



Mann Ki Baat

India is becoming increasingly secure & self-reliant from seas to the skies, with focus on indigenous defence production: Hon'ble PM

New Delhi, June 28

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today highlighted that India achieved major success in the aviation sector in June with the Made in India C-295 aircraft completing its maiden flight. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, the Hon'ble Prime Minister shared that 40 such aircraft are being manufactured in India. He added that this is providing new momentum to the MSME and aerospace sectors, raising employment opportunities, and strengthening the resolve for an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Hon'ble Prime Minister exuded pride that India achieved success linked to the country's security and self-reliance this month. He attended a Navy-related event in Kolkata recently where INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray were inducted into the Indian Navy's fleet. Hon'ble Prime Minister was pleased to



THE FIRST 'MADE IN INDIA' AIRBUS C-295 COMPLETED ITS MAIDEN TEST FLIGHT

note that everything is indigenous, from the design to the manufacturing of these ships. He stated that in the month of June, the DRDO also successfully tested an indigenous 'Long-Range Land-Attack Cruise Missile'. This was developed jointly by DRDO laboratories and Indian industry partners. Hon'ble Prime Minister noted that India is becoming increasingly secure and self-reliant,

from the seas to the skies. Hon'ble Prime Minister also spoke about International Yoga Day, which saw the entire world join hands with India's efforts. This time, diverse Yoga events were held at over 2,500 locations across the globe. He said crores of people participated in Yoga programmes at numerous places in India. He mentioned the 'World Yogasana Championship' held in Ahmedabad. India won a

total of 114 medals in this event, including 102 gold medals. India topped the medal tally at this championship. He extended his congratulations to all the winning athletes.

Hon'ble Prime Minister stated that the power of public participation in nation-building is a tremendous asset for India. He said this public participation was seen again after he urged countrymen on a few points in view of the prevailing war-like situation in West Asia. He asked people to avoid buying gold, avoid foreign travel and carpool for some time. He had also requested farmers to adopt chemical-free farming, protect their farmlands, and maximise the use of natural fertilisers. Hon'ble Prime Minister expressed gratitude to every citizen of the country for supporting his appeal and actively cooperating in every way.

Concluding his address, Hon'ble Prime Minister stressed water conservation, saying every single drop of rainwater must be saved. He said the momentum of the 'Catch the Rain' campaign should not slacken.

Self-nominations invited for National Teachers Award

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28 Self-nominations have been invited from school teachers for National Teachers Award 2026 to be presented on the occasion of Teachers' Day on 5th September, 2026. The purpose of this award is to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the country and to recognize the exceptional contributions of teachers who, through their dedication, innovation and

commitment, have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students and thereby contributed to nation building. This award has been started with the objective of raising the prestige of teachers and giving public recognition to the meritorious services of outstanding teachers working in primary, middle and higher secondary schools. All school teachers (Contd. on last page)

Submission of applications on e-Recruitment Portal for Matric & Higher Secondary Level Posts extended upto July 15

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28 In continuation to this Administration's Vacancy Notice No. 4-13/2026-R&E Cell/202 dated 01.06.2026 for Matric Level Posts and Vacancy Notice No. 4-12/2026-R&E Cell/214 dated 04.06.2026 for Higher Secondary Level Posts, it is hereby informed to all aspirants/candidates

that the closing date for submission of applications on the e-Recruitment Portal <https://erecruitment.andamannicobar.gov.in> has been extended as under:
 ♦ Matric Level Posts: up to 15.07.2026
 ♦ Higher Secondary Level Posts: up to 15.07.2026 (Contd. on last page)

National Immunization Day for Polio Immunization 2026 observed across A&N Islands

18958 children in the age group of 0-5 years administered polio vaccine; house-to-house visits to be conducted on June 29 & 30

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28

The National Immunization Day (NID) for Polio Immunization was observed across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands today. The programme aimed to ensure that every child below five years of age received bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV), thereby strengthening protection against poliomyelitis and supporting India's commitment to



maintaining a polio-free status. A total of 447 fixed vaccination booths were established across the Union Territory. Special

children travelling with their families. This extensive planning ensured maximum outreach and accessibility.

