struggle, as it was one of the earliest sites used by the British colonial administration to incarcerate Indian freedom fighters before the construction of the Cellular Jail. The island bears testimony to the immense sacrifices, hardships, and resilience of those who fought for India's independence under extremely harsh conditions. Unfurling the National Flag at this historic location serves as a solemn tribute to the martyrs and freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the nation.

The unfurling of the National Flag on Viper Island also symbolizes



India's unwavering commitment to sovereignty, maritime security, and firm borders. safeguarding its maritime borders.



The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, unfurled the National Flag on the occasion of 77th Republic Day at Secretariat on Jan. 26, 2026.

77th Republic Day celebrated at Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court and District Court Complex

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 27

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor at the Circuit Bench of the Calcutta High Court, District Court Complex, and ADR Centre in Port Blair. The National Flag was unfurled by Hon'ble Justice Arijit Banerjee, Judge, Calcutta High Court in the presence of Shri Rashid Alam, Learned Registrar, Calcutta High Court, Circuit Bench at Port Blair, and Shri Sudhir Kumar, Learned District Judge, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The event was also attended by Judicial Officers, Advocates and staff members.



Notice served to agency to terminate the contract due to delay in completion of work

Commissioner (PWD) inspects Rutland Water Supply Project (Phase- II)

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 27

Dr. Sachin Shinde, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (PWD), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, visited Rutland Island to assess the progress of the Rutland Water Supply Project (Phase-II). Accompanied by the Chief Engineer and other departmental officials, he inspected the ongoing construction of check weirs across various nullahs.

During the inspection, the Commissioner was briefed on delays in the execution of the project. It was informed that due to slow progress of



work, a formal notice has been issued to the contractor, in accordance with the

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Applications invited to operate Watersports activities at RK Pur Dam site in Little Andaman



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 27

The Directorate of IP&T, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, has taken proactive steps to promote recreational tourism and enhance visitor experience by introducing non-motorized watersports activities at the RK Pur Dam site in Little Andaman. In this regard, a comprehensive risk

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Hon'ble Lt. Governor hosts 'At Home' function...*(Contd. from page 01)*

Best Marching Contingents (Armed) of Republic Day Parade 2026. The joint first prize were bagged by Department of Environment & Forests led by Ms. Richa, Forester and Andaman and Nicobar Police (Armed) Contingent led by SI Ajitabh Kumar the 2nd position was awarded to Andaman & Nicobar Police Women (Armed) led by SI Nirmala. In the Best Marching Troupe among Educational Institutions the first position was bagged by Middle School, Sagaritara, led by Kumari T. Staffinia Granny, while JNRM - Sr. Div. NCC (Naval) (Boys & Girls) led by Kumar NC 1 Mohammed Shaad & GSSS Model Girl's troupe led by Kumari D Amrita were the runner up. In the Best School Band, the first position was bagged by GSSS Model Girls Band led by Kumari Mannat, the 2nd position was bagged by Senior Secondary School, VKV Boys Band troupe led by Kush Agarwal.

Among the participants of Tableaux based on the theme, presentation and display, the winner was Directorate of Industries while Department of Environment & Forests was the runner up.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor also felicitated PRIs/ Councillors/Tribal Leaders for their noteworthy achievements. The recipients who received the awards are Councilor, Ward No. 5, SVP, Smti. S. Selvi, Councilor Ward No. 24, SVP, Smti. U. Kavitha, Zilla Parishad Member, Pahalgaoon, Smti. Basanti Devi, Zilla Parishad Member, Sippighat, Smti. Sarika Devi, Zilla Parishad Member Ferrargunj, Shri Abdul Bashir, Pradhan, GP Beodnabad, Shri R. Parmasivam, Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Prothrapur, Smti. Champa Das, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Rabindra Nagar, Smti. Sangita Biswas, Pradhan, GP Shivapuram, Shri Venkateshwar Rao, Panchayat Samiti Member, Rangat Block, Shri Bishnu Pada Mondal, Pradhan, GPRampur, Shri Saw Thomson, Panchayat Samiti Member, Diglipur Block, Shri K. Karuppaiah, First Captain, Taheela Village, Chowra, Shri David Froster & Secretary, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar, Shri Martin Luther.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor also felicitated frontline workers for their contribution in their fields. They included Smti. Urmila Kumari, AANM, DHS, Smti. V. Surya Kumari, ASHA Worker, DHS, Smti. Menoka Das, Community Resource Person, RD Department, Shri Tushar Biswas, RD Department, Shri Bhim Raj, Casual Mazdoor, SVP.



