



"Stop the Leakage, Save Water" campaign SVPNC successfully conserved 33,500 litres of water so far through timely rectification of leakages in distribution system

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28
In continuation of the "Stop the Leakage, Save Water" campaign launched on 28th February, 2026, the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPNC) reaffirms its firm commitment to efficient water management and conservation. With the onset of summer and the consequent reduction in dam water levels, the need for judicious use of water has become increasingly critical to ensure a sustainable and equitable supply across all Wards. The ongoing campaign, focused on minimizing losses,

promoting responsible consumption, and strengthening the distribution network, continues to be implemented on priority. As part of these sustained efforts, SVPNC has successfully conserved 33,500 litres of water so far through systematic identification and timely rectification of leakages in the distribution system. Regular inspections, prompt repair of pipelines, valves, and fittings, along with close monitoring of overflow and leakage points, have significantly reduced water wastage and improved supply efficiency during this period of increased demand. SVPNC emphasizes that water conservation cannot be achieved by the Administration alone, it requires active and collective participation from the public. Residents are urged to regularly check household plumbing systems, repair leaking taps and pipelines without delay, prevent overflow from overhead tanks, and adopt responsible water usage practices. Installation of float valves in overhead tanks is strongly recommended to curb avoidable wastage. Citizens may also report any leakage in the public supply to the SVPNC through dedicated Helpline number - 03192231179. The Council further calls upon all citizens to become active partners in this effort by promptly reporting leakages, burst pipelines, or any misuse of water. Every drop saved today contributes to securing water availability for the entire community. SVPNC remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding this vital resource and appeals to all residents to join hands in making water conservation a shared civic responsibility, a press release from SVPNC said.

“रहिमन पानी राखिए, बिन पानी सब सूना पानी गए न ऊबरे, मोती, मानुष, चूना।”

Call for nominations for Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar Last date for submission of nominations is July 31

New Delhi, Apr. 28 (PIB) The Government of India has invited nominations for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP), a prestigious national-level award conferred annually to recognize exceptional achievements of children across the country. The awards are given to children who deserve recognition at the national level in the fields of Bravery, Sports, Social Service, Science & Technology, Environment and Arts & Culture. Any child above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st July, 2026), who is an Indian Citizen and residing in India is eligible for the awards. Nominations from any citizen will be received only through the National Awards Portal on <https://awards.gov.in>. Self-nomination & recommendations for the awards, both shall be considered. The last date for receipt of online applications is 31st July, 2026. For more details, visit the National Awards Portal (<https://awards.gov.in>).

Nominations for Padma Awards-2027 open till July 31

New Delhi, Apr. 28 (PIB) Nominations/recommendations for the Padma Awards 2027 to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2027 have started on 15th March, 2026. The last date for nominations for Padma Awards is 31st July, 2026. The nominations/recommendations for Padma Awards will only be received online on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal (<https://awards.gov.in>). The Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country. Instituted in 1954, these Awards are announced on the occasion of the Republic Day every year. The Award seeks to recognize 'work of distinction' and is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements/service in all fields/disciplines, such as, Art, Literature and Education, Sports, (Contd. on last page)

A&N Govt. Employees get career boost Over 200 promotions cleared across Amalgamated Clerical Cadre

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28 In a major move aimed at bolstering employee morale and ensuring career progression, the Personnel Department has successfully conducted 4 Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meetings for the vacancy year 2026 for filling up of the posts of Amalgamated Clerical Cadre. DPC meeting for promotion to the posts of Assistant Secretary/ Assistant Director (Admn) was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on 02.04.2026 and as per the recommendation of the DPC, 5 Office Superintendent has been promoted to the post of AS/AD(Admn). DPC meetings for promotion to the posts of Office Superintendent & Head Clerk/AIC were held on 27.04.2026 and as per the recommendation of the DPCs, 22 Head Clerk/AICs have been promoted to the post of Office Superintendent and 31 HGCs have been promoted to the post of Head Clerk/AIC. Necessary orders in this regard have been issued on 27.04.2026. Similarly, a DPC meeting was earlier held on 30.01.2026 for promotion to the post of Higher-Grade Clerk and based on the recommendation of the DPC, 156 Lower-Grade Clerk have been promoted to the post of Higher-Grade Clerk. The above promotions will offer significant financial and career benefits to the employees, a press release from Deputy Secretary (Personnel) said.

94th meeting of TOLIC held Heads of Offices urged to organise training sessions on Bharati & Bhashini softwares

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28 The 94th meeting of the Town Official Language Implementation Committee, Sri Vijaya Puram was held today in the Conference Hall of Secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS. Addressing the meeting, the Chief Secretary stated that as per Official Language Rules 1976, Andaman and Nicobar Islands comes under Region 'A', and according to the Official Language Policy, it is mandatory for all the Central Government offices functioning in Region 'A' to dispose most of their official work in Hindi. He emphasized that the Ministry of Home Affairs is committed to implement the Official Language Policy in Central Government offices and being a Central Government Officer, it is our duty to carry out most of our official works in Hindi. He further stated that most of the officers and employees employed in various offices in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are well versed in Hindi and they are capable of disposing their official works in Hindi. He stated that disposing official works in Hindi has become much easier (Contd. on last page)



DG sets at Rangat Bay Power House repaired & made operational New 500 kVA DG set commissioned at Baratang Power House


Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28 The general public, PRIs and all Government Departments of Rangat, Mayabunder and Baratang have been informed that the DG sets at Rangat Bay Power House, which had recently developed faults have been successfully repaired and are now fully operational. DG-V at RBPH which developed a fault on 13.04.2026 has been restored on 27.04.2026 while DG-II which had break down on 20.04.2026 was promptly repaired and made operational on 21.04.2026. Further, a new 500 kVA DG set has been successfully commissioned at Baratang Power House and is presently under testing. With the restoration of the DG sets and augmentation of generation capacity, no load shedding will be carried out with immediate effect. The Electricity Department appreciates the patience and cooperation extended by consumers during the disruption period and reiterates its commitment to strengthening the power infrastructure and ensuring reliable and uninterrupted power supply across the areas of Rangat, Mayabunder and Baratang, a press release from Electricity Department said.



Reel Contest launched to fight TB in South Andaman

District Health Society (SA) invites public participation under 100-Day Campaign

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28 As part of the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan - 100 Days Campaign, the District Health Society, South Andaman, is organizing a Reel Contest to enhance awareness and promote community participation in combating Tuberculosis (TB). The contest seeks to engage citizens of South Andaman district in creating short, impactful videos that promote awareness, break stigma and highlight the importance of timely diagnosis and treatment of TB. Themes of the Contest: Participants are invited to create reels based on any of the following themes:
 > Early Diagnosis & Treatment/Care of TB
 > Awareness of TB Schemes
 > Respiratory Hygiene
 > Shattering Myths, Disbeliefs & Stigma on TB
 > Nikshay Mitra Support
 Interested participants may register by scanning the QR code, which provides complete details on the contest rules and guidelines. Registration: Till 10th May, 2026 (Contd. on last page)



Farmers sensitized on use of balanced fertilizers for better crop yield

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28 Special Awareness Programmes/Meetings on the Balanced Use of Fertilizers are being conducted by Department of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration in association with Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) in all villages continue till 4th May, 2026. As part of the campaign, farmer awareness programmes are being organized across various Blocks/Villages to disseminate scientific knowledge on sustainable nutrient management practices. (Contd. on last page)



A&N Administration's high-level team conducts field visit to Nancowry Group of Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28 A high-level team of the Electricity Department conducted an intensive tour of Kamorta, Champin, Pilpillow, and Munak Islands recently. This initiative marked a milestone for the residents of Pilpillow, who welcomed senior departmental officials to their village for the first time. During the visit, Shri Tanveer Hussain, First Headman of Pilpillow, stated that the presence of senior officials enabled transparent and assured permanent solutions, including immediate strengthening with straight joining kits and complete cable replacement under RDSS loss reduction works. Shri Hussain expressed heartfelt gratitude to A&N Administration for fulfilling the demand (Contd. on last page)



Directorate of Industries invites application for admission to one-year Conventional Training Programmes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28
Applications have been invited for admission to one-year Conventional Training Programmes under the Directorate of Industries for the academic year 2026-27. The Departmental Training Centres of Industries Department i.e. at Sri Vijaya Puram will provide training in Tailoring & Garment Making, Cane & Bamboo Handicrafts, Carpentry, and General Engineering. The Diglipur Centre will offer courses in Tailoring & Garment Making, General Engineering, and

Carpentry. At Little Andaman (Hut Bay), training will be available in General Engineering and Carpentry, while Car Nicobar will conduct training in Tailoring & Garment Making, Carpentry, Coir & Coir Products and General Engineering. The eligibility for undergoing the training is Class X Pass, age between 15-45 years (as on 1st July, 2026), Local Certificate holder of A&N Islands, and physically fit (Govt. Doctor certified). A monthly stipend of Rs. 1000/- (with 80%

attendance) shall be provided to the eligible trainees on completion. The issue of forms will begin on 11th May, 2026 at Training Cell, Directorate of Industries and Extension Offices of the Department at Diglipur, Hutbay, & Car Nicobar. The last date for submission is 12th June, 2026. For further details, applicants may contact the concerned Industries Promotion Officer (Sri Vijaya Puram/Diglipur/Hut Bay/Car Nicobar), a press release from Directorate of Industries said.

Two Day Training Programme on Common Yoga Protocol for CHOs, ASHAs & ANMs conducted by AYUSH

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28
The AYUSH Wing of the Directorate of Health Services and A & N State Ayush Society (NAM) organized the valedictory function of a two-day training programme on the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) for CHOs, ASHAs, and ANMs in connection with the observance of the 12th International Day of Yoga, 2026.