On the first day of the campaign, 18958 children out of an estimated target of 19,343 children in the 0-5 years age group were administered the polio vaccine, achieving an overall coverage of 98 percent. The district-wise coverage was as (Contd. on last page)

Monsoon Carnival -Food & Spice Festival organised by Tourism Deptt. concludes on a grand note at ITF Ground

Wide array of food stalls featuring traditional delicacies & cultural performances attracted visitors



Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28 The three-day 'Monsoon Food & Spice Festival-2026' with vibrant theme #Monsoon Flavours organized by the Tourism Department in collaboration with the line Departments at ITF Ground concluded today, drawing enthusiastic gathering



and celebrating the rich culinary diversity of the islands. A wide array of food stalls featuring traditional delicacies, regional Indian cuisines, and popular street food items attracted food lovers throughout the event. Visitors relished specialties, and a variety of cuisines, making the festival a true culinary delight. Adding to the festive atmosphere was the musical performances, and cultural programmes that entertained visitors each evening. A vibrant lineup of cultural performances marked the concluding day of the Island Food

From Learning to Earning: Smt. Rajini Kiran's inspiring journey of Women Empowerment through Poultry Farming

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28

When the pandemic struck and her husband lost his job, the family faced severe financial uncertainty. Instead of giving in to despair, Smt. Rajini decided to turn her earlier training into a sustainable livelihood. She had received poultry management training at the Livestock Farm Complex, Dollygunj, under the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS). That knowledge became her greatest strength during the crisis.

With limited resources and strong willpower, Smt. Rajini using locally available materials, designed and built her own incubator with technical guidance from the Department. She began hatching eggs of indigenous (desi) birds, carefully rearing the chicks with dedication.



The initial batches were modest, but they laid the foundation for a steady income. She sold hatchlings and reared some birds herself, gradually building confidence and a customer base. Encouraged by her early success, she expanded her activities by including ducks and other bird varieties. Later, she

constructed a proper shed for broiler farming. With each step, her enterprise grew stronger. Today, Smt. Rajini Kiran runs a successful diversified poultry unit and earns an average of Rs. 20,000 per month.

Her story is a powerful testimony to how skill-based training and self-belief can transform challenges into opportunities. What started as a survival strategy during tough times has now become a thriving small business, providing financial independence and stability to her family.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services appreciates Smt. Rajini Kiran's hard work and determination. Her success highlights the importance of backyard poultry farming as a viable livelihood option, especially for women in rural and semi-urban areas, a press release from Deptt. of AH&VS said.

ANPCC conducts awareness prog. on E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022

Stakeholders urged to adopt environmentally sound e-waste management practices

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28

The Andaman and Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC) organized an awareness programme on the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 in the Conference Hall of Department of S&T, Dollygunj, for Commercial Establishments, Bulk Consumers, Small Generators and Retailers. The programme was attended by proprietors



of electrical and electronic shops, retailers, repair, service centres and hoteliers. The participants were sensitized on their

and disposal of e-waste only through authorized entities.

The programme was conducted with the objective of creating awareness on the statutory provisions of the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, and promoting environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic waste in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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Rowers of A&N Islands win Bronze medal at U23 & 1st Para National Rowing Championship

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28
Ms. Sneha Toppo and Ms. P. Alagammal of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have brought laurels to the Union Territory by securing Bronze Medal in the BLW2X event at the U23 & 1st Para National Rowing Championship, held from 24th to 27th June, 2026 in Pune, Maharashtra. The remarkable achievement reflects the dedication, hard work, and determination of the athletes, who delivered an impressive performance against strong competition from across the country, a press release from ANRA said.



Rangat Monsoon Marathon to be held on July 4

Rangat, June 28
The "Rangat Monsoon Marathon - 2026" is scheduled to be held on 04.07.2026 as per the timings detailed below. The event is open for participation by school students, sportspersons and general public who are willing to participate. The route are as under:



Sl. No.	Event	Category	Starting Point	Finishing Point
1.	10 Km Run (Men)	Men(Open-To-All)	Nimbutala Chowk	Nimbutala Chowk
Route For Men: Nimbutala Chowk-Kalimandir-Amkunj-Chitrakut-Near Moricedera via same route (Finishing point)				
2.	5 Km Run(Women)	Women(Open-To-All)	Nimbutala Chowk	Nimbutala Chowk
Route For Women: Nimbutala Chowk-Kalimandir-Amkunj- Near Chitrakut via same route (Finishing point)				

Further, all participants have been requested to wear white T-shirt along with half pant/trouser during the marathon. (color not compulsory)

The winners shall be awarded prizes as notified earlier, as detailed below:
1st Prize: Rs. 10,000/- + Medal
2nd Prize: Rs. 7,000/- + Medal
3rd Prize: Rs. 5,000/- + Medal

Participants have been requested to report at Nimbutala Chowk before 5.20 AM positively. The race will commence at 5.30 AM, a press release from AC, Rangat said.

South Andaman Police continues district-wide anti-drug awareness campaign, promoting community participation and a drug-free society

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28
Drug abuse continues to pose a serious threat to individuals, families, and society at large. Substance addiction adversely affects physical and mental health, often leading to broken families, financial distress, criminal activities, and the loss of productive potential among youth. The social consequences of drug abuse extend beyond the individual, impacting community safety, public health, and overall social harmony. Recognizing these challenges, South Andaman Police has been actively conducting awareness programmes to educate citizens about the dangers of narcotic substances and to encourage collective action towards building a safer, healthier, and drug-free society.



