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Generally cloudy sky and light to moderate rain along with gusty winds likely over Sri Vijaya Puram. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31.0°C and 25.5°C respectively on Thursday 28/05/2026.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.7  
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.3  
 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 075  
 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 079  
 Sunrise time on 28/05/2026 (in IST): 0454  
 Sunset time on 28/05/2026 (in IST): 1739  
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) - in mm: 002.5  
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: Trace  
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 260.6



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## Early findings of offshore oil exploration in Andamans indicate hydrocarbon potential: Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands

### "Drilling at the Sri Vijaya Puram-2 well by Oil India Limited has revealed a gas find with about 87% methane, as well as a zone likely containing crude oil," said Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor

Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency on Monday said the offshore oil exploration in the archipelago has gained momentum after decades of inactivity, with early findings indicating promising hydrocarbon potential.

In an interview with PTL, he said the recent exploratory drilling in the Andaman Basin has generated optimism.

"At the Sri Vijaya Puram-2 exploratory well, drilling by Oil India Limited (OIL) has indicated a gas find with around 87 per cent methane content, alongside another zone with a high probability of crude oil presence. Data validation and commercial viability assessments are currently underway," he said.

"The Andaman Basin has attracted strong interest ahead of upcoming auction rounds for oil blocks, with several global energy majors in discussions with the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and the OIL for potential joint ventures. These collaborations are expected to bring in not just investment, but also advanced technology and specialised equipment required for deep-sea exploration in the region," Hon'ble Lt. Governor added.

Highlighting the untapped potential of the region, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor noted that despite accounting for nearly one-third of India's Exclusive Economic Zone and over a quarter of its coastline, offshore exploration had remained largely absent for the first six to seven decades after Independence, as surrounding waters were designated "no-go zones".

The issue was subsequently taken up with the



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Islands Development Agency, paving the way for exploration activities.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said there is growing optimism about the basin's long-term potential, with some estimates likening it to large global discoveries, making it a "space to watch" in India's energy landscape.

In the hospitality sector, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor said the Administration has awarded four major projects to firms under the public-private partnership (PPP)

model.

"The response from investors has been strong, and even greater interest is being shown for upcoming projects," he said.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said the Administration is expanding helicopter services to further strengthen inter-island connectivity.

Alongside augmenting the Pawan Hans fleet, expressions of interest have been floated for private operators to run licensed routes, drawing significant industry response, he said.

"With 836 pristine islands, tourism holds immense potential, and improving connectivity has been prioritised. Seaplane operations have completed trial runs and, in the first phase, will connect Sri Vijaya Puram with Long Island, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep and Little Andaman. The administration aims to develop the region into a major seaplane hub for the Indian Ocean, and eventually the wider Indo-Pacific region," he said.

Highlighting the islands' natural strengths, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor said the region has vast potential for scuba diving and underwater tourism.

Plans are afoot to position the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as a premier scuba diving destination in the Indo-Pacific region, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor said.

On the power front, he outlined a major transition towards clean and sustainable energy.

"A decade ago, nearly 90 per cent of the islands' power generation relied on diesel, with only about 10 per cent coming from renewable sources such as solar and limited hydroelectric capacity. However, over the past 10 years, the share of

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## GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of Id-ul-Zuha, I extend my heartfelt greetings and warm wishes to all the residents of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

This sacred festival symbolises the values of selflessness, compassion and service to humanity. It reminds us of our shared responsibilities towards one another and inspires us to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, social harmony and peaceful coexistence.

As we celebrate this joyous occasion, let us reaffirm our commitment to helping those in need and upholding the timeless ideals of forgiveness, generosity and mutual respect. May the spirit of the festival guide us towards greater unity, understanding and collective well-being.

May Id-ul-Zuha bring happiness, peace, prosperity and harmony to every household. I also pray that our Islands continue to progress on the path of peace, inclusive development and communal harmony.



(Admiral D K Joshi)  
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)  
Lieutenant Governor  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands  
&  
Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

## Transport Department initiates Enforcement Drive to check overloading of trucks and other transport vehicles passing through ATR (NH-4)

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

It has been observed that there has been an increasing incidence of overloading of goods vehicles passing through the ATR and also informed by the road owing agencies and other stake holders, which poses a serious threat to road safety, causes damage to roads and bridges, and



leads to accidents. hereby informed that under Section 113 of Motor Vehicle Act 1988, no owners, drivers and all other stakeholders are

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## 'Chalchitra, Andaman Nicobar Film Festival - 2026' by Directorate of IP&T in collaboration with NFDC

### Film 'Mirch Masala' to be screened on May 29; 'Village Rockstars' & 'Manjummel Boys' on May 30

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T), A & N Administration, in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) is organizing the "Chalchitra Andaman Nicobar Film Festival - 2026" at the Anthropological Auditorium, Sri Vijaya Puram on every Friday and Saturday from 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026 to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2026. As part of this, Film 'Mirch Masala' will be screened on May 29 from 5.30 pm onwards. 'Village Rockstars' will be screened on May 30 from 11 am onwards while 'Manjummel Boys' will be screened on May 30 from 5.30 pm.

Schedule of films to be screened in the Anthropological Auditorium, Sri Vijaya

Puram:

Date & Day	Time	Film Screening
29th May 2026 (Friday)	5.30 PM onwards	"Mirch Masala" (First Show)
30th May 2026 (Saturday)	11 AM onwards	"Village Rockstars" (First Show)
30th May 2026 (Saturday)	5.30 PM onwards	"Manjummel Boys" (Second Show)

Envisaged as a major cultural and tourism initiative of the Administration, the Festival aims to celebrate cinema while showcasing the natural beauty, cultural heritage and tourism potential of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Through acclaimed film screenings, interactive workshops and discussions with filmmakers, the Festival seeks to encourage film appreciation, inspire local creative talent and promote the Islands as an emerging destination for cultural and cinematic activities.

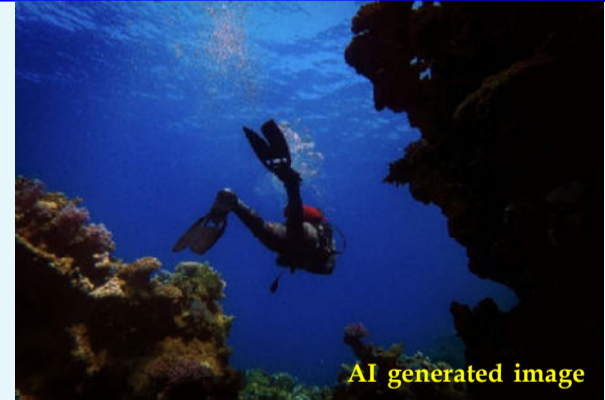
Meanwhile, a special Short Filmmaking Workshop will be

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## Andaman and Nicobar Islands unveil New Underwater Locations for Global Divers in India

The promotion of marine adventure tourism within the Indian subcontinent is being significantly advanced through the official introduction of four new scuba-diving sites in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This strategic expansion is designed to enhance the positioning of the region as a premier hub for aquatic exploration, thereby attracting a larger volume of international and domestic travelers. The announcement, which was detailed by tourism officials, highlights the availability of vibrant coral reefs and diverse marine life across these newly accessible underwater locations. By broadening the geographical scope of



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available dive sites, the regional infrastructure is being upgraded to cater to both novice participants and highly experienced divers.