The training programme was conducted on 27th and 28th April, 2026, at the Auditorium of Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Sri Vijaya Puram. The programme aimed to impart practical knowledge and enhance awareness of the Common Yoga

Protocol among frontline health workers, enabling them to promote yoga practices and healthy lifestyles within the community. Earlier, Dr. Kalyan P. Kadbhane, DD (AYUSH), welcomed the gathering. Dr. Nandini, MO I/c (Yoga & Naturopathy), and the team of Yoga Therapist/Instructors attached to AYUSH conducted the technical sessions. A total of 80 participants enthusiastically took part in the training programme, a press release from AYUSH said.

and overall well-being. He also encouraged participants to spread awareness about yoga among the people of the islands. The function was graced by Dr. H.M Siddaraju, Director of Health Services, as the chief guest. In his address, he appreciated the efforts of the AYUSH Department in organizing the training programme and emphasized the importance of yoga in preventive healthcare

Island Veteran players to participate in National C'ship

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28
The Master Veteran Table Tennis Team, comprising 13 players (11 male and 2 female) along with Team Official, Shri Emlus Lakra, departed for Pune, Maharashtra to represent the islands at the 32nd National Master Table Tennis Championship-2025, scheduled to be held from 24th April to 4th May, 2026. The veteran players will participate across the 40+, 45+, and 50+ age categories. The team represents a blend of experienced and skilled players, and their participation at the national level is expected to provide valuable exposure and competitive experience, a press release from ANSOA said.

Nominations for Padma Awards-2027

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Medicine, Social Work, Science and Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Service, Trade and Industry etc. All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are eligible for these Awards. Government servants including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for Padma Awards.

The Government is committed to transform Padma Awards into "People's Padma". All citizens are, therefore, requested to make nominations/recommendations, including self-nomination. Concerted efforts may be made to identify talented persons whose excellence and achievements really deserve to be recognized from amongst women, weaker sections of the society, SCs & STs, divyang persons and who are doing selfless service to the society.

The nominations/recommendations should contain all relevant details specified in the format available on the above said Portal, including a citation in narrative form (maximum 800 words), clearly bringing out the distinguished and exceptional achievements/service of the person recommended in her/his respective field/discipline.

Details in this regard are also available under the heading 'Awards and Medals' on the website of Ministry of Home Affairs (<https://mha.gov.in>) and on the Padma Awards Portal (<https://padmaawards.gov.in>). The statutes and rules relating to these awards are available on the website with the link <https://padmaawards.gov.in/AboutAwards.aspx>.

Heads of Offices urged to organise.....

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now as various software like Bharati and Bhashini has been developed by the Government of India which facilitate official work in Hindi. He urged all the Head of Offices to organize regular workshops and training for their staffs to sensitize them about use of these softwares and to encourage them for maximum use of Hindi in official work. At the end, he asked all the officers to take all necessary steps for the full implementation of the Official Language Policy in their office and strive to achieve the target set by the Government of India for the works to be done in the official language Hindi.

Earlier, Smt. Richa, Secretary (Official Language) gave a brief overview about the activities of TOLIC. The point for discussion was presented by the Member Secretary, Shri Rajendra Indwar, Deputy Secretary (OL), A&N Administration through PowerPoint presentation, a press release from TOLIC said.

A&N Administration's high-level team.....

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for solar streetlights, which have already brought visible improvement to village life. He also extended thanks to the Electricity Department staff at Kamorta and to Shri Frazer James, First Captain of Kakana, for their cooperation.

The high-level team was led by Smti. Ambika Ratnoo, Director (Power) and Shri Kshitij Gyanraj Sa, Assistant Commissioner (Nancowry), along with Smti. Deepa Nair, Executive Engineer (Nicobar Division) and senior officials.

The tour also addressed voltage fluctuations in Champin and Tapong, where deteriorated underground service wires will be replaced with new overhead lines. In Munak village, the Administration reinforced its commitment to energy security by confirming procurement of an additional 40 KVA DG set to serve as backup for the community power house. Beyond technical upgrades, the team actively promoted the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, encouraging rooftop solar adoption under CAPEX and RESCO models to advance sustainable energy solutions.

This extensive field visit, underscores a new era of administrative accountability and responsiveness, ensuring that the grievances of tribal communities are heard and resolved at the highest levels. The A&N Administration remains committed to delivering reliable electricity, modern infrastructure, and sustainable development across the Nancowry group of islands, a press release from Electricity Department said.

Summer Sports Coaching Camp 2026 at Netaji Sports Complex from May 6 to June 20

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28
The Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, in coordination with the Andaman & Nicobar State Sports Council, Department of Education, and various Sports Associations, will organize a 45-day Summer Sports Coaching Camp at Netaji Sports Complex from 6th May to 20th June, 2026. The camp is open for school students aged 9 to 16 years and will cover the sports disciplines viz. Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey, Cycling, Chess, Badminton, Archery, Athletics, and Table Tennis. Interested students may register by filling out the prescribed form available at Netaji Stadium from April 29 to May 4 between 10 am and 4 pm. Applicants are required to submit a passport-size photograph along with a copy of Aadhaar Card as proof of age.

The Directorate continues to take proactive initiatives to promote sports culture among young boys and girls across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. As part of its annual programme during the summer vacation, this 45-day coaching camp aims to nurture talent, encourage participation, and develop sporting skills among the youth of the Islands, a press release from Department of Education said.

World Malaria Day observed across A&N Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 28
World Malaria Day was observed across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands on April 25, 2026, in coordination with the Directorate of Health Services and the UT Health Mission. The theme for this year, "Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must," underscored the urgent need for sustained efforts toward malaria elimination.



On the occasion, a radio talk titled "Hello Doctor" was broadcast on April 25, 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. B. Ajit Kumar, Deputy Director (Malaria), who highlighted the impact

of malaria, its symptoms, and key prevention and control measures. World Malaria Day activities were organized across all three districts through various health institutions. In addition, an awareness programme was conducted by the District Malaria Officer and Assistant Malaria

Officer at IRBn, Port Mout, South Andaman, to educate personnel on malaria prevention and control. The observance reinforced the commitment of the health authorities to intensify efforts toward malaria elimination and promote community participation in preventive practices, a press release from DHS said.