77th Republic Day celebrated with patriotic fervour at BJR Stadium, Car Nicobar



Car Nicobar, Jan. 27

The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated with pride and patriotic fervour at BJR Stadium, Car Nicobar. The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District, Shri Amit Kale, IAS, unfurled the National Flag and took the salute of the parade in the presence of Superintendent of Police, Nicobar District, the Station Commander, Indian Air Force, Car Nicobar, Tribal Council Members, Village Captains, Officers from all line Departments, students, and members of the general public.

Earlier, Shri Amit Kale, IAS, paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Gandhi Statue.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the significance of the Constitution and its core values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity, emphasizing responsible citizenship and collective effort in strengthening democracy in Nicobar District. Reviewing achievements of 2025-26, he stated that disaster preparedness remained a priority, with mock drills conducted to enhance community resilience against tsunamis and cyclones. He also highlighted people-centric initiatives such as Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore and Prashasan Aapke Dwar for effective doorstep service delivery. Under the Integrated Tribal Development Programme, welfare initiatives including provision of mortuary vans to Tribal Councils and promotion of youth and sports development were undertaken. Progress in healthcare and education, along with excellent academic performance of district schools, was also noted.

The Deputy Commissioner lauded the SAI trainees of Car Nicobar for winning 28 medals at National Championships and highlighted steps towards renewable energy through rooftop solar installations under the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Biji Yojana, besides ongoing infrastructure and connectivity works.

During the programme, Commendation Certificates were awarded for meritorious services, a press release received from District Administration, Nicobar District said.



Applications invited to operate....
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assessment study has been conducted in coordination with the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS), Goa, MoT, GoI. Based on the recommendations of the said study, the operation of non-motorized watersports activities such as Kayaking, Stand-Up Paddle Boarding, Paddle Boats for sight-seeing, Rowing Boats & Aqua Zorbing have been found suitable and safe at the RK Pur Dam site.

Accordingly, the Directorate of IP&T invites applications from individuals, firms, agencies, entrepreneurs & tourism stakeholders interested in operating the above-mentioned non-motorized watersports activities at RK Pur Dam, Little Andaman, in accordance with the prescribed safety norms and guidelines. Interested applicants are advised to submit their applications with Water-Sports Section, Directorate of IP&T.

Tourism Department issues advisory on Regulation of Scuba Diving Operations

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 27

It has come to the notice of the Directorate of Tourism that some registered Scuba Diving Centres are not complying with the safety, supervision, and quality standards prescribed under the Guidelines for Scuba Diving Centres in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the Terms and Conditions issued by the Directorate.

In the interest of diver safety and regulatory compliance, and as per the prescribed safety guidelines, it has been decided to regulate the number of dives conducted by Dive professionals (Dive Instructors/Dive Masters).

Accordingly, all registered Scuba Diving Centres/Operators are hereby directed to ensure that each dive professional conducts a maximum of four dives per day. The above directions shall be complied with immediate effect. Any violation of this advisory shall invite strict action, including cancellation of registration, as deemed fit by the Directorate, a press release from Tourism Department said.

77th Republic Day celebrated with patriotic fervor at Mayabunder

Mayabunder, Jan. 27

The District Administration, N&M Andaman celebrated 77th Republic Day yesterday at District Headquarters in Mayabunder showcasing a vibrant display of national pride, cultural diversity, and the district's commitment to the vision of a developed India. The Deputy Commissioner of N&M Andaman unfurled the National Tricolour. Aspirated ceremonial parade participated by contingents from the A&N Police, Scouts & Guides, schools students formed part of the celebrations. In his address, the Deputy Commissioner extended warm greetings to the residents and paid homage to the freedom fighters who shaped the nation's Constitution. He spoke about the development of local roads and maritime connectivity in the district. He also highlighted on the developments taking place in the district.

Students from local educational institutions presented a medley of traditional dances and patriotic songs that reflected the "Unity in Diversity" of the Islands. A total of 39 Commendation Certificates were awarded upon distinguished individuals for their exemplary service and contribution to the district's welfare over the past year.