The geographical features of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have long been recognized as ideal for underwater exploration. However, the operationalization of these four specific sites

represents a calculated effort to distribute tourist traffic more evenly across the archipelago. The pristine natural assets of the territory are leveraged in this initiative, ensuring that the unique ecological characteristics of the Bay of Bengal are showcased effectively. Through this development, the regional tourism landscape is expected to undergo a

qualitative transformation, transitioning from general leisure sightseeing to specialized, high-value adventure sports.

### Strategic Infrastructure and Diver Experience

The newly opened locations are structured to provide improved diving experiences, which are characterized by enhanced underwater visibility, rich biodiversity, and varying levels of depth suitable for diverse skill sets. Beginners are provided with safer, shallower environments where basic training can be conducted with minimal environmental risk. Conversely, experienced divers are offered access to complex reef structures

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## Health Advisory on Edible Oil Consumption

### Reduce edible oil consumption by 10% for a Healthier Life

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

The general public of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands have been advised to reduce daily edible oil consumption by at least 10% and adopt healthier dietary habits.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister has urged citizens to reduce edible oil consumption as part of the vision for a healthier and self-reliant India under Viksit Bharat 2047. Excessive consumption of edible oil and repeated reuse of cooking oil can lead to



Buy Edible Oil in fixed and limited quantity

obesity, heart disease, diabetes, fatty liver and other chronic illnesses.

To maintain a healthy lifestyle and reduce health risks, citizens are

- encouraged to:
  - Buy oil in limited quantities to monitor consumption.
  - Use measuring spoons to limit oil use during cooking.
  - Rotate different edible oils for balanced nutrition.
  - Avoid reusing oil for frying.
  - Limit consumption of butter and ghee.
  - Avoid deep-fried and fast foods.
  - Prefer steaming, boiling and grilling over

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## SVPMC augments Water Supply; 231 tonnes of water transported by Ship & Barge so far

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

In view of the prevailing water shortage in Sri Vijaya Puram, the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council, with the support of the Directorate of Shipping Services, has undertaken additional measures to augment water supply for the benefit of the general public.

As part of these temporary supportive arrangements to address the current shortfall, water is being transported by ship from Little Andaman to Sri Vijaya



Puram. Continuing these efforts, a total of 90 tonnes of water was received on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 through MV Sentinel and

subsequently delivered to the Lamba Line Water Treatment Plant (WTP) for treatment and further distribution. SVPMC has so far collected a total of 231 tonnes of water transported by ship and barge.

The Council is closely monitoring the situation and is taking all necessary measures to sustain the water supply system and minimize inconvenience to the residents.

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diesel has reduced to around 70 per cent, while solar energy has increased to approximately 25 per cent," he said.

Looking ahead, the Administration aims to cut diesel dependence to single digits - around 8 per cent -- within the next three years. Solar power is projected to rise sharply to 70 per cent, with around 18 per cent of energy needs expected to be met through LNG-based generation, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor said.

He said proposals are also under examination for a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) undersea cable to connect the islands with the mainland grid, enabling greater energy stability. The Administration has also suggested exploring small modular nuclear reactors for high-demand zones such as Great Nicobar, where major infrastructure projects are being planned, he added.

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor said the archipelago is among India's most strategically significant and geographically expansive territories.

"While the islands may have a small population, their landmass surpasses that of several mainland Indian states. In fact, the combined land area of island nations such as the Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles are smaller compared to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The archipelago is the gateway to the Indo-Pacific," he added. (Source: <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/>)

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conducted by the Department prior to the screening of movies on free of cost, the schedule of which is given below:

1.	29.05.2026 (Friday)	3.30 pm to 5.30 pm	Ms Shivangi Singh & Shri. Rahul Kale, Mumbai based Filmmakers	Introduction to Cinema & Visual Storytelling	Introductory workshop session
2.	30.05.2026 (Saturday)	3.30 pm to 5.30 pm	Mumbai based Filmmakers	Grammar of Cinema & Active Film Observation, Film Analysis, Structure & Appreciation	Screening and reflection exercise, Closing session of Mumbai-based workshop

Interested participants are informed that registration for movie screenings and workshops will be facilitated through an online Google Form and QR code, which will be circulated widely through official platforms and social media handles of the Directorate. The Directorate of IP&T has invited students, local filmmakers, photographers, drone operators, travel vloggers, social media influencers, theatre groups, film clubs,

tourists and general public to actively participate in the Film Festival, experience the richness and diversity of Indian cinema during the Festival and associated workshop sessions, a press release received here said.



**Transport Department initiates Enforcement .....**

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permit any motor vehicle to be driven carrying load in excess of the permissible gross vehicle weight or axle weight fixed for that vehicle.

To ensure effective monitoring and regulation of vehicle loads and to prevent overloading and safeguarding the road infrastructure, the Transport Department under the aegis of A&N Administration has initiated Enforcement Drive on National Highway- NH-4 (ATR) to check overloading of trucks and other transport vehicles with effect from 12.05.2026.

The vehicle owners and drivers are hereby informed that during the enforcement drive, vehicles shall be randomly subjected to inspection and on suspicion, the said vehicle will be conveyed to the nearby weighing device for weightage as provided under Section 114 of MV Act 1988. The Act further provides that, if on such weightage, the vehicle is found to contravene in any respect to the provisions of Section 113 regarding weight, any officer of Transport Department by order in writing will direct the driver to off-load the excess weight at his own risk and not to remove the vehicle or trailer from that place until the laden weight has been reduced or till its compliance with section 113. On receipt of such notice, the driver shall comply with such directions. If any vehicle on such inspection on suspicion is weighed, the weightage cost will be borne by Transport Department.

If any vehicle is found violating the provisions of Section 113, the appropriate penalty under Section 194 of MV Act 1988 provides that whoever drives a motor vehicle or causes or allows a motor vehicle to be driven in contravention of the provisions of Section 113 or Section 114 or Section 115 shall be punishable with a fine of twenty thousand rupees and an additional amount of two thousand rupees per tonne of excess load, together with the liability to pay charges for off-loading of such load.

So far, 29 vehicles have been randomly checked for overloading and 12 vehicles were subjected to weightage, out of which 04 vehicles were found carrying load in excess of the permissible gross vehicle weight or axle weight fixed for the respective vehicles, necessary fines have been imposed, and after removal of the excess load, the vehicles were allowed to move.

Once again Transport operators, vehicle owners and drivers are therefore requested to ensure strict adherence to the prescribed load limits and traffic regulations to avoid penal action. The cooperation of all stakeholders is solicited in the interest of road safety, protection of public infrastructure and smooth movement of traffic across the Islands, a press release from Transport Department said.

**Reservation of seats in Farook College (Autonomous), Kozhikode, Kerala affiliated to University of Calicut for students of A&N Islands for academic session 2026-27**

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

It is brought to the notice of all concerned candidates that the Principal, Farook College (Autonomous), Kozhikode, Kerala affiliated to University of Calicut informed that one seat each is reserved for the native students of the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for admission to UG and PG programmes in Farook College.

The Principal further informed that students seeking admission in the college must have registered in the college portal via online registration for UG/PG programmes for the academic year 2026-27. Registration in the University Centralized Admission Process (CAP) portal is

Mandatory for candidates seeking admission in UG & PG Programmes in the Farook College (Autonomous), Kozhikode, Kerala are requested to submit the application along with supporting documents and proof of registration in the University Centralized Admission Process (CAP) as well as in the Farook College Admission Portal to the college i.e. [www.farookcollege.ac.in](http://www.farookcollege.ac.in)

All the registered candidates who are interested for admission in UG and PG programmes in the Farook College (Autonomous), Kozhikode, Kerala to go through the website of the college i.e. [www.farookcollege.ac.in](http://www.farookcollege.ac.in) for details/ registration of the courses offered in UG and PG programmes. As per Notification available in the website of the college, the last date for online registration for UG & PG programmes is 31.05.2026. The registered, interested and eligible

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and deeper aquatic channels that present technical challenges. The inclusion of diverse marine life, ranging from rare coral formations to multi-colored fish species, ensures that each dive site offers a distinct educational and recreational value.