Reel Contest launched to fight TB

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Reel Submission: 11th May to 30th May, 2026
Prizes: 1st Prize Rs. 10,000/-, 2nd Prize Rs. 8,000/- & 3rd Prize Rs.5,000/-

All residents have been encouraged to participate actively and contribute towards making South Andaman District TB-free through collective efforts, including awareness, early diagnosis, treatment adherence, and community support, a press release from DC (SA) said.



Farmers sensitized on use of balanced.....

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During these programmes, experts from ICAR- KVK explained that balanced fertilizer use involves the application of nutrients based on soil testing and crop requirements, ensuring the correct proportion, timing and method of application of Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K) and micronutrients. It was emphasized that balanced fertilization not only improves crop productivity but also enhances soil fertility and supports environmental sustainability.



Farmers were sensitized on the importance of:

- ◆ Soil test-based fertilizer application
- ◆ Maintenance of proper N:P:K ratio
- ◆ Split application of nitrogenous fertilizers
- ◆ Use of neem-coated urea
- ◆ Adoption of organic manures and bio-fertilizers
- ◆ Application of fertilizers near the root zone with adequate soil moisture

The campaigns highlighted that adoption of balanced fertilizer practices can significantly reduce input costs while increasing crop yields, thereby improving farmers' income.

Experts further informed that the Government is actively promoting balanced nutrient management through various initiatives such as:

- ◆ Soil Health Card Scheme
- ◆ Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS)
- ◆ Promotion of neem-coated urea
- ◆ Natural and organic farming initiatives

During the awareness programmes Soil Health Cards were also distributed to the farmers and were encouraged to make effective use of these schemes and adopt scientific and sustainable agricultural practices suited to the agro-climatic conditions of the Islands.

The campaign is witnessing encouraging participation from farmers across all blocks, reflecting a growing awareness and willingness to adopt improved farming techniques.

Altogether, 1455 Nos. of beneficiaries have been actively participated in the awareness programme so far and these programmes are being continued till May i.e. Pre-Monsoon season, a press release from Department of Agriculture said.



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Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules of Foreshore/Inter Island Sector vessels will be issued to the general public from 30.04.2026 (Thursday) 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. 4th May, 2026 onwards will be issued from 30.04.2026.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Baratang	29.04.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	30.04.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Sentinel	30.04.2026 1830 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	01.05.2026 1700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Rani Lakshmi	01.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	02.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
4.	MV Strait Island	04.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	05.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
5.	MV Baratang	06.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	07.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
6.	MV Hut Bay	08.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	09.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
7.	MV Bharat Seema	09.05.2026 2000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	10.05.2026 1400 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 5th May, 2026 onwards will be issued from 30.04.2026.							
1.	Nalanda	30.04.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	01.05.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	MV Sentinel	03.05.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	03.05.2026 2000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Kalighat	05.05.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	05.05.2026 2000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Bambooka	07.05.2026 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	07.05.2026 1300 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	Sindhu	08.05.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	09.05.2026 1000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	Sindhu	10.05.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	10.05.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAR NICOBAR via LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 5th May, 2026 onwards will be issued from 30.04.2026.							
1.	MV Bharat Seema	29.04.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Katchal via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra and Teressa	02.05.2026 0600 Hrs	Katchal	Sri Vijaya Puram via Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar and Little Andaman
2.	MV Kalighat	01.05.2026 1800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar	02.05.2026 1400 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Sentinel	05.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar vi Little Andaman	06.05.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman
4.	MV Sentinel	09.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar vi Little Andaman	10.05.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAMPBELL BAY via ALL PORTS							
Passenger tickets for the sailing scheduled on 27th May, 2026 will be issued from 30.04.2026.							
1.	MV Bharat Seema	14.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, Nancowry, Makachua & Afra Bay	17.05.2026 2100 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Afra Bay, Makachua, Nancowry, Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman.
2.	MV Sentinel	27.05.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, & Nancowry.	30.05.2026 2030 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry, Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman

Manufacturing Hubs: Building Integrated Industrial Ecosystems

Key Takeaways

⇒ Manufacturing policy has shifted to infrastructure-led, integrated hub development to enable scale, reliability, and long-term industrial competitiveness.
 ⇒ Union Budget has proposed 3 chemical parks, 7 PM MITRA parks, MSME clusters, and Rs.10,000-crore Biopharma SHAKTI.
 ⇒ Public capital expenditure has expanded from Rs.2 lakh crore in FY2014-15 to Rs.12.2 lakh crore in FY2026-27 (Budget Estimate), supporting infrastructure creation.
 ⇒ MSMEs, which comprise 7.47 crore enterprises, account for 35.4% of manufacturing output and anchor manufacturing hubs nationwide.

Introduction

Manufacturing is a foundational pillar of India's economy, contributing around 16-17 per cent of GDP and employing over 27 million workers. As the country works towards transforming from a \$3.7 trillion economy to a \$30-35 trillion economy by 2047, manufacturing is expected to play a central role, with its share in GDP rising to at least 25 per cent.