Apart from the main function at Netaji Sports Complex, Mayabunder, the spirit of patriotism was further amplified through ceremonial flag-hoisting at key maritime landmarks, including the German Jetty, Mayabunder and the Fish Landing Center at Pokkadera, Mayabunder. The observance was mirrored across the district's administrative sub-divisions, encompassing Diglipur, Rangat, and Long Island, a press release received here said.



VACANCY NOTICE

Applications are invited from the willing and eligible employees working under the Central/State Govt./UTs for filling up the post Jailer in Andaman & Nicobar Prison Department on **Deputation (ISTC) Basis**. The Details are as under:

1. Name of the Post	Jailor
2. Scale of Pay	Level-6 (Rs. 35400-112400) in Pay matrix
3. No of Vacancy	01(One)
4. Application details	Format for applying to the post of Jailer may be downloaded from the URL https://andamannicobar.gov.in

More details regarding the post is available in the A & N Administration's web site <https://andamannicobar.gov.in>

Filled-in applications, along with the necessary documents, may be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent (Prison), District Jail, Prothrapur, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 744105 either by post or through the official e-mail ID, latest by 1600 hrs on or before 23.03.2026 positively.

Applications submitted through e-mail shall be sent only to the official gov.in e-mail ID supjail.and@nic.in as notified. I.D. No. 11957

Superintendent (Prison)
Prothrapur District Jail

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2 BHK Room with Sufficient Water Supply, Two Wheeler Parking is Available for Rent at Naushad Colony, Bhatubasti, Ward No.24.

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Contact: 9474227929 / 7319477929
Reg. No. 45/MVS/2021

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE

3 Nos. - Shop / Godown / Office, Total Area - 1200 Sq. ft., Ground Floor Near Govt. Primary School, Dignabad.

Contact No.: 7695081048

TO LET

A 2 BHK House (Independent) is available for rent basis at School Line Junction behind Shiv Temple, car parking place available. Contact: 9679549414 / 9679587014

TO LET

4 BHK House for Rent in 2nd Floor at Dollygunj, Near FCI Godown Suitable for Gym, Bank & Tuition Centre, @ Rs. 25000/-, Contact: 8927572948 / 9933232128


NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

The Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, A&N Administration, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram has invited sealed quotations from eligible local bidders for the supply of sports equipments for Khelo India Centres in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Interested local suppliers may participate in the quotation process as per the prescribed terms and conditions. The local suppliers must submit their quotations separately for each notice. The detailed notices are available on the Department's official website <https://sports.andamannicobar.gov.in>. The quotation notices are as follows:

1. KIC Sri Vijaya Puram (Athletics) - Notice No. SYA/A&N/KIC/2025-26/001
2. KIC Campbell Bay (Football) - Notice No. SYA/A&N/KIC/2025-26/002
3. KIC Nancowry (Volleyball) - Notice No. SYA/A&N/KIC/2025-26/003
4. KIC Mayabunder (Football) - Notice No. SYA/A&N/KIC/2025-26/004
5. KIC Baratang (Hockey) - Notice No. SYA/A&N/KIC/2025-26/005

ID. NO. 11958 Assistant Director (Sports)

Shradh Ceremony



Vasarla Venkata Narasayya
(01.01.1941 - 16.01.2026)

PEDDA KARMA On 28/01/2026 at his Residence at Mogallamuru, (Home Town)


A man of humility and compassion,
Our guiding light and unwavering support,
You will be deeply missed but never forgotten,
Your loving spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

We deeply mourn his absence

• V Jyothi (Daughter) • VVS Satyanarayana (Son-in-law)
• V Vinesh Krishna • V A Sai Krishna (Grand son)

6th Death Anniversary

On 28th Jan., 2026



Late Mr. Dev Kumar Sharma
(Owner of SSS Industry)
"you were the best husband and best Father anyone could ever have".
From: Nimmi Kumari Sharma (Beloved Wife), Payal Sharma, Preeti Sharma (Daughters), Suraj Sharma (Son).

SHRAADH CEREMONY




We express our sincere gratitude to all Relatives, Friends and Well- Wishers, who stood with us during the time of grief and paid condolence on the sad demise of my beloved mother who left us for her heavenly abode on 16.01.2026.