As part of the ongoing Anti-Drug Awareness Week, South Andaman Police conducted a series of awareness programmes, rallies, and sports activities across the district to promote a drug-free society and strengthen community participation in the fight against drug abuse. PS Ograbraj organized an awareness programme at Choudari Market and a friendly volleyball match at Namunagar, sensitizing the public on the dangers of drug abuse while promoting healthy recreational activities.

PS Chatham conducted an awareness programme and rally at Haddo, while PS Pahargaon organized a similar programme and rally at Bathubasti, spreading awareness about the harmful effects of narcotics and encouraging community vigilance. At Hut Bay, PS Hut Bay organized a friendly football match between police personnel and local youth, promoting sports as a positive alternative to substance abuse.

On 25th June, PS Humfrygunj organized a 6-km Youth Awareness Marathon from Humfrygunj Junction to Dhanikari Junction and back, drawing enthusiastic participation from youth, the public, and police personnel. The event concluded with an Anti-Drug Pledge reaffirming the commitment towards a drug-free society. South Andaman Police remains committed to creating awareness, strengthening prevention efforts, and fostering community partnership to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking. Citizens are encouraged to report drug-related activities through MANAS Helpline 1933, Police Helpline 112, or WhatsApp No. 9531856080. Together, let us build a safer, healthier and drug-free South Andaman, a press release from SP (SA) said.

National Immunization Day for Polio Immunization 2026.....

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Sl No	District	Estimation	Coverage	Percentage
1	South Andaman	13065	12628	96.66%
2	North and Middle Andaman	4369	4396	100.6%
3	Nicobar	1909	1934	101.3%
	Total	19,343	18958	98.01%

along with other officials from the Directorate of Health Services, were also present on the occasion. The successful implementation of National Immunization Day 2026 demonstrates the strong commitment of the Health Department, partner agencies, and the community towards safeguarding children from vaccine-preventable diseases. The achievement of nearly 100 percent coverage reflects effective planning, coordination, and public participation, ensuring continued protection of children and strengthening public health in the Islands, a press release from DHS said.

Following the booth-based activity, house-to-house visits will be conducted on 29th & 30th June, 2026 to identify and vaccinate any children who may have been missed during the initial phase. Private medical practitioners and healthcare workers also actively participated in the campaign, contributing significantly to its success. The State-level inaugural ceremony was held at Urban Health Centre (UHC), Junglighat. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. H. M. Siddaraju, Director of Health Services, who administered the first dose of Oral Polio Vaccine. During his address, he emphasized the importance of universal immunization and appealed to parents and guardians to ensure that every eligible child receives the vaccine. Shri Aziz Ur Rahman, Councilor Ward No.6, SVP, Dr. Avijit Roy, Deputy Director (Health) / State Immunization Officer,

ANPCC conducts awareness prog. on.....

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programme, officials of ANPCC highlighted the responsibilities of various stakeholders, particularly the obligations of bulk consumers under Rule 8 of the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022. Participants were informed that e-waste must be channelised only through registered producers, refurbishers or recyclers, and proper records of generation, storage, transportation and disposal must be maintained.

Special emphasis was laid on the prevailing scenario in the Islands, where e-waste is required to be transported to authorised facilities on the mainland in accordance with the prescribed transportation procedures, including the manifest system and other regulatory requirements, available at <https://dstpc.andamannicobar.gov.in>.

The programme also covered Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), safe storage practices, documentation requirements, transportation procedures, environmental and health risks associated with improper disposal of e-waste, and best practices for government offices, educational institutions and commercial establishments.

Participants actively interacted with the officials and sought clarifications on practical aspects of e-waste management, transportation, inventory maintenance and compliance with the Rules.

ANPCC also informed the participants that, in compliance with the directions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), an e-waste inventourisation exercise is being undertaken across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. An Online Forms developed by an internship student of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT) for the inventorisation of e-waste was demonstrated during the programme. The form will shortly be circulated to waste generators and bulk consumers for collection of information on e-waste generation. Stakeholders have been requested to furnish the required details within the stipulated time to facilitate the preparation of a comprehensive e-waste inventory for the Union Territory.

ANPCC encouraged all stakeholders to adopt environmentally sound e-waste management practices by ensuring segregation, safe storage, proper documentation and disposal of e-waste only through authorised channels, thereby contributing to environmental protection and sustainable resource management in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a press release from ANPCC said.