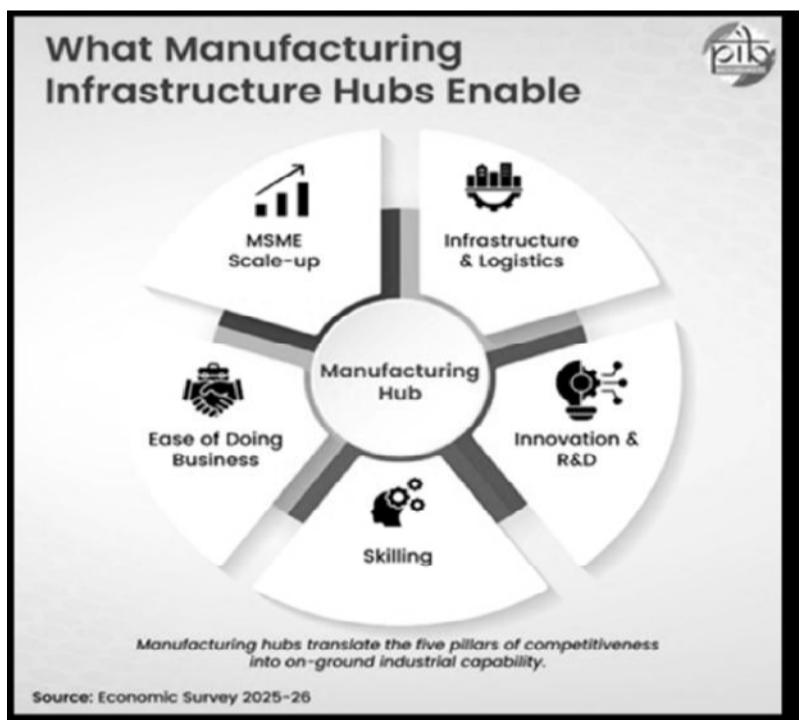
In this context, India's manufacturing strategy has increasingly focused on the development of integrated manufacturing hubs, spatial ecosystems that combine physical infrastructure, regulatory support, common facilities, and connectivity. These hubs are designed to support scale, reduce transaction costs, and anchor long-term manufacturing activity, strengthening India's position within domestic and global production networks.

Manufacturing Hubs in a Changing Global Context

The Economic Survey 2025-26 observed that global manufacturing is undergoing a structural transition, with competitiveness shaped less by low-cost production and more by reliability, resilience, and strategic indispensability. As production processes become more technology-intensive and system-dependent, the ability to operate within stable, integrated manufacturing environments has emerged as a critical determinant of long-term industrial competitiveness.

Countries that are able to provide stable production environments are supported by infrastructure, logistics, skills, and institutional coordination, and they are better positioned to sustain manufacturing activity and retain long-term production mandates.

This global shift and the ongoing industrial momentum have been underpinned by a move towards high-technology manufacturing and a growing emphasis on strategic indispensability within GVCs. As manufacturing becomes increasingly technology-intensive and system-dependent, it underscores the importance of preparedness, productivity, and the capacity to scale. Manufacturing hubs providing integrated ecosystems with shared infrastructure, supply chain linkages, and



logistics connectivity, enable firms to operate at scale, move up the value chain, and integrate more effectively into global production networks.

A Global Value Chain (GVC) consists of a series of stages involved in producing goods or services, with each stage adding value and at least two stages occurring in different countries.

India's Industrial Manufacturing Trajectory

India's infrastructure approach has undergone a structural transformation, with the focus moving from project-level execution to system-level planning. Such system-level planning directly enhances the effectiveness of manufacturing hubs by reducing bottlenecks, improving logistics efficiency, and supporting timely execution.

Global investment trends increasingly recognise India as a preferred manufacturing destination. The country is currently ranked as the third most sought-after manufacturing location worldwide. At the same time, the composition of production is evolving, with medium- and high-technology activities accounting for 46.3% of total manufacturing value added, indicating a gradual shift towards more sophisticated industrial structures.

India's Manufacturing Hub Landscape

The manufacturing hub landscape across the country has evolved into a multi-layered ecosystem, reflecting differences in scale, sectoral requirements, and spatial planning. Rather than following a single model, policy interventions have supported diverse forms of manufacturing hubs. The manufacturing landscape today comprises large integrated parks, sector-specific ecosystems, MSME clusters, and corridor-linked industrial nodes, each designed to address specific production, logistics, and value-chain needs.

Large Integrated Manufacturing Hubs

These are master-planned industrial zones with plug-and-play infrastructure that host anchor manufacturers and their supplier ecosystems in one location. They provide shared utilities, logistics, and support infrastructure, enabling quick project implementation and economies of scale. These parks may be multi-sector or sector-anchored and can be developed independently or within industrial corridors.

Plug-and-play Infrastructure: Ready-to-use facilities that minimize setup time and costs, enabling industries to operationalize quickly and achieve faster returns on investment.