The logistical framework supporting these sites is also being monitored to maintain high standards of safety and accessibility. Tourism officials have emphasized that the selection of these four sites was preceded by comprehensive surveys to map the seafloor, evaluate water currents, and catalog the existing marine flora and fauna. This systematic approach ensures that the underwater trails are not only visually captivating but also navigable under standard safety protocols. Consequently, the quality of recreational diving in India is being elevated to meet global benchmarks, which is essential for drawing discerning international adventure travelers who prioritize both safety and ecological richness.

**Sustainable Practices and Ecological Conservation**

A primary pillar of this initiative is the implementation of sustainable marine tourism practices, which are strictly required to protect the fragile underwater ecosystems of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Because coral reefs are highly sensitive to human interaction and climate fluctuations, a balance must be maintained between commercial exploitation and ecological preservation. Authorities are focusing on regulatory frameworks that limit the daily influx of divers at each site, thereby preventing the degradation of the delicate marine habitats. Carrying-capacity assessments are being integrated into the management plans of these new locations to ensure long-term environmental viability.

In addition to visitor caps, awareness programs are being institutionalized for both tourists and service providers. Divers are being educated on non-intrusive observation techniques, such as maintaining proper buoyancy to avoid physical contact with coral structures. The protection of these underwater ecosystems is viewed not merely as a conservation mandate but as an economic necessity, given that the long-term success of marine adventure tourism depends entirely on the health and preservation of the reefs. Through collaborative monitoring involving marine biologists and tourism boards, the environmental impact of recreational diving is being kept to an absolute minimum.

**Economic Implications for the Local Community**

The expansion of diving sites is highly anticipated by local operators, who believe the initiative will provide substantial support to tourism businesses throughout the region. The hospitality sector, transport providers, and specialized dive agencies are expected to experience a positive economic impact as a direct result of these new attractions. By increasing the number of high-quality underwater locations, the islands can effectively encourage longer visitor stays. When tourists extend their itineraries to explore multiple dive sites, the average expenditure per visitor increases, distributing economic benefits deeper into the local supply chain.

Furthermore, the operationalization of these sites is directly linked to the generation of employment opportunities across the islands. Demand is being created for certified dive instructors, boat captains, equipment maintenance technicians, and hospitality staff. Local youths are being presented with opportunities to acquire professional certifications in scuba diving and hospitality management, thereby fostering socio-economic development within the community. The growth of these auxiliary services contributes to a more resilient regional economy less reliant on seasonal, low-yield tourism, transforming the Andaman and Nicobar Islands into a robust year-round destination for global adventure enthusiasts. (Source: <https://www.travelandtourworld.com/>)

**Electricity Department imparting training under Apprentices (Amendment) Act 1961 for candidates possessing Degree & Diploma**

Sri Vijay Puram, May 27

It is for the information of all concerned that the Electricity Department, A&N Administration will be imparting training under the Apprentices (Amendment) Act 1961 and its amendments thereof in the following disciplines for a period of 1 year, to the candidates possessing Degree, Diploma in the respective category.

Sl. No.	Category	No of Trainees	Duration of training
1.	Graduate apprentices	15 candidates	1 year
2.	Diploma apprentices	24 candidates	1 year

**A. Conditions of Eligibility:**

◆ Candidates who possess Degree or Diploma in Electrical/ Mechanical/ Electrical & Electronics Engineering from a recognized institute are eligible for Graduate / Diploma Apprenticeship Training.

◆ The candidate who had already been trained under this scheme or having job experience for a period of one year or more is not eligible in terms of the prescribed rules.

◆ The candidates who had already undergone apprenticeship under this Act/ Govt. of India's scheme and in whose case the contract of apprenticeship was terminated for any reasons what so ever shall not be eligible.

◆ The candidates could get himself / herself enrolled/ registered period of three with this scheme within a specific period of three years after passing qualifying examination.

**B. Period of Training:**

◆ The engagement as apprentice will be purely for training for the period as specified above and will be terminated on completion. The engagement as apprentice is only temporary and shall not lead to absorption. The Electricity

Department does not give any commitment on providing permanent/temporary employment to apprentices on successful completion of training period.

◆ During the period under apprenticeship training the trainee will be attached to any of the Power House/T&D Sub-Division/ Workshop/offices at different island of the Electricity Department and will be under Administrative control of the Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department.

**C. Rate of Stipend Payable per month:**

Sl. No.	Discipline	Stipend
1.	Graduate apprentices	Rs 12300
2.	Diploma apprentices	Rs 10900

**D. How to apply:**

◆ Graduate/Diploma candidate fulfilling the eligibility criteria shall log on to <https://nats.education.gov.in> and enroll.

◆ Before filling the application online, candidate has to ensure that he/she is fulfilling the advertising specifications. All the candidates are advised to fill all the relevant information and upload all the necessary documents. Incomplete profiles may not be accepted.

◆ After registering candidates are on the apprenticeship portal, apprenticeship training against notified apprenticeship required to apply online for opportunities posted by the Electricity Department. These opportunities will be available on <https://nats.education.gov.in> for a period of 1 month tentatively from 08.05.2026 to 07.06.2026.

◆ Shortlisted Candidates shall be called for document verification during which candidates are required to appear with all the original documents, along with self-attested copy of following testimonials (Educational Qualification, Proof of age, Employment registration card, Aadhar Card, PAN card & Bank pass book) and 2 passport size photo.

◆ Electricity Department reserves the right for final appointments of the candidates as discretion, without any further notice and without per its assigning any reasons thereof.

◆ Providing the apprenticeship training by this administration does not mean any guarantee for claiming by any reason or so for employment in the Electricity Department after completion of the said training.

◆ Selected candidates shall be engaged as an apprentice anywhere in all three districts of A&N Islands, a press release from Electricity Department said.

**Impressive performance by young chess players at 17<sup>th</sup> KIIT International Chess Festival**

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

Young chess players from the Islands made an impressive mark at the 17<sup>th</sup> KIIT International Chess Festival held at the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) campus in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The Category B event, meant for players rated below 1900, was conducted from May 23 to 26 and attracted over 700 participants from across India. Among the standout performers, J.S. Virat scored 6 points in nine rounds to secure second place in the Under-13 category. He was awarded a cash prize of Rs.7,500.

Rushil Y scored 5 points from nine rounds and clinched third place in the Below-1500 rating category, earning a cash prize of Rs.9,500.



Kashthuri Bhai from the Islands is competing in the prestigious Category A Grandmasters section, representing the Islands alongside leading national and international players, a press release from ANCA said.

**Applications/Nominations invited for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2026**

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, has invited online applications/nominations for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2026.

Eligible individuals, NGOs, institutions, employers, rehabilitation professionals, researchers, innovators and other stakeholders in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands are encouraged to apply or nominate deserving candidates under the relevant award categories.

The National Awards recognize outstanding achievements of Persons with Disabilities made by individuals and organizations towards their empowerment and inclusion. The portal for online nominations/ applications is open and will remain open up to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2026. Applications/ Nominations are to be submitted online through the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal. For detailed guidelines and submission of online applications/ nominations, interested applicants may visit the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal (<https://awards.gov.in>) or the website of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) (<https://depwd.gov.in>), or scan the QR Codes provided below:



All eligible individuals and organizations in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands are encouraged to avail this opportunity and submit their applications/nominations within the stipulated timeline.