We cordially invite all the Relatives, Well - Wishers, Family Members and Friends to attend the Shraadh Ceremony on 31.01.2026 (Saturday) at Anarkali, Community Hall, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Inserted by: Son, Daughters, Daughter-in-Law, Son-in-Law, Grand Children & Family Members.

6th Death Anniversary


On 27/01/2026



Late. Annamma Mathew
(Retd. CHO, DHS)
"Always loved, always missed."
The pain of losing you has not faded, but neither has the love you left behind
Inserted By: Son, Daughter in Law & Granddaughter.

1st Death Anniversary

on 27.01.2026
In loving memory of
T. SANJEEV KUMAR
"Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts."
Inserted by: All family members Austinabad Colony.



FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

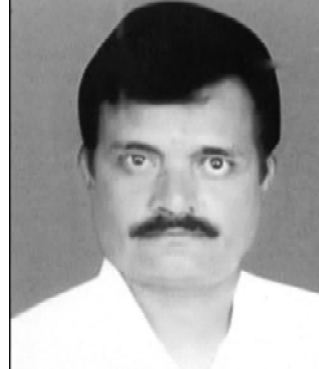
On 27/01/2026
In Loving Memory of



Late SUMITRA DEVI
From: Brij Behari (Husband), Daughters and Grand Children
R/o Junglighat

8th Death Anniversary

On 27/01/2026



Late K.K. JAIN
S/o Late P. Karunakaran
Remembering you is easy. I do it everyday, but there is an ache within my heart that will never go away.
Remembered By: K. Vasanta Kumari (Wife) and All Family Members.


1st Death Anniversary

On 27/01/2026



Late DURGA BHAWANI
R/o Bird Line
Inserted By:
Sons and Daughters

OBITUARY



We regret to inform the sad demise of **Mr. P. Arumugam**, Son of Late Perumal Reddier, Resident of Machi Line, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Retired Traffic Inspector, STS Department, Who left for his heavenly abode on 25.01.2026 at his hometown Pandalguudi, Tamil Nadu.

Survived by: Son & Daughter -in-Law: A.Saubal Raj (Teacher, Education Department) & S. Veerakamu, A. Soundara Pandian (ACF, Forest Department) & S. Jaya Laxmi (HGC, SVP SD) Daughters & Sons-in-Law: Saroja Selvam (Teacher, Mumbai) & Subbiah Selvam (GJEP), Sangeeta (Staff Nurse, Madhya Pradesh) & Umesh Wakde (Business).

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands presents President's Police Medal /Police Medals/ LG's Commendation Certificates to recipients on the occasion of Republic Day- 2026



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting President's Police Medal to Shri H.G.S Dhaliwal, IPS, DGP, A&N Islands



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Barren Island Cruise Team, Directorate of Shipping Services.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Alexander, Handicraft Maker, Ramjaw, Munak, Nancowry; Shri Nixon Gabriel, Handicraft Maker, Marubasti, Daring, Nancowry.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Lionald Backer, Cyclist, Event- Individual Time Trial U-17 Boys & Team Sprint U-17 Boys; Shri Saw Zecheiah, Cyclist, Event- Team Sprint U-17 Boys; Shri Messi Karlson, Cyclist, Event- Team Sprint U-17 Boys; Shri Kingdom Bright, Cyclist, Event- Team Sprint U-17 Boys.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting Police Medal to Shri S. Viswanand, SI, A&N Police



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Dr. Palak Mahajan, Consultant, Climate Change and Quality Assurance, State Health Society, NHM, Sri Vijaya Puram.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Saw Teela, Farmer, Karmatang-10, Mayabunder; Shri Saw Ashu Aungthong, Farmer, Karmatang-9, Mayabunder; Shri Saw Kapawtoo, Farmer, Webi, Mayabunder.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Ms Tanyasha, Weightlifter, Vikas Nagar, Nancowry Island, Nicobar District.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting Police Medal to Shri Swapan Kumar Paul, SI (Retd.), A&N Police



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Smti Mela Pelango, ANM, Sub-Centre, Daring, Nancowry.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Uday Bhaskar, Astro Communicator, Star Gazer and Astro Tourism Consultant, Sri Vijaya Puram.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Michael, Fisherman, Social Worker, Raiheon Village, Chowra Island.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting Police Medal to Shri G. Ravi, Head Constable, A&N Police