National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) is a transformative initiative designed to establish Greenfield Industrial Smart Cities across India, positioning the country as a global manufacturing hub. Till date, 20 industrial smart cities have been approved by the Government of India which cover 7 industrial corridors and 13 States. Of these, 4 industrial smart cities namely Dholera (Gujarat), Shendra-Bidkin (Maharashtra), Integrated Industrial Township at Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh) and Integrated Industrial Township at Vikram Udyogpuri near Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh) have

India's Manufacturing Capability

Key Indicators

- » Manufacturing value added: ~12.5% of GDP
- » Share of medium- and high-technology manufacturing: 46.3%
- » Global manufacturing growth momentum (Q1 2025): 6th among top 10 manufacturers
- » Competitive Industrial Performance (CIP) Rank: 37th (2023)
- » Global Innovation Index (GII) Rank: 38th (2025)

Sources: Economic Survey 2025-26, UNIDO



been completed and other 16 are under various stages of development. These industrial nodes are being developed with plug-and-play infrastructure and multimodal connectivity.

PM MITRA (Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) represents large integrated manufacturing hubs tailored for the textile value chain, combining processing, manufacturing, logistics, and common facilities within a single park framework. These parks have been announced in seven states, including Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra. **Sector-Specific Manufacturing Ecosystems**

Certain manufacturing sectors require specialised and capital-intensive infrastructure, making ecosystem-based manufacturing hubs essential. These hubs integrate production units with supplier networks, testing, regulatory, and skilling infrastructure to support complete value chains.

→ Bulk Drug Park Scheme: This scheme is facilitating the establishment of three Bulk Drug Parks in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh to reduce the cost of bulk drug manufacturing through the creation of world-class common infrastructure. These parks provide shared facilities, including solvent recovery plants and common effluent treatment systems, to improve efficiency and environmental compliance.

→ Semiconductor and electronics ecosystems are supported under the Semicon India Programme and Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) 2.0, covering fabrication, assembly, packaging, and testing. These hubs are designed to strengthen domestic manufacturing capacity in critical sectors while improving integration with global value chains.

→ Biopharma SHAKTI (Strategy for Healthcare Advancement through Knowledge, Technology and Innovation) has been announced, with an outlay of ₹ 10,000 crores over the next 5 years to develop India as a global Biopharma manufacturing hub.

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Manufacturing Clusters

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) constitute a core pillar of India's manufacturing ecosystem, with significant implications for manufacturing hubs at the regional level. MSMEs account for 35.4% of manufacturing output, contribute 48.58% of exports, and generate 31.1% of GDP, highlighting their substantial role in India's industrial economy.

The MSME sector comprises over 7.47 crore enterprises and employs more than 32.82 crore persons, making it the second-largest source of employment after agriculture. With such scale, MSMEs are central to the development of manufacturing hubs, particularly in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, where clusters often form around shared skills, local supplier networks, and cost advantages.

→ The Micro & Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) supports infrastructure creation, Common Facility Centres (CFCs), and technology upgradation in MSME clusters. Under MSE-CDP, a total of 580 projects have been approved, comprising 227 Common Facility Centres (CFCs) and 353 Infrastructure Development (ID) projects.

→ The India Industrial Land Bank (IILB) maps industrial estates, clusters, parks, and zones across the country.

→ State Industrial Development Corporations develop and manage industrial estates for MSMEs.

Corridor-Linked Industrial Nodes

Complementing these hub models are corridor-enabled industrial regions, which emphasise spatial integration and logistics efficiency as part of a broader industrial ecosystem, rather than functioning as standalone production units. These corridors provide trunk infrastructure, freight connectivity, and multimodal logistics, enabling industrial concentration at scale.

Trunk infrastructure is the higher-order infrastructure development with the primary purpose of serving 'catchment' areas to be shared between developments, commonly provided by local governments. It includes the development of the main line of infrastructure, such as water supply, drainage, sewerage/septage, roads, streetlight, electricity, etc.

Industrial corridors such as the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC), Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC), Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC), and Vizag Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) are designed to support manufacturing hubs and clusters by improving connectivity and facilitating integrated planning across regions.

State Capacity and On-Ground Execution

The performance of manufacturing infrastructure hubs is overall shaped by state capacity in land aggregation, trunk infrastructure provisioning, and regulatory approvals. Strengthening execution and coordination has therefore been a key focus of recent infrastructure policy initiatives.

To address coordination challenges in infrastructure planning and delivery, the Government has launched the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, an integrated platform that brings together infrastructure-related data and projects of 44 central ministries and 36 states/Union Territories. The initiative enables coordinated planning of transport, logistics, and utility infrastructure, with a focus on multimodal connectivity, last-mile linkages, and time-bound execution.

To reinforce infrastructure creation, public capital expenditure has increased substantially in recent years. The Government capital outlay has grown from Rs.2 lakh crore in FY2014-15 to a Budget Estimate of Rs.12.2 lakh crore in 2026-27. This sustained increase has strengthened the physical backbone required for large manufacturing ecosystems, including industrial parks, logistics infrastructure, and freight connectivity.

What Is Capital Expenditure?

When the Government incurs expenditure to create assets such as schools, hospitals, buildings, roads, bridges, canals, railway lines, etc., or reduces its liability, such as repayment of loans, etc., such expenditure is known as capital expenditure.

Institutional mechanisms have also been introduced to improve project preparedness and execution capacity. The India Infrastructure Project Development Fund (IIPDF) supports Central and State authorities by financing transaction advisers to develop bankable infrastructure projects, helping create a robust project pipeline. In parallel, the National Infrastructure Enablement Index (NIEI) has been developed to assess the institutional preparedness of States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments for infrastructure delivery.