For further information, interested persons may contact the Directorate of Social Welfare, Goalghar, Sri Vijaya Puram, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

**Health Awareness Campaign conducted at GP Mannarghat**

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

Under the aegis of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission, a Health Awareness Campaign was conducted at GP Mannarghat today with the objective of creating awareness on communicable diseases, preventive healthcare, and the importance of regular health screening among the community members.

The awareness session was conducted by G. Venkateshwar Rao, Counsellor, Bamboflat PHC, who sensitized the participants regarding HIV/AIDS prevention, safe health practices, stigma reduction, and the importance of timely testing and counselling. During the programme, testing and screening services for HIV/AIDS, Syphilis, Hepatitis-B, and Hepatitis-C were provided to the beneficiaries.

The programme was attended by Vijaya Kumari, CHO, Mannarghat, along with DAY-NRLM community cadres including FNHW CRPs who actively supported the programme through mobilization and awareness activities, a press release from BDO, Ferrargunj said.

**Pondicherry University to conduct Law Exams from June 12**

Sri Vijaya Puram, May 27

Pondicherry University has scheduled law examinations from 12<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2026. A detailed timetable will be hosted on 8<sup>th</sup> June on PU website and Andaman Law College websites.

Hence, students are directed to pay their examination fee online before 2<sup>nd</sup> June (Through PU examinations fee payment link). Online registration will close on the same day. Further, the students are directed to submit their duly filled examination form to the college. The application form is available on the website. Hall tickets can be downloaded from 10<sup>th</sup> June, and examinations will commence from 12<sup>th</sup> June, a press release from ALC said.

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Municipal Council sincerely appreciates the cooperation and support extended by the general public during this period, a press release from SVPMC said.

**Reduce edible oil consumption .....**

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◆ Consume more fruits, vegetables and traditional healthy foods.

Small lifestyle changes can lead to major health benefits. All are encouraged to support and participate in the "10% Less Oil" awareness initiative for a healthier society, a press release from DHS said.

## ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION (Development Section-IV)

### PRESS NOTE

#### Education Department invites application for seats reserved for students of A&N Islands in the mainland institutions for the academic session 2026-2027

**(1) Background:**

In view of limited avenues of higher education in the Islands, every year the Govt. of India and various State Govts., Universities and Institutions allocate seats for the students of A&N Islands in various Professional, Technical and Non-technical courses.

**(2) Courses:**

Applications are invited for the below mentioned seats, which are likely to be received for the students of A&N Islands in 2026-27.

Sl. No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Number of seats	Name of Institution
1.	BDS	02	02	1. K.G. Dental College, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. 2. Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
2.	BAMS	03	04	1. Govt. Ayurvedic College, Osmanabad, Maharashtra. 2. Anantalaxmi Govt. Ayurvedic College, Warangal, Telangana. 3. MSM Institute of Ayurveda, BPS Mahila Viswavidyalaya, Haryana. 4. MMM Govt. Ayurvedic College, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
3.	BHMS	04	04	1. DN De Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata. 2. National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata. 3. Govt. Homoeopathy Medical College, Thirumangalam, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
4.	B.Sc (Hospitality & Hotel Administration)	16	20	1. Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Chennai. 2. FHRAI Institute of Hospitality Management, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
5.	Printing Technology and Photography - 1 seat each	23	02	Regional Institute of Printing Technology, Kolkata.
6.	Diploma-I (Textile Process & Cinematography- 1 seat each)	29	02	Allocation of institutions is being made by the respective Directorate of Technical Education of state viz., Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
7.	Diploma-II (D.Pharmacy-8)	30	08	
8.	Diploma-III (Production Engg-2, ECE-2, Man Made Fibre Technology-2, Elect. & Tel. Comm. Engg.-11 and Architecture-3)	34	20	
9.	B.A.L.L.B Course	62	2	Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Puducherry.
10.	General Nursing & Midwifery (West Bengal-5 & Karnataka -5)	63	10	1. Institution will be allocated by DHS, Kolkata. 2. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute, Bangalore.
11.	B.Sc. (Nursing) (West Bengal-1 & Kerala - 1)	64	02	1. West Bengal Govt. College of Nursing, Kolkata. 2. Institution will be allocated by DME, Kerala.
12.	Paramedical Diploma Courses (Medical Lab Technology-2, Radiodiagnosis & Radiotherapy Technology-1, Ophthalmic Assistant - 1, Dental Mechanic - 1 & Diploma Pharmacy - 1)	65	06	Institution will be allocated by DME, Kerala
13.	B.Sc. (Agriculture)	81	08	1. Agricultural College & Research Institute, Madurai, T/Nadu. 2. V.O.Chidambaranar Agricultural College & Research Institute, Kilikulam, Thoothukudi, T/Nadu. 3. Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College & Research Institute, Navalur, Tiruchirappalli, T/Nadu. 4. Agricultural College & Research Institute, Tiruvannamalai, T/Nadu. 5. Agricultural College & Research Institute, Pudukkottai, T/Nadu. 6. Dr. M.S.Swaminathan Agricultural College & Research Institute, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur, T/Nadu.
14.	B.Sc. (Horticulture)	82	05	1. Horticultural College & Research Institute, Periyakulam, Theni, T/Nadu. 2. Horticultural College & Research Institute, Paiyur, Krishnagiri District, T/Nadu.
15.	B.F.Sc (Bachelor of Fisheries Science)	83	02	1. Fisheries College & Research Institute, Thoothukudi, T/Nadu. 2. Dr. M.G.R. Fisheries College & Research Institute, Ponneri, Thiruvallur District, T/Nadu
16.	B. Tech (Fisheries Engg.)	84	02	College of Fisheries Engineering, Nagapattinam, T/Nadu
17.	B. Tech (Bio-Technology)	85	02	Institute of Fisheries Biotechnology, Vaniyanchavadi, Chennai, T/Nadu.
18.	B. Tech (Food Tech.)	86	01	College of Fish Nutrition & Food Technology, Madhavaram Milk Colony, Chennai, T/Nadu
19.	B.Ed	-	15	Institute of Advanced Study in Education, Bhopal
20.	Post Graduate Courses [MBA (Business Administration)-2, MBA (Tourism)-2, M.Sc (Applied Psychology)-2, M.Sc (Ecology)-1, M.Sc (Environmental Science)-1, M.Sc (Physics)-1, M.Sc (Mathematics)-1, MA (Economics)-1, MA (History)-1, MA (Hindi)-1, MA (Philosophy)-1, MA (Anthropology)-1, MA (Sanskrit)-1]	-	16	Pondicherry University, Puducherry
21.	MBBS (Malayalee Origin)	70	01	Govt. Medical College Kozhikode, Kerala
22.	BAMS (Malayalee Origin)	72	01	Govt. Ayurveda College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
23.	B.Sc. (Agriculture) (Malayalee Origin)	73	01	College of Agriculture, Padanakkad, Kasargod, Kerala
24.	General Nursing & Midwifery (Malayalee Origin)	-	02	1. Govt. School of Nursing, Ernakulam. 2. Govt. School of Nursing, Kozhikode.
25.	NIT seats	-	47	To be allotted by Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) through website <a href="http://www.josaa.nic.in">www.josaa.nic.in</a>
26.	B.E/B.Tech/B.Arch	-	105	To be allotted by Central Seat Allocation Board North Eastern State & UTs CSAB NEUT-2024 through website <a href="http://www.csab.nic.in">www.csab.nic.in</a>
27.	B. Pharmacy	-	5	

Note : From the academic session 2026-27, 3 (three) seats of B.Sc. B.Ed course has been discontinued by the institute as communicated by the Principal, Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar vide letter dated 17.04.2026.