Khet Bachao Abhiyan- 2026 held in Diglipur ICAR-KVK & Deptt. of Agriculture organize awareness prog. on sustainable farming practices

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28
ICAR-KVK, Nimbudera, organized a series of awareness programmes on sustainable farming practices under "Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026" during 25-26 June, 2026 at Subhasgram and Madhupur villages of Diglipur Block, North & Middle Andaman, in collaboration with UTATMA, Department of Agriculture, A & N Administration. The programme aimed to create awareness among farmers about sustainable agricultural practices for enhancing crop productivity, conserving soil health, improving resource-use efficiency, reducing dependency on external inputs, and increasing farm income. During the programme, farmers were sensitized on various components of sustainable agriculture & educated about the importance of adopting improved crop varieties, and quality seeds of improved paddy and vegetable varieties were distributed to encourage the adoption of better performing crops and enhance farm productivity. During interaction sessions, experts provided technical guidance on efficient input management, integrated nutrient and pest management, climate-resilient farming practices, and the adoption of improved agricultural technologies for sustainable crop production. A total of 42 farmers and farmwomen actively participated in the programme, a press release from CIARI said.



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Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Unity Cup Badminton Tournament to be organized by A&N Police from July 9

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 28
The Andaman & Nicobar Police, under its Community Policing initiative, will be organizing the "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Unity Cup" Badminton Tournament, 2026 under the theme "Sports for Fitness, Unity and a Drug-Free Society - Celebrating National Unity, Patriotism and the Spirit of Vande Mataram" from 9th to 12th July, 2026 at the Multipurpose Hall, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram. The tournament will be conducted in the Sub-Junior (Under-15), Junior (Under-19), Open and Above 35+ categories for Singles and Doubles events. A Departmental Team Event (Open Category) shall also be conducted, subject to participation of a minimum of eight teams. The entry fee shall be Rs. 200/- (Singles) and Rs. 400/- (Doubles) for Under-15 Category, Rs. 300/- (Singles) and Rs. 500/- (Doubles) for Under-19 Category, Rs. 500/- (Singles) and Rs. 1000/- (Doubles) for Open Category, Rs. 1200/- for Above 35+ Doubles Category, and Rs. 4000/- per Department Team. Cash prizes, trophies, medals and certificates shall be awarded to Winners and Runners-ups in various categories, while Winner and Runner-up trophies shall be awarded to the Departmental Teams. All Government Departments under the A&N Administration, educational institutions, badminton clubs and interested players of the Islands have been invited to participate. Interested participants may submit their entries to the Sports Section, APU Police Line, Sri Vijaya Puram on or before 07/07/2026 up to 1700 hrs. For any query or assistance, participants may contact phone no. 9 5 3 1 8 3 6 0 1 0 / 9 9 3 3 2 9 7 6 9 7 / 8 9 0 0 9 2 4 0 7 0 / 9679592298. The general public and badminton enthusiasts have been invited to participate and make the tournament a grand success, a press release from SP, APU said.

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Submission of applications on.....

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Further, it is also brought to the notice of the aspirants/candidates that, a correction window will remain open after the last dates of application for both Matric Level and Higher Secondary Level posts. The specific dates for the correction window shall be notified separately through a Press Note and on the official website of the A & N Administration. Candidates have been advised to utilize the extended period and correction facility to ensure accurate submission of their applications, a press release from Assistant Secretary (R&E) said.

Monsoon Carnival-Food & Spice Festival.....

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artistic. A live band performance was performed by the artistes of Kalapani band presenting Bollywood hit numbers. The highlight of the concluding of the Monsoon Carnival event was the presentation of an awareness skit staged by A&N Police conveying important social messages through an engaging performance. The Police also conducted a cultural programme adding to the evening's attractions. A prize distribution ceremony was held in which winners of the Volleyball, Chess & Arm-Wrestling Competitions were awarded with trophies and cash prizes. In the Volleyball competition, Seva Bharath & Seva Bharath (A) team received the winner and runner up prizes of Rs. 7000/- and Rs. 5000/- and trophy respectively in the Men's category. Similarly, In the Volleyball competition for women's category, Volley Babes & Volley Slammers teams received the winner and runner up prizes of Rs. 7000/- and Rs. 5000/- and trophy respectively.

In the Chess Competition, Tanish Roy & Shishant Das stood winner and runner up respectively while in the Arm-Wrestling competition, Shishant Das & Tanish Roy were remained winner and runner up respectively. Trophies were awarded to prize winners.

Self-nominations invited for National.....