These measures have improved the enabling environment for manufacturing hubs. State-level initiatives across the country illustrate the development of manufacturing hubs across different sectors and regions:

→ Uttar Pradesh is developing the Defence Industrial Corridor across six nodes, including Aligarh, Agra, Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Kanpur, and Lucknow, to support defence and aerospace manufacturing.

→ Tamil Nadu, also known as the Detroit of Asia, has expanded electronics and automobile manufacturing clusters, supported by dedicated industrial parks and logistics infrastructure.

→ Gujarat continues to leverage industrial estates and port-linked manufacturing hubs to attract large-scale manufacturing investment.

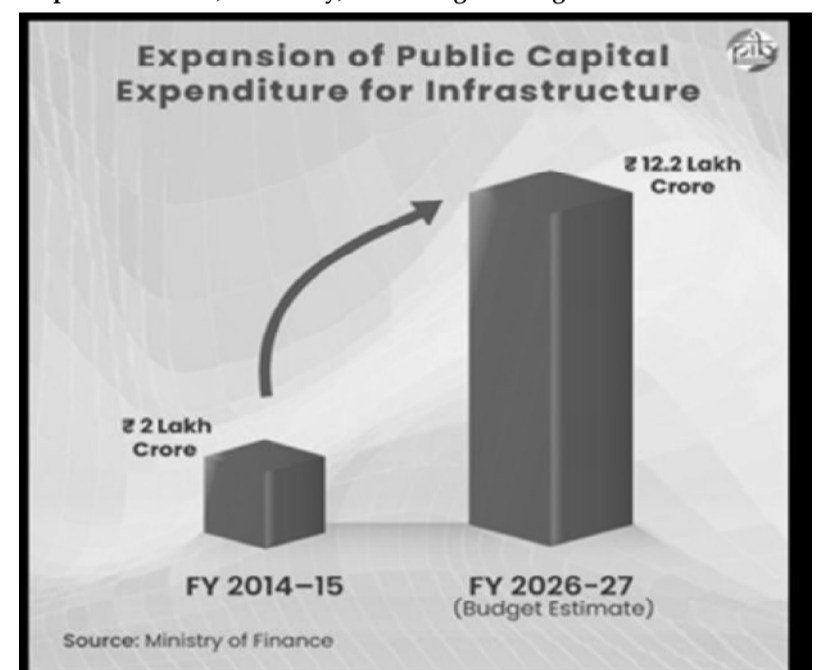
Meanwhile, industrial corridors, including the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor and the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, further reflect coordinated Centre-State execution, with industrial nodes developed through joint institutional frameworks and phased infrastructure provisioning.

Policy Support for Infrastructure Hubs & Budget Announcement

The policy framework in recent years has focused on the creation of integrated infrastructure-led manufacturing, recognizing that sustained industrial competitiveness depends on infrastructure, coordination, and execution rather than firm-level interventions alone.

This strategic approach is reflected in mission-oriented initiatives such as the National Manufacturing Mission, PM-MITRA Park, PM-Gati Shakti, Digital Public Platforms (like ULIP), sector-specific capacity-building measures, and the development of industrial corridors, parks, and clusters that combine physical infrastructure with institutional support. Together, these interventions aim to minimise logistics friction, financing delays, and coordination losses that previously constrained industrial competitiveness.

The Union Budget 2026-27 lays the foundation by advancing infrastructure-led manufacturing through focused support for manufacturing parks, shared facilities, and improved connectivity. The Budget reinforces the hub-based approach to manufacturing, with an emphasis on scale, reliability, and stronger linkages across value chains.



2026-27 KEY BUDGET Announcements: Manufacturing hubs	
Sector/Area	Announcement
Chemicals	Three new Chemical Parks to be established to strengthen cluster-based chemical manufacturing with shared utilities, safety infrastructure, and logistics connectivity.
Textiles	Continued implementation of 7 PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Parks approved earlier, aimed at creating large, integrated textile manufacturing hubs.
MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) Manufacturing Clusters	Strengthening of cluster-based manufacturing and Common Facility Centres (CFCs) to support MSME access to shared production, testing, and quality infrastructure.
Capital Goods / Industrial Support Infrastructure	Support for tool rooms, testing, and calibration facilities to strengthen domestic capital goods and industrial manufacturing capability.
Infrastructure Planning Linked to Manufacturing	Continued rollout of PM GatiShakti for coordinated, multimodal planning of infrastructure connected to industrial and manufacturing locations.
Global Biopharma & Manufacturing Hub: Biopharma SHAKTI	Outlay of ₹10,000 crore over five years to build a biopharma-focused manufacturing ecosystem, including three new National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs) and a nationwide network of over 1,000 accredited clinical trial sites.

Conclusion

As India works towards its goal of becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047, manufacturing is expected to play a crucial role in supporting sustained economic growth and employment generation. The Economic Survey and Union Budgets reflect the importance of policy support and public investment in strengthening manufacturing through infrastructure-led development and integrated industrial ecosystems.