**(3) Distribution Criteria:**

The distribution criteria/formula will be followed for allotment of seats to various categories as fixed by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs :-

Category-I	Tribals	20%
Category-II	Deputationist and Central Government Employees with transfer liability to serve outside the Union Territory provided the candidates in this category have studied the last two years in the islands and passed the qualifying examination from a school in the Islands.	10%
Category-III	Settlers who were settled prior to 1942 and those who were settled under various rehabilitation schemes introduced after re-occupation of the Islands.  The seats in this category will be allocated as under:- (a) Pre-1942 Settlers 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> (b) Others Settlers 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> (c) Seat to be allocated on the basis of combined merit of (a) & (b) above	50%
Category-IV	Other locals who do not fall under (I) (II) or (III) above and such Central Government Employees having no Transfer liability to serve outside the Union Territory, provided all have had 10 years education in the islands.	20%
Category-V	General merit quota open to all the residents of A&N Islands irrespective of any classification. This will be subject to condition that the candidates in this category have studied the last two years in the Islands and passed the qualifying examination from a school in the islands.	Unutilized seats of Categories I, II, III & IV above.

PwD : 5% seats are reserved for PwD candidates on interlocking reservation basis i.e. horizontal reservation cuts across vertical reservation (various categories of students in A & N Islands). Since the PwD candidates have to be placed in the appropriate category viz. Category-I, Category-II, Category III A, Category-III B and Category-IV.

**(4) Applicants are requested to go through the following General Instructions for filling application for the mentioned courses:**

- The ONLINE application will be accepted from 27/05/2026 to 17/06/2026.
- The candidates should submit their application ONLINE at <http://collegeadmission.andamannicobar.gov.in>.
- The Candidates those who have passed +2 exam from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) or Other State Board are requested that before filing their ONLINE application, they may approach the Assistant Secretary (Hr. Edn.), A & N Administration, Secretariat, Sri Vijaya Puram for conversion of marks at par with CBSE board.
- The candidates MUST bring the acknowledgment slip, Original Documents with self-attested photocopy of documents during the counselling session of their opted courses.
- The candidates should provide all the mandatory details in the online portal with utmost care failing which the application will not be accepted by the online website.
- Candidates while filling ONLINE application should enter the marks of respective subjects according to the eligibility criteria of each course applied for.
- While filling the ONLINE application for BDS, BAMS, BHMS, MBBS (Malayalee Origin), BAMS (Malayalee Origin) and B.Sc (Hospitality & Hotel Administration) courses, if the result of the respective entrance exam is not declared, the candidate should provide the Application No./Roll No. of NEET UG-2026/NCHM JEE-2026 by selecting the option "Yes Result Awaited" in order to consider their candidature for these courses.
- All the candidates should have appeared and qualified National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-UG (NEET-UG)-2026 conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for allotment of Central Pool BDS, BAMS and BHMS including MBBS (Malayalee Origin) & BAMS (Malayalee Origin) seats reserved for the students of A&N Islands if any allocated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare/Ministry of AYUSH/Govt. of Kerala. Further, they are requested to submit the copy of score card of NEET UG-2026 to the Development-IV Section (D-IV Section), Secretariat within 3 days after declaration of result.
- The Malayalee Origin candidates, whose parents have settled in A & N Islands permanently can apply for the above seats, provided such candidates have a minimum of 10 years continuous education in these Islands. Applicants are required to submit online application and upload the copies of Xth and XIIth class Pass Certificates, Statement of marks, Birth Certificates, Migration Certificates, Duration Certificate and the certificate to the effect that he/she is of Malayalee Origin settled in these Islands, from the Revenue Authority not below the rank of Tehsildar, certificate of 10 years continuous education in these Islands from the Head of Institutions where the candidates studied for last 10 years and the local certificate from the Revenue Authority.

(x) The candidates those who are interested for allotment of B.Sc (Hospitality & Hotel Administration) seats reserved at Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Chennai and FHRAI Institute of Hospitality Management, Greater Noida, UP are requested to submit the copy of score card of National Council for Hotel Management Joint Entrance Examination (NCHM JEE)-2026 conducted/to be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) to the Development-IV Section (D-IV Section), Secretariat within 3 days after declaration of result.

(xi) The Merit lists will be prepared by the Administration category-wise based on the marks/rank/merit obtained by the candidates in NEET UG-2026/NCHM JEE-2026/+2 qualifying exam/Degree against the allocation of seats reserved by the Govt. of India/ State Govts.

(xii) The candidates seeking benefit of OBC-NCL for relaxation of marks as per the eligibility criteria, the OBC-NCL certificate must be issued by the Competent Authority on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.

(xiii) The provisional merit lists of eligible candidates will be displayed in the website of Common Online Admission Portal For Colleges (CCAP), A&N Administration for information of candidates for inviting claims and objections, if any, within a specified period which will be notified in due course through All India Radio, The Daily Telegram as well as in the website of A & N Administration. The claim and objection of the candidate under his/her signature should contain the registration number of his/ her application, name of course with the page number and serial number of the provisional merit list against which the claim and objection is sought for is required to be submitted to the Development-IV Section, Secretariat within the notified period of scrutiny.

(xiv) The Administration after carefully considering all the claim and objections shall display the course-wise final merit lists in the website of Common Online Admission Portal For Colleges (CCAP), A&N Administration. Intimation to this effect will be notified in the Daily Telegram/ AIR/ Website of A & N Administration.

(xv) Once the final merit lists are finalized, candidates shall be informed the date scheduled for counselling through The Daily Telegram/ AIR/ Website of A & N Administration. No individual communication to this effect will be given to any candidate in any category, in any manner. Candidates should attend for counselling in person along with their original certificates and other testimonials at their own cost.

(xvi) The candidates shall be called for counselling on a fixed date, which shall be notified through AIR, Sri Vijaya Puram and in The Daily Telegram, as well as in the website of A&N Administration. No individual communication shall be sent regarding date of counselling.

(xvii) If any seat is surrendered by candidate of the respective category, the seat will be allotted to the candidates of said category based of final merit list of the respective category. Whereas, left-out seat of Category-I, II, III & IV will be allotted to the candidate stand in the final merit list of General Category (Category-V) on merit.

(xviii) Nomination once accepted will be treated as final. Similarly, no request will be entertained for change of Seat/Course/Institution/College. The Institution once selected by the candidate at the time of counselling will be final.

(xix) Candidate seeking allotment/nomination in Professional/Technical/Non-Technical courses including Malayalee Origin and B.Ed. Bhopal seats has to execute an agreement bond while the seat is being allotted on merit basis according to their eligibility as has been the practice in the previous years.

(xx) On allotment of seats, it will be the responsibility of the candidates to make their own arrangement to reach the allotted Institutions and to complete the formalities of admission in time. The Administration will not responsible or liable for delayed/closure of reporting date and time, in any case or in any manner.

(xxi) The Administration will not be responsible, in case any candidate is rejected by any mainland Institution/College on account of change in eligibility criteria/requirements/ policy/late reporting to the institution where seat is allotted by the Administration.

(xxii) Candidates allotted with Degree Level Engineering or Architecture seat in National Institute of Technology (NIT) under Home State Quota shall not be eligible for Administration seats i.e. they will be eligible for any one seat either NIT Home State Quota or Administration seat.