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and heads of schools working in recognized primary/middle/high/higher secondary schools run by State Govt./UT Administration, local bodies, aided by State Govt./UT Administration, Central Government Schools, schools run by Ministry of Defence and Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) run by Ministry of Tribal Affairs and school affiliated to CBSE or CISCE are eligible for consideration for the award. Normally retired teachers are not eligible for the award but those who have served a part of this calendar year are eligible (at least four months i.e, upto 30th April in the year to which national awards relate) may be considered if they fulfil all other conditions. Teachers/headmaster should not have indulged in tuitions, contractual teachers and Shiksha Mitras Educational Administrators, Inspectors of Education, staff of Training Institutes, are not eligible for the award. Registrations for the self-nomination by teachers on the online web portal <http://nationalawardstoteachers.education.gov.in> is open from 15.06.2026 and last date for the same is 10.07.2026. However, the final submission of self-nomination is 13.07.2026, a press release from Directorate of Education said.

DIKSHA: Powering India's Digital Learning Ecosystem

A National Platform for Education

Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) is an open-source platform that provides easy access to high-quality, curriculum-linked digital learning materials in multiple languages to students and teachers across the country. It is a key component of the PM e-Vidya initiative of the Ministry of Education that aims to ensure continuity of learning through online means. DIKSHA is termed as the nation's One Nation, One Digital Platform for school education. Launched in 2017, it is spearheaded by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in collaboration with the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET).

DIKSHA can be customised to suit different needs and has therefore been widely accepted and adopted by various boards in almost all states and UTs. It provides digital learning material for complete K-12 digital learning, covering foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) to senior secondary education.

DIKSHA aims to create a dynamic learning ecosystem powered by technology and innovation. It promotes accessible, engaging, and personalised experiences for diverse learner needs. Learning extends beyond traditional classrooms through digital and interactive resources. It equips students with skills that support academic success, personal growth, and holistic development.

The platform features media-rich, interactive resources, including 2D/3D animations, AR experiences, simulations, virtual labs, and sign language videos, designed to enhance conceptual clarity and cater to diverse learning styles. There are QR-coded Energised Textbooks, linking physical NCERT books to videos, interactives, and teacher guides for seamless classroom engagement. For the differently-abled learners it provides inclusive features like DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) format, text-to-speech, and Indian Sign Language (ISL) videos.

DIKSHA empowers personalised learning with unlimited practice questions, detailed solutions, adaptive assessments, and competency-based question banks that identify gaps and enable timely remediation. It supports teacher professional development via NISHTHA and state-specific TPD modules, offering self-paced, certified training to upskill educators nationwide. This integrated ecosystem—combining content creation, curation, consumption, and analytics—drives inclusive, data-informed, and joyful learning aligned with NEP 2020.

Platform Structure and Content Verification

The DIKSHA platform is designed to ensure decentralised participation and rigorous content validation. Its structure enables contribution while maintaining quality standards through periodic review.

- ▶ The platform operates on a federated architecture, enabling each participant to upload and manage content independently.
- ▶ The participants upload electronic content and courses in their mother tongue or regional languages across the country.
- ▶ This approach allows customisation in language, curriculum alignment, and pedagogy, catering to diverse learner groups nationwide.
- ▶ Digital learning resources under the platform remain contextually relevant, continuously updated, and widely accessible to learners.
- ▶ The Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET-NCERT) periodically validates participant content based on prescribed guidelines.
- ▶ All participants are advised to provide age-appropriate and grade-appropriate content in their respective regional languages.

Learning Without Barriers: Offline Access and Multilingual Support

DIKSHA platform supports both online and offline accessibility. Learners can download content in advance and access it conveniently without an active internet connection.

- ▶ States and Union Territories preload content on Smart Class boards to ensure dependable offline access.
- ▶ Following the National Education Policy 2020, the platform supports school education across multiple languages from the foundational stage.
- ▶ The NCERT translates textbooks for classes 1, 2, 3, and 6 into 22 scheduled languages.
- ▶ These translated textbooks are also available on the NCERT portal, ensuring convenient student learning.
- ▶ Both learners and teachers access the platform, which supports 135 languages, including 128 Indian and seven foreign languages.

Features that Enable Success

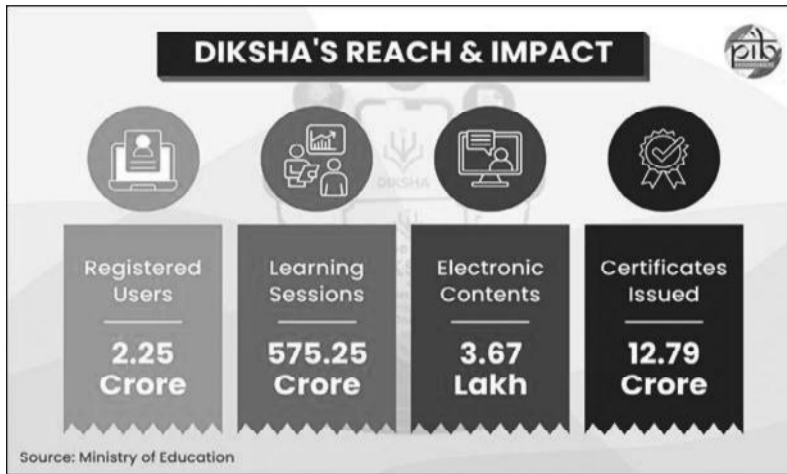
The platform offers a state-of-the-art learning ecosystem built around the following tools and capabilities for users.