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Smti Elsie Sailas, Anganwadi Worker, Child Development Project Office, ICDS, Teresa Island.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Totoko (alias Vicky), Chief of the Onge community, Dugong Creek, Little Andaman.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri S Mathik Kumar, Junior Engineer (Civil), SVPSPD, APWD, Sri Vijaya Puram.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting Police Medal to Shri D. Uday Kumar, Home Guard, A&N Police



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to INS Jarawa, Naval Band, Musician Sailors of INS Jarawa Naval Band, Sri Vijaya Puram.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Ms Britney, Cyclist, Event- Individual Time Trial (U-19) Girls (Medal: With one STAR); Ms I S Bridney, Cyclist, Event- Individual Time Trial (U-17) Girls & Team Sprint U-17 Girls (Medal: With one STAR); Ms Namita Voilet, Cyclist, Event- Individual Time Trial (U-19) Girls & Team Sprint U-17 Girls (Medal: With one STAR); Ms Anne Minj, Cyclist, Event- Team Sprint U-17 Girls; Ms Rosy Voilet, Cyclist, Event- Team Sprint U-17 Girls.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Abdul Shahid, Household Comptroller, Lok Niwas, Sri Vijaya Puram.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Abdul Lathief, Sub-Inspector (Master), Police Marine Force (A&N Police).



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to IC-57665P Brigadier Rajesh Sharma, Shaurya Chakra, Commander 108 Mountain Brigade, Indian Army (PARA)/HQ.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor outlines developmental achievements..... (Contd. from page 1)

sustainable and aligned with international standards. To further promote experience-based tourism, initiatives such as the Barren Island Cruise to the country's only active volcano, the 'Dweep Darshan' Heritage Harbour Cruise have started, besides the notification of 21 Islands for regulated 'Day Tourism' have been initiated. Notably, the receipt of five bids for the Yacht Marina project reflects strong investor confidence in high-end marine tourism, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor informed.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor informed that to develop Tourism as an organized, safe, and high-value experience, Policies related to Bird Watching, Caravan Tourism, Luxury Tents, Houseboat Tourism, and Astro Tourism have been notified. Under these initiatives, 95 local youths have been trained as Astro Tourism Guides. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have also been developed for adventure activities such as flyboarding, water jet packs, and submarine scooters, while scuba diving guidelines have been updated in accordance with ISO and World Recreational Scuba Training Council standards, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor said adding that a Beach Tourism Policy has also been introduced to systematically promote events and activities along the beaches.

To strengthen tourism development, connectivity is being enhanced as a vital foundation, said the Hon'ble Lt. Governor and disclosed that under the UDAN scheme, sea plane services, water aerodrome terminals, helicopter services, and airport expansion works are in progress. Civil terminal facilities at Shibpur and Car Nicobar are ready, while work at Campbell Bay is in its final stages. Sea connectivity is also being strengthened through the development of jetties, ports, and shipping infrastructure, he added.

Informing about the initiatives taken to improve sea connectivity, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that, following in-principle approval from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has been

entrusted with the construction of four new vessels, each with a capacity of 500 passengers and 150 metric tonnes of cargo, with specifications similar to sister vessels Sindhu and Nalanda. Simultaneously, the chartering of a total of 32 vessels, including two vessels of 300-passenger capacity and eleven vessels of 250-passenger capacity at an annual cost of Rs. 320 crore is underway to replace older vessels such as M.V. Chowra and M.V. Dering, he added.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor further stated that under the guidance of the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, the Islands Development Agency (IDA) is functioning as the principal institutional mechanism for the holistic development of A&N Islands. Under IDA, several ambitious and transformative projects involving investments exceeding Rs.1.5 lakh crore have been initiated, many of which are already fully operational, while others are progressing rapidly, he said. Projects such as the Submarine Optical Fibre Cable (CANI) and Azad Hind Fauj Setu at Humphrey Strait have proven decisive in enhancing connectivity and economic activity across the Islands.