(xxiii) The seats will be finally allotted to the eligible candidates only after the receipt of confirmation to UT Administration from the Govt. of India/State Govts/concerned Institutions.

(xxiv) Any candidates of this UT Islands once allotted and accepted any of the seat through counselling by A & N Administration or ONLINE by JOSAA/CSAB NEUT, but not utilized/continued the course for any of the reason thereof will not be eligible for allotment of any other seat further from Administration quota.

(xxv) Further details in this regard, if any, can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary (Hr. Edn.) either in person or over telephone No. 03192-231023.

**(5) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE COURSES :**

**(a) B.D.S, BAMS & BHMS**

Candidates should have appeared and qualified National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-UG (NEET UG)-2026 for allotment of Central Pool BDS, BAMS & BHMS seats reserved for the students of A&N Islands. The said seats under Central Pool quota will be allotted category-wise to only those candidates who qualify in NEET (UG)-2026 as per the Qualifying criteria described in the Information Bulletin of NEET (UG)-2026 will be considered for admission to BDS, BAMS & BHMS Course.

**(b) B.Sc (Hospitality & Hotel Administration)**

Candidates should have appeared National Council for Hotel Management Joint Entrance Examination (NCHM JEE-2026) for allotment of B.Sc (Hospitality & Hotel Administration) seats reserved for the students of A&N Islands. The said seats will be allotted category-wise to only those students who have appeared NCHM JEE-2026. Candidate should have passed 10+2 system of Senior Secondary Examination or its equivalent with English as one of the subjects, from a recognized Educational Board. Candidate must have passed English as a subject of study (core/elective/functional) in the qualifying examination. There is no age bar for all categories.

**(c) Printing Technology/ Photography**

Candidates must have passed 10th Std/ SSC examination with at least 35% marks at the qualifying examination and candidate should not be born after 01.01.2011.

**(d) (i) Diploma - 1 (Textile Process and Cinematography)**

XI<sup>th</sup> pass (AISSCE) with 50% marks in Maths separately and 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Maths put together.

**(ii) Diploma - 2 (Diploma Pharmacy)**

XI<sup>th</sup> Passed (AISSCE) with 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology (aggregate).

**(iii) Diploma - 3 (Production, Electronics & Communication, Man-made Fibre Technology, Electronics & Telecommunication and Architecture)**

Xth pass with 50% marks in Maths and 50% marks in General Science and Maths put together on the basis of marks obtained/Grade Points.

**(e) B.A.L.L.B Course**

For the above course, the Candidates should have passed the qualifying examination in (10+2) courses for schooling and have secured not less than 45% marks in the aggregate in case of General candidates (40% in case of ST candidates). The candidate who has obtained 10+2 through the Open University system directly without having any basic qualification for pursuing such studies are NOT ELIGIBLE for admission in this course. There is no age limit.

**(f) General Nursing (Female)**

(i) The eligibility requirement in Bangalore, the candidate must have passed 10+2 class with English individually from any recognized board and must have obtained 40% marks. 5% of total marks is relaxed for ST candidates. The candidate should have completed 17 years as on 01.09.2026. There is no upper age limit.

(ii) The eligibility requirement in Kolkata, the candidate should have passed 10+2 examination with 40% marks in aggregate and must pass in English. A total of 5% marks is relaxed for ST candidates. The candidate's age must be at least 17 years as on 31.12.2026. No upper age limit.

**(g) B.Sc. (Nursing) (Female unmarried)**

(i) Kolkata – Candidates should have passed 10+2 examination from a recognized board and must pass the subjects with individual pass marks in both theory and practical including English separately. Minimum aggregate considering the subjects together (Physics, Chemistry & Biology) must be 45% for General and 40% for ST candidates. The minimum age of the candidates should be completed 17 years as on 31/12/2026 and maximum age limit is 35 years.

(ii) Kerala – Candidates should have passed 10+2 examination from a recognized board with 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry, Biology (PCB) put together. The ST candidates need only a pass in the qualifying examination. Candidate should have completed 17 years of age as on 31/12/2026 and the upper age limit is 35 years as on 31/12/2026.

**(h) Paramedical Diploma Courses (Medical Lab Technology, Radiodiagnosis & Radiotherapy Technology, Ophthalmic Assistant, Dental Mechanic and Diploma Pharmacy)**

The candidates who have passed Higher Secondary examination of the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala or examinations recognized equivalent thereto, with 40% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology put together are eligible. Relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed to ST candidates. Applicant should have completed 17 years of age as on 31.12.2026 and the upper age limit is 35 years.

**(i) B.Sc (Agriculture)**

The candidates should have passed in the Higher Secondary Course in 10+2 (State Board/CBSE/any other examination recognized as equivalent thereto with 55% aggregate marks for General candidates and 50% for OBC candidates in any of the combination of four subjects :-

- Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
- Physics, Chemistry, Biology with any one of the fourth (elective) subjects viz., Biotechnology/ Microbiology/ Biochemistry/ Computer Science/ Information Technology/ Informatics Practices/ Home Science/ Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Environmental Science.
- Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology

For ST candidates, a pass in the qualifying examination with four required subjects.  
**NB:-** Candidates should not have completed the age of 21 years as on 01.07.2026. For ST candidates, there is no age limit. 05 years of age relaxation for differently abled candidates.

**(j) B.Sc (Horticulture)**

The candidates should have passed in the Higher Secondary Course in 10+2 (State Board/CBSE/any other examination recognized as equivalent thereto with 55% aggregate marks for General candidates and 50% for OBC candidates in any of the combination of four subjects:-

- Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
- Physics, Chemistry, Biology with any one of the fourth (elective) subjects viz., Biotechnology/ Microbiology/ Biochemistry/ Computer Science/ Information Technology/ Informatics Practices/ Home Science/ Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Environmental Science.
- Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology

For ST candidates, a pass in the qualifying examination with four required subjects  
**NB:-** Candidates should not have completed the age of 21 years as on 01.07.2026. For ST candidates, there is no age limit. 05 years of age relaxation for differently abled candidates.

**(k) (i) B.F.Sc. (Bachelor of Fisheries Science) and B.Tech (Biotechnology)**

The candidates should have passed in the Higher Secondary Course in 10+2 (State Board/CBSE/any other examination recognized as equivalent thereto with 55% aggregate marks for General candidates and 50% for OBC candidates in any of the combination of four subjects :-

- Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
- Physics, Chemistry, Biology with any one of the fourth (elective) subjects viz., Biotechnology/ Microbiology/ Biochemistry/ Computer Science/ Home Science/ Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Informatics Practices/ Environmental Science/ Information Technology.
- Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology

For ST candidates, a pass in the qualifying examination with four required subjects.  
**NB:-** Candidates should not have completed the age of 21 years as on 01.07.2026. For ST candidates, there is no age limit. 05 years of age relaxation for differently abled candidates.

**(ii) B.Tech (Fisheries Engineering) and B.Tech (Food Technology)**

The candidates should have passed in the Higher Secondary Course in 10+2 (State Board/CBSE/any other examination recognized as equivalent thereto with 55% aggregate marks for General candidates and 50% for OBC candidates in any of the combination of four subjects :-

- Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
- Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science/Informatics Practices/ Information Technology.
- Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology

For ST candidates, a pass in the qualifying examination with four required subjects.  
**NB:-** Candidates should not have completed the age of 21 years as on 01.07.2026. For ST candidates, there is no age limit. 05 years of age relaxation for differently abled candidates.

**(l) B.Ed**

(i) The candidates should have passed B.A./B.Sc./M.Com examination with 50% aggregate from a recognized University and has offered subject relating to school education at the first or second degree level. 55% marks in Engineering/Technical courses (Specialisation in Science and Maths).