Energised Textbook	Teacher Professional Development	Question Bank
Content Sourcing	Content Authoring	Quizzes
Content Consumption	Data Tool and Dashboard	Chatbot
Digital Credential	Collaboration	Phygital
Ccube	Survey	Language Translations
Mentoring	Sunbird Registry and Credential	

- ▶ More than 614 Virtual Laboratories have been created and made available to promote critical thinking and student creativity.
- ▶ 50 faculty members from State Councils and District Institutes were trained to develop professional development courses for teachers.
- ▶ The teacher courses are delivered through the Learning Management System (LMS) that is integrated within the digital learning platform.

Advancing Education at Scale: Key Statistics (as on 27 June, 2026)

From empowering learners and teachers to supporting nationwide digital education initiatives, DIKSHA continues to drive meaningful change.



User Metrics

Active Users	Around 3 Lakh daily
Registered Users	2.25 Crore

Registered Users - State and Union Territory-wise

State / Union Territory	Registered Users	State / Union Territory	Registered Users
Andaman & Nicobar	53,379	Lakshadweep	1,881
Andhra Pradesh	5.91 Lakh	Madhya Pradesh	10.35 Lakh
Arunachal Pradesh	45,389	Maharashtra	10.86 Lakh
Assam	3.72 Lakh	Manipur	55,389
Bihar	12.52 Lakh	Meghalaya	64,612
Chandigarh	82,815	Mizoram	27,170
Chhattisgarh	4.55 Lakh	Nagaland	40,707
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	11,885	Odisha	6.02 Lakh
Delhi	4.79 Lakh	Puducherry	22,897
Goa	36,424	Punjab	6.75 Lakh
Gujarat	14.64 Lakh	Rajasthan	11.41 Lakh

Haryana	5.20 Lakh	Sikkim	27,220
Himachal Pradesh	2.07 Lakh	Tamil Nadu	5.55 Lakh
Jammu and Kashmir	2.97 Lakh	Telangana	3.51 Lakh
Jharkhand	4.07 Lakh	Tripura	51,833
Karnataka	9.69 Lakh	Uttarakhand	2.85 Lakh
Kerala	3.02 Lakh	Uttar Pradesh	26.80 Lakh
Ladakh	14,197	West Bengal	4.93 Lakh

Usage Metrics

Learning Sessions	575.25 Crore
Learning Minutes	6,691.82 Crore

Content Metrics

Energised Textbooks	7,687
Electronic Contents	3.67 Lakh

Course Metrics

Enrolments	18.77 Crore
Completions	14.82 Crore
Certificates Issued	12.79 Crore
Courses	347

Shaping the Future of Learning

DIKSHA represents a significant step towards a more connected, inclusive, and future-ready education ecosystem. By bringing together learners, teachers, institutions, and resources, it helps overcome geographical and linguistic constraints. Its continued evolution reflects a commitment to extending quality education to every student. The platform supports diverse needs while creating meaningful opportunities across regions and communities. As education embraces digital innovation, DIKSHA continues to strengthen teaching, learning, and collaboration. It remains a key enabler of sustained progress and educational advancement across the country.

ICGS Akshay Commissioned into Bharatiya Tatrakshak Fleet

New Delhi, June 28 (PIB)

Bharatiya Tatrakshak marked another milestone in its force modernisation with the commissioning of ICGS Akshay, a new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV), at Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa, on June 27, 2026.

Named Akshay, meaning Indestructible, the Fast Patrol Vessel embodies the enduring spirit, resilience and unwavering commitment of Bharatiya Tatrakshak towards safeguarding the nation's maritime interests. The ship reinforces the Service's resolve to ensure safe, secure and clean seas while protecting India's vast maritime domain.

The vessel is equipped to undertake a wide range of Coast Guard operations, including maritime law enforcement, coastal security, search and rescue, marine environmental protection and assistance to mariners in distress, thereby enhancing the operational capability of



Bharatiya Tatrakshak. The vessel was commissioned by Smt. Parama Sen, Additional Secretary (Personnel), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, in the presence of Inspector General Bhisham Sharma, PTM, TM, Commander, Coast Guard

Region (West), Inspector General Jyotindra Singh, TM, Deputy Director General (HRD), and other senior dignitaries from the Central and State Governments.