Giving information about the mega & ambitious GNI project, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that the holistic development of Great Nicobar Island, including the establishment of an International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), a Greenfield International Airport, a power plant, and a modern township, is a project of immense national importance. As per the DPR of the ICTT being developed under the PPP model, the Terminal will have a Phase-I capacity of 5.8 million TEUs, which will be progressively enhanced to 20.4 million TEUs in the final phase. Given its strategic location dominating the Malacca Strait, this Terminal has the potential to become one of the leading container handling ports not only in India but across the Indo-Pacific region.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor further disclosed that under the same project, the DPR for the proposed Greenfield Airport at

Great Nicobar has been approved by the concerned Ministries, and recently, the Cabinet Committee on Security has accorded approval for its development as a joint-user Greenfield Airport and Naval Air Station. With an investment of approximately Rs. 92,000 crore, this project will establish the islands as an economic hub and serve as a force multiplier in strengthening India's strategic position in the Indo-Pacific region. In continuation of these efforts, the Ministry has entrusted Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority with the responsibility of preparing a techno-commercial feasibility study and business plan within six months for the proposed Deep-water Port at Atlanta Bay, he added.

Mentioning about the non-IDA achievements, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor informed that the A&N Administration has launched a Comprehensive Recruitment Drive to fill over 2,100 vacant posts at Group-B, Group-C, Higher Secondary, and Matriculation levels. He stated that it's a matter of pride that our Island Territory has successfully achieved 100% literacy rate. He said that in the field of Tribal Development, the achievement of 13 students from the Onge Tribe passing Class X marks a historic milestone. Approval has also been granted for 13 postgraduate seats in ANIMS and for the establishment of a Nursing College at Sri Vijaya Puram, he added.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that Sri Vijaya Puram being recognized as a 'Promising Swachh City,' 86% of hotels receiving Green Leaf Certification, Pahargaoon Police Station being declared the second-best police station in the country, and seven products receiving GI tags, with 18 additional products proposed for GI registration are some of the notable achievements in the sphere of good governance.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that in terms of security and sovereignty, the hoisting of the National Flag across 744 Islands and the expansion of drone-based mapping have further strengthened India's administrative presence.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor extended his best wishes to the Marching Contingents, school children and other participants of the cultural programme. He also expressed his gratitude to the Andaman and Nicobar Command under the leadership of CINCAN, which has always provided prompt assistance to the Civil Administration whenever required.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor appreciated the work being done by the A&N Administration under the leadership of Chief Secretary, DGP and PCCF and expressed his sincere thanks to representatives of various organizations and members of the society who have extended their valuable cooperation.

Concluding his Republic Day speech, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor assured that he and his Administration is fully

committed for holistic and time-bound development of the Islands so that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands can play its role in realizing the Hon'ble Prime Minister's dream of a 'Viksit Bharat'.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor presented President's Police Medals and Lt. Governor's Commendation Certificates to the recipients for their outstanding contribution in various fields. In the March Past, contingents of Defence Forces, Forest, Police, NCC, School (Boys & Girls) and others participated. Different Departments of A&N Administration displayed their development activities through presentation of Tableaux. The highlight of the Republic Day celebration this year was the 'Dare Devil Bike Show' by IRBN. Cultural programme by school children added grandeur to the Republic Day function. The main function of the Republic Day concluded with the National Anthem.

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terms of the agreement. Expressing dissatisfaction with the pace of construction, he directed APWD to expedite the work and ensure completion of the project before May 2026.

Highlighting the importance of the project in view of declining water levels in the Dhanikhari Dam, the Commissioner stated that the scheme is expected to augment water availability by about 6 MLD (Million Litres per Day), thereby helping to ease water scarcity in the region.

The Commissioner also instructed the APWD to immediately connect the completed check weirs to the existing water supply network so that additional water can be made available without delay. He reiterated that the Administration is taking all necessary steps to strengthen water supply infrastructure and meet the growing demand.

In light of the shortfall in rainfall during the current North-East Monsoon, the UT Administration has appealed to residents, institutions and commercial establishments to adopt water conservation measures. The rainfall deficit has led to reduced reservoir levels, inadequate groundwater recharge and diminished surface water availability, which may affect drinking water supply in the coming months.

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration reiterated its commitment to managing the water situation and stated that the developments is being closely monitored. Public cooperation has been sought, with citizens urged to practice water conservation in their daily lives to help mitigate the impact of the ongoing water shortage, a press release from APWD said.