(ii) Equal preference will be given to the candidates who have acquired degree from the colleges of A&N Islands as well as at Mainland subject to the condition that the candidates are belong to one of the five categories laid down in the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs order No. U-14040/5/96/ANL dated 30/5/1996.

(iii) The Administration will not be responsible, in case any candidature is rejected by the host Institute on account of change of eligibility criteria /requirement or policy or late reporting to the Institution.

(iv) The candidate who has already been considered for B.Ed course in Govt. Tagore College of Education, Port Blair will not be nominated for B.Ed course in Institute of Advanced Study in Education (Govt. College of Education), Bhopal.

**(m) Post Graduate courses**

(i)	MBA (Business Administration)	Bachelor's degree in any discipline with a minimum of 50% of marks.
(ii)	M.Sc (Ecology)	Bachelor's degree in Science with a minimum of 55% marks.
(iii)	M.Sc (Environmental Sciences)	Bachelor's degree in Science with a minimum of 55% marks.
(iv)	MBA (Tourism)	Bachelor's degree in any discipline with a minimum of 50% of marks.
(v)	M.A - Economics	Bachelor's degree in Economics (preferably with quantitative techniques/statistics) or any Bachelor degree in Social Sciences/Commerce/ Engineering/Mathematics/ Statistics/ Operations Research/Cooperation and Banking with Economics as a subject, completed with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks from a University recognized by the Pondicherry University in accordance with UGC regulations.
(vi)	M.A - Anthropology	Bachelor's degree in any discipline with a minimum of 50% of marks.
(vii)	M.A - Sanskrit	Bachelor's degree in Sanskrit with a minimum of 50% of marks or Sanskrit as a subject under part I or II/ minor/optional in the Bachelor's degree or traditional degree of (Sastri/ Siromani/ Vidya Praveena).
(viii)	M.A - Philosophy	Bachelor's degree in any discipline with a minimum of 50% of marks.
(ix)	M.A - History	Bachelor's degree in History with 50% minimum marks or B.A. in social sciences (Political Science, Economics and Sociology) with history as an ancillary or subsidiary paper with 50% marks.
(x)	M.A - Hindi	Bachelor's degree in Hindi with minimum of 50% of marks or any degree with Hindi as a subject of study under part I or II or pass in any recognised degree awarded by the voluntary Hindi Organizations recognized by the Government of India.
(xi)	M.Sc - Mathematics	Bachelor's degree in Mathematics with a minimum of 55% of marks.
(xii)	M.Sc - Physics	Bachelor's degree in Physics with Mathematics and Chemistry as ancillaries and a minimum of 55% of marks
(xiii)	M.Sc (Applied Psychology)	B.A./B.Sc. (Hons) three years course in Psychology with at least 55% marks or Bachelor's degree with at least 55% marks in aggregate in any discipline with Psychology as one of the major subjects for all three years.

(n) MBBS (Malayalee Origin)  
Candidates who have passed in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Biotechnology and English individually at the Higher Secondary examination of the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala or examinations recognised equivalent thereto and obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology are eligible. Only those candidates who qualify in NEET-UG-2026 as per the Qualifying criteria described in the Information Bulletin of NEET-UG 2026 will be considered for admission to MBBS (Malayalee Origin) course.

(o) BAMS (Malayalee Origin)  
Candidates who have passed in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English individually at the Higher Secondary Examination of the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala or examinations recognised equivalent thereto and obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology are eligible. Only those candidates who qualify in NEET-UG-2026 as per the Qualifying criteria described in the Information Bulletin of NEET-UG 2026 will be considered for admission to BAMS (Malayalee Origin) course.

(p) B.Sc. Agriculture (Malayalee Origin)  
Candidates who have passed in the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology at the Higher Secondary Examination of the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala or examinations recognized equivalent thereto, with 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology put together are eligible.

(q) General Nursing & Midwifery (Malayalee Origin) (Female)  
Candidate must have passed the Higher Secondary Examination conducted by the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala, or an equivalent examination with a minimum of 40% aggregate marks. The qualifying examination should include Physics, Chemistry and Biology as optional subjects and English as a compulsory subject. The candidate should have completed 17 years of age as on 31.12.2026. There is no upper age limit.

NB:- 1. Eligibility criteria for some courses as defined above are based on the last year allocation (2025-26) the same is subject to change as per revised criteria of the Institutions/Colleges, if any.  
2. The marks obtained by the student in +2 practical examinations will not be counted while preparing Merit list for allotment of reserved seats in professional, technical and non-technical courses on the mainland institutions/colleges.

Sd/-  
Assistant Secretary (Hr. Edn.)

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER  
NICOBAR DIVISION, CAMPBELL BAY

PRESS NOTICE

A Vacancy Notice vide No.ND/CB/LS/1-35/2023/1427 dated 09.02.2023 was published for the recruitment of 35 posts of Mazdoor, Group -C' (Industrial) in the Nicobar Forest Division, Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Administration. Based on the outcome of Level - 3 (Weight Carrying) Trade Test, the provisional list and waiting list of candidates is as below,

Table-I: Provisional Selected List of the Candidates for recruitment to the post of Mazdoor in the Nicobar Forest Division, Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Administration (Vacancy - 2023)

Sl No.	Roll Number	Name of Candidate	Date of Birth	Cat.	Mins (L3)	Secs (L3)	1/100 of Secs (L3)
1	ND20260206	U Vijay	23-09-2002	General	1	57	76
2	ND20261719	E Janaki Rao	29-11-2000	General	1	58	63
3	ND20260009	Lakshman Rao	20-03-1999	General	2	1	58.66
4	ND20260656	Amit Kumar Minj	26-09-1995	General	2	3	30.33
5	ND20261075	B Rajesh	16-05-1999	General	2	4	19.66
6	ND20261538	Samith Tutty	13-07-2001	General	2	4	58.66
7	ND20260527	Ishak Tigga	19-09-1997	General	2	6	68.66
8	ND20260670	S Naveen	02-05-1999	General	2	6	70.66
9	ND20260451	Satyanarayana	24-08-1988	General	2	8	52.33
10	ND20261536	Tarak Halder	25-06-1996	General	2	9	60.66
11	ND20260152	N Satya Rao	15-07-2000	General	2	10	25
12	ND20261202	N Ganga Rao	16-01-2002	General	2	10	45
13	ND20260082	Sonil Tirkey	02-02-2002	General	2	10	57
14	ND20260978	V. Janeki Rao	25-12-2003	EWS*	2	10	96.66
15	ND20260815	M Shyam Sundar	08-07-2004	EWS*	2	11	51.33
16	ND20261567	C Mohammed Naushad	12-05-2000	OBC	2	11	52
17	ND20261144	G Venkateswara Rao	05-04-1995	EWS	2	13	95.66
18	ND20261360	Mohammed Aziz	18-09-2002	OBC	2	14	49.33
19	ND20261191	Mohammed Zakir	01-10-2002	OBC	2	16	12.66
20	ND20260668	A Danson	16-08-1997	ST	2	16	44
21	ND20261384	Sujit Kujur	05-01-2001	EWS	2	17	9.66
22	ND20261143	Rohit Biswas	31-07-1997	OBC	2	17	38.33
23	ND20261127	George	12-01-1998	ST	2	21	10.66
24	ND20260667	Nerius	06-09-1996	ST	2	21	28.33
25	ND20260762	K Mohammed Shahid	04-08-2001	OBC	2	21	82.33
26	ND20261242	Biswajit Jaidhar	29-10-1998	OBC	2	23	61.33
27	ND20262071	M Dhuriyodhan	10-05-1991	EWS	2	23	88.66
28	ND20260275	P Mohammed Ifaan	03-10-2002	OBC	2	24	26
29	ND20261071	Deepankar Ojha	28-04-2000	OBC	2	24	84
30	ND20260276	Salmanul Farish	09-04-2002	OBC	2	25	43.33
31	ND20261901	Prateek Bepari	07-07-2002	OBC	2	25	65
32	ND20260021	Naman Kerketta	14-11-2000	EWS	2	26	52.33
33	ND20260104	Ayan Mondal	02-05-2002	OBC	2	28	40.33
34	ND20261605	Saurab Sarkar	09-01-2000	OBC	2	28	92
35	ND20261175	K Mohammed Aziz	28-07-1990	OBC	2	29	36.66

\*Candidates recommended against Vacancy in Unreserved Category.