Designed and constructed by Goa Shipyard Limited, ICGS Akshay is another

significant achievement in indigenous shipbuilding and reflects the Government's commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The induction of the vessel further strengthens India's domestic shipbuilding capabilities and maritime ecosystem.

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Proposes Amendments to Medical Devices Rules, 2017 to Streamline Licensing Process

Draft amendments aim to reduce timelines for grant of manufacturing licences and enhance ease of doing business

New Delhi, June 28 (PIB)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has published a draft notification in the Official Gazette proposing amendments to the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 with the objective of simplifying and expediting the licensing process for medical devices while ensuring continued compliance with quality, safety and performance requirements.

The proposed amendments seek to rationalize the timelines for grant of manufacturing licences for medical devices across different risk categories. The initiative is aimed at enhancing the ease of doing business, improving regulatory efficiency, and

facilitating the timely availability of quality medical devices in the country.

Under the Medical Devices Rules, 2017, medical devices are classified into four risk-based categories—Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D—with Class D comprising the highest-risk devices. The Rules prescribe statutory timelines for processing applications for manufacturing licences for each category. The proposed amendments seek to reduce these timelines, thereby enabling faster regulatory approvals while maintaining the established standards of quality, safety and performance.

For Class B medical devices, which include low to moderate risk devices such as blood

pressure monitors, hypodermic needles and pulse oximeters, the timeline for grant of manufacturing licence has been proposed to be reduced from 140 days to 115 days.

Similarly, for Class C and Class D medical devices, which include high-risk devices such as cardiac stents, hip and knee implants, and other orthopaedic implants, the timeline for grant of manufacturing licence has been proposed to be reduced from 105 days to 90 days.

The draft amendments also introduce clearly defined timelines for each stage of the licensing process, including scrutiny of applications, audit by notified bodies, verification of compliance and issuance of licences. This is expected to bring greater transparency,

predictability and efficiency to the regulatory framework, benefiting both the medical device industry and patients through faster access to quality-assured medical devices.

The draft notification has been placed in the public domain for comments and suggestions from all stakeholders. The notification is available in the Official Gazette and on the website of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). Stakeholders are invited to submit their comments and suggestions within the prescribed period.

The draft Gazette Notification is available at: <https://e.g.a.z.e.t.t.e.g.o.v.i.n/W.r.i.t.e.R.e.a.d.D.a.t.a/2026/273896.pdf>

OBSERVANCE OF ANTI MALARIA MONTH, JUNE 2026. THE THEME FOR 2026 IS "Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must"

MALARIA मलेरिया

Malaria is a communicable disease caused by a parasite. Malaria may cause anemia and jaundice. In certain cases, if not treated promptly, it may cause kidney failure, coma and death.

Life Cycle of Malaria Parasite मलेरिया परजीवी का जीवन चक्र

1. An infected female mosquito (Anopheles) bites a human and injects the parasite into the blood.
2. The parasite enters the liver and starts multiplying.
3. The parasites enter and multiply in the red blood cells.
4. They pass into the bloodstream.
5. Some parasites become gametocytes and are ingested by another female mosquito when it bites the infected human. The parasite then becomes the carrier of malarial parasite.

The Carrier चरवाहा
 Female Anopheles Mosquito

Symptoms लक्षण

- Nausea & vomiting
- Sweating & high fever
- Fatigue & body ache
- Shivering chills

Diagnosis & Treatment रोग निदान व उपचार

Prevention रोकथाम

- Sleep under mosquito nets
- Soapy insecticides and use mosquito repellents
- Do not allow water to stagnate and keep the surroundings clean. Keep the water tanks covered.

NATIONAL VECTOR BORNE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMME UNION TERRITORY HEALTH MISSION SRI VIJAYA PURAM

VACANCY CIRCULAR

Applications in the prescribed format are invited from amongst the eligible officers working under Central Government or State Government or Union Territories or Agriculture Universities or Recognized Research Institutes for filling up of 1 (One) Group-A (Gazetted), Non-Ministerial post of Joint Director (Fisheries) in the Pay Level-11 in the Department of Fisheries, Andaman & Nicobar Administration on Deputation (Including Short Term Contract) basis.

Eligible and interested candidates may download the Vacancy Notice from our website www.andamannicobar.gov.in under vacancies column for information and details on further eligibility criteria.

The applications duly filled in and completed should reach the Directorate of Fisheries, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Sri Vijaya Puram-744101 latest by 60 days from the publication of this notice in the National Employment Newspaper.

Administrative Officer (Fisheries) Directorate of Fisheries A&N Administration Sri Vijaya Puram-744101

NOTICE

This is for information of all concern that my clients Smti. Mamta Agarwal, W/o Shri Mahesh Agarwal and Shri Mahesh Kumar Agarwal, S/o Late S.N. Agarwal, R/o Junglighat under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, District South Andaman permanently residing at B-56 Hanuman Nagar Gautam Marg, Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan PIN Code- 302021 entered in to agreements dated 16/12/2016, 06/03/2017, 23/10/2019 and 17/12/2022 with Shri Mohammed Ali, S/o Shri E.P. Kunju Kammu, of M/s IMFC.

Shri Mohammed Ali issued post dated cheques, in the agreements it was mentioned that if any cheque is dishonor in that case the agreement is deemed to be cancelled and Power of Attorney given to him deemed to be revoked.

That the cheques issued by Shri Mohammed Ali was dishonored and accordingly a demand notice was made on 01/07/2023 and it was also published in the Newspaper the Daily Telegrams dated 09/07/2023. As Shri Mohammed Ali violated the terms and condition of the agreement in which it was specifically mention that my clients will not be responsible for any dispute between the intending purchasers and the amount paid by Shri Mohammed Ali to my client will be forfeited.

The subject property of the agreement is as follows: Land bearing Survey No. 310/1/1 measuring an area 0.0900 hect, Survey No. 310/1/2 measuring an area 2.0200 hect., Survey No. 302 measuring an area of 1.320 hect. and Survey No. 308 measuring an area of 0.2900 hect. situated at Chouldhari village under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman. Total area 3.720 hect. in which Smti. Mamta Agarwal is having half share i.e. 18600 Sq. mtrs. and Shri Mahesh Agarwal is the absolute recorded owner of Survey No. 311/1/1 measuring an area of 1.35 hect., Survey No. 304/2 and 306/2 measuring an area of 0.84 hect. and Survey No. 303 and 307 measuring an area of 1.56 hect. situated at Chouldhari village under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman. Total area 3.75 hect. in which the plaintiffs are having half share i.e. 18750 Sq. mtrs. out of total area 37350 Sq. mtrs. along with RCC / Flats including incomplete structures and IMFC Canteen.

That my clients filed Other Suit No. 52 of 2023 before the Ld. Civil Judge Senior Division, Port Blair for declaration the agreements including the agreement dated 17/12/2022 are deemed to be cancelled and Power of Attorney deemed to be revoked. A due notice was also served upon Shri Mohammed Ali on 01/07/2023 and thereafter above mention suit was filed on 21/08/2023.

That after hearing the counsel for the plaintiffs the Ld. Court please to pass following order: "that the prayer for ad-interim temporary injunction is allowed ex-parte as an ad-interim measure. Both the plaintiffs and defendant No. 1 are directed to maintain status quo in respect of the nature, character and possession of the suit property as mentioned in the Schedule-B of the injunction petition."

That the aforesaid suit was transferred to the Court of Joint Civil Judge Senior Division and renumbered as Other Suit No. 84 of 2024 and ad-interim injunction order as mention above as made absolute on 24/04/2025.

This is for information of all concern not to enter any type of transaction in respect of above-mentioned property with Shri Mohammed Ali of M/s IMFC in any manner whatsoever to maintain the order passed by the Court. If any person including Shri Mohammed Ali is found to be violated the order same would be on their cost and risk.

Sd/-
N.A. Khan Advocate

LAND FOR SALE

At Dollygunj, Near AT Villa Hotel, Suitable for all Purpose, Interested Parties may Contact: +91 7063942163

TO LET

02 BHK Flat available for Rent at Garacharma. Contact: 9434266637 / 9679563337

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One Room Available for Shop / Office / Tuition Center in 1st Floor, (3 Mtrs. X 6 Mtrs.) Near Mitai Enterprise, Landmark Junglighat School. Water Supply, Available for 24 hrs. in the Washroom. Contact: 9933254091 / 9933265826

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A 2 BHK Room for Rent at Prem Nagar Junction, Behind RK Dental Clinic. Rent Rs. 12000/-. Contact: 9933288566

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Sale Single Patta. 200 Sq. Mtrs. at Chouldari Near Chouldari, Junction. Contact Ph. No.: 750112218

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One Semi RCC Single Bed Room, Big Hall attached Bathroom, fully tiled, Double Pipe Line, Back side Goenka Boutique, Junglighat. Contact: 7063981223

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Requirement: A Qualified and Experienced Women's Cricket Coach is Required for Coaching a 12- year-Old Girl Child.

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Online e-tenders are invited for appointment of Clearing, Forwarding, Transporting agent for handling/transportation of POL products (Petrol, Diesel and