An important element of this strategy is the growing focus on Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, where manufacturing hubs are benefiting from cost advantages, local skills, and improved connectivity. Continued emphasis on such regions, supported by coordinated government policies and infrastructure development, will be essential for ensuring that manufacturing-led growth is broad-based, resilient, and aligned with India's long-term development objectives. (Source:PIB)

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 28th April, 2026

PRESS NOTE

The Revenue Department, South Andaman is in the process of filling up the posts in Group 'C' under Compassionate Appointment in transparent and objective manner. The department has received total 23 applications from the deceased Govt. Servant for determining their candidature for appointment under Compassionate grounds against 02 vacant Group 'C' posts (MTS & RFA).

The Screening Committee constituted for the purpose, scrutinized the applications in accordance with OM No.A-12012/01/2022-Ad.II dated 17.06.2022 and attributed the points are per parameter of OM and recommended the tentative merit list on 100 points scoring of candidates. The eligible/ ineligible candidates concerned may submit their claims and objections, if any, against the scored points/remarks with supporting documents/evidence to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication. Only objections received within this period will be allowed for consideration. Late submission will not be entertained.

Provisional List of Eligible Candidates under Revenue Department

Sl. No.	Name of Applicants	Name of Deceased Employee and Designation	Points scored by the candidate	Respective HoO
1	Smti. Sadana Singh (Wife)	Late Deep Singh, Ex Choudary	60	AC(SA)
2	Shri. Srinivasu (Son)	Late K. Simachalam, Ex Mazdoor	59	AC(S)
3	Shri. Zaheen Nisar (Son)	Late Nisar Ali, Ex Choudary	37	AC(SA)
4	Shri. G.Sevuga Moorthy (Son)	Late T. Ganeshan, Ex SCD	37	AC(SA)
5	Shri. K. Damodhar (Son)	Late Okesh Rao, Ex RFA	36	AC(S)
6	Ms. Kavita Biswas (Daughter)	Late Kamal Biswas, Ex RFA	28	AC(S)
7	Shri. Arul David (Son)	Late C. Arul Mani, Ex RFA	23	AC(S)
8	Shri. M. Sooriya Kumar (Son)	Late K. Murugan, Ex Revenue Inspector	22	AC(SA)

Provisional List of Ineligible Candidates under Revenue Department

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant	Name of Deceased Employee and Designation, Respective Office	Date of Death	Remarks
1	Shri. C.Muthu Kumar (Son)	Late A Chinnaiyah, Ex Mazdoor, AC(S)	17.01.2007	As per RR, Education Qualification required is X th Pass
2	Shri Abdul Azeem (Brother)	Late Mohd. Abdul Ayub, Ex Patwari, AC(SA)	22.07.2008	An earlier application was returned due to incompleteness, and a fresh application has not yet been submitted.
3	Shri Manoj Kumar Pandey (Son)	Late Girija Devi, Ex Daftry, AC(SA)	05.07.2010	An earlier application was returned due to incompleteness, and a fresh application has not yet been submitted.
4	Smti. Kanak Bepari (wife)	Late Dilip Bepari, Ex-RFA, AC(S)	07.04.2013	Smti. Kanak Bepari, W/o Late Dilip Bepari (Ex-Chainman), it is observed that the deceased employee was terminated from service vide Hon'ble High Court Order No. WPCT No. 604 of 2012 dated 05.04.2013.
5	Shri. Aditya Kumar Biswas (Son)	Late Nityananda Biswas, MTS, DC(SA)	07.02.2014	Document not received by the applicant 1. Dependent Certificate 2. NOC not received from Sudipta Biswas (brother)
6	Shri R. Vimal (Son)	Late Ramalingam, Ex-Chainman, AC(S)	13.02.2014	An earlier application was returned due to incompleteness, and a fresh application has not yet been submitted.
7	Smti Elizabeth (Wife)	Late Samuel, Ex-Patwari, DC(N&M)	22.01.2015	An earlier application was returned due to incompleteness, and a fresh application has not yet been submitted.
8	Ms. Shilpee Mallick (Daughter)	Late Gouranga Ch. Mallick, Ex Revenue Inspector, AC(SA)	22.10.2016	The Applicant is Married Daughter
9	Shri. Asutosh Kumar Singh (Son)	Late Om Prakash Singh, Ex RFA, AC(S)	26.12.2017	Document not received by the applicant 1. Unemployment Certificate
10	Shri. M.Ragin Nair (Son)	Late K.Mohan, Ex MTS, AC(SA)	11.01.2018	Document not received by the applicant 1. Annual Income certificate 2. Unemployment certificate
11	Shri. T.Hari Krishna (Son)	Late T. Appal Swamy, Ex MTS, AC(SA)	01.03.2020	Document not received by the applicant 1. NOC (not certified) 2. Unemployment Certificate
12	Ms A. Maria Selvam (Wife)	Late M. Aphonse, Ex RFA, AC(S)	27.07.2020	An earlier application was returned due to incompleteness, and a fresh application has not yet been submitted.
13	Ms. Harita (Wife)	Late Joab, Ex RFA, DC(N&M)	12.03.2020	An earlier application was returned due to incompleteness, and a fresh application has not yet been submitted.
14	Ms Parwati (Daughter)	Late Biswas Ram, Ex RFA, AC(S)	21.10.2020	An earlier application was returned due to incompleteness, and a fresh application has not yet been submitted.
15	Shri A. Murali Krishna (Son)	Late A. Malladri, Ex-RFA, AC(S)	15.05.2021	An earlier application was returned due to incompleteness, and a fresh application has not yet been submitted.

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