\*\*Final Selection will be based on document verification which will be done as detailed below.

\*\*Note\*\*

1. Appointment to the post of Mazdoor shall be subjected to the verification of Original documents, Medical fitness as prescribed and satisfactory certification of character and antecedents by the Competent Authority.

2. Verification of Original documents of the candidates mentioned in Table-I shall be conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at the Divisional Forest Office, Nicobar Division, Campbell Bay from 9:00AM Onwards.

3. The Candidates mentioned in Table-I are requested to bring the original copies of Class X Marksheets/ Metric Pass Marksheet, Proof of Date of Birth, Category Certificate, Two Passport Size Photograph, Valid Photo Identity (Aadhar Card or PAN Card) & Age relaxation documents (if any.)

4. Non Production of the Original Documents by the candidates on the above mentioned date shall result in the cancellation of his/her candidature for the post of Mazdoor in Nicobar Forest Division.

Table-II: Waiting List of Candidates for recruitment to the post of Mazdoor in the Nicobar Forest Division, Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Administration (Vacancy - 2023)

Sl No.	Roll Number	Name of Candidate	Date of Birth	Category
1	ND20260232	S Tulsi Rao	03-06-2000	General
2	ND20261539	Manish Tutty	25-02-2000	General
3	ND20262112	Joshup Minj	10-01-2000	General
4	ND20260499	Mahavir	20-04-1994	General
5	ND20261096	Santhosh S	09-05-2002	General
6	ND20260523	Amar Tirkey	25-10-1998	General
7	ND20261287	T Shiv Kumar	22-12-2002	General
8	ND20261777	Benid Back	21-11-1994	General
9	ND20262042	Anukesh Roy	23-02-2005	OBC
10	ND20261128	Ashutosh Par	12-02-1989	OBC
11	ND20261269	H Mohammed Anas	11-01-2000	OBC
12	ND20261033	Kaushik Das	16-10-2000	OBC
13	ND20260136	Zaheer Khan	07-01-2001	OBC
14	ND20261217	Nishit Kumar Biswas	08-01-2000	OBC
15	ND20260044	T Aboobacker Siddique	30-09-1995	OBC
16	ND20260971	Earnest Jeffrey	01-04-1995	ST
17	ND20260111	Ulyses	15-01-2000	ST
18	ND20260943	Birender Barla	05-08-1992	EWS
19	ND20260577	Shyam Kumar Ekka	04-07-1996	EWS

\*Candidates in the waiting list would be considered for appointment in order of their merit in the respective category in the event of any post against the Vacancy No.ND/CB/LS/1-35/2023/1427 dated 09.02.2023 not getting filled up or falling vacant within a period of one year from the date of declaration of the Result.

The Offer of Appointment along with a format of willingness/acceptance to the candidates indicated in Table-1 will be issued after document verification. Time secured by all the candidates in Level- 3 Trade Test, who have appeared in the Level-3 Trade test has been uploaded on the departmental website [www.forest.and.nic.in](http://www.forest.and.nic.in).

(Ravi Kant,IFS)

Divisional Forest Officer  
Nicobar Division  
Campbell Bay

AFFIDAVIT

I, M.SATHYAN, S/o Mutharasu, aged about 22 years, R/o Rangat, North and Middle Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:-  
1. That I am a permanent resident of these Islands and residing at above mentioned address.  
2. That my actual and correct name is M.SATHYAN, available with my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 6846 3118 7104 and all other documents.  
3. That my Birth Certificate bearing No. 104 name was wrongly entered as SATHYAN instead of M.SATHYAN.  
4. That the name of M. SATHYAN and SATHYAN same and one identical person.  
5. That the purpose of affidavit is declaring that my correct name is M.SATHYAN for all official purpose.  
That the above said para 1 to 5 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Date: 21-05-2026  
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram DEPONENT

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DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULT

On the basis of votes poll today (i.e.25.05.2026) in the Election of Jama Masjid Committee, the following candidates declared elected for a period of 5 years in the terms of provision 13 of the Bye-Laws of Jama Masjid Committee.

Name of Elected Members :-	Admission No.
1. Janab Zahid Hussain	34
2. Janab Hasir Ahmed	127
3. Janab M.Z. Siddiqui	29
4. Janab Mohammed Rafi	62
5. Janab Mohammed Shafique	120
6. Janab M. Moyin Khan	28
7. Janab Azeem Baksh	33
8. Janab Ashraf Gulam Hussain Jadwet	55
9. Janab Areez Azeem	23
10. Janab Nizamudeen	128
11. Janab S. Jamal Mohammed	79
12. Janab Abdul Islam	57
13. Janab Abdul Javid	31

Reserved Seat - 1

- Janab Mohammed Ilyas 87 (Unopposed)

Sd/-  
(Hamid Ali)  
Returning Officer

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9<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 28.05.2026



Late. TAMILARASI  
R/o Pathergudda  
"The World Changes from year to year, our lives from day to day but the love and memory of yours, shall never pass away"  
Inserted by: All Family Members

5<sup>th</sup> Year of Remembrance



Late G.S.Nair DOD :17/05/2021  
Late T.Indira DOD :28/05/2021  
Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near to our hearts,  
Still loved, still missed,  
You were and will always be the best parents.  
Fondly remembered by S.Sreenath and family, S.Sreekumar and family, S. Sreekanth and family.

PROTECTION UNIT  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
NORTH & MIDDLE ANDAMAN DISTRICT  
MAYABUNDER

INTERVIEW NOTICE

A Personal Interview along-with Document Verification and Trade Test for the post(s) of Protection Officer (Non-Institutional Care), Social Worker in DCPU and CHL Supervisor in CHL under District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), N&M Andaman is scheduled to be held on 04.06.2026 at 11.00 AM at Deputy Commissioner's Office, N&M Andaman district, Mayabunder.

All the eligible candidates are directed to present at 8.30 AM for Document Verification, Trade Test and Personal Interview at District Child Protection Unit, Deputy Commissioner's Office, N&M Andaman district, Mayabunder.

It is to be noted that for the post of Social Worker (DCPU) and CHL Supervisor (CHL), only a total of 10 meritorious candidates (for each post) shall be called to appear for the personal interview, based on scores in the trade test.

In view of this, an Eligible/In-eligible list of applications for the said post(s) is uploaded on the Administration website i.e. ([www.andaman.gov.in](http://www.andaman.gov.in)) and (<https://northmiddle.andaman.nic.in/>).

Any clarification regarding the above-mentioned recruitment can be obtained over telephone No. 03192-273127.

Assistant Commissioner (HQ),  
North & Middle Andaman, Mayabunder

ID. No. 12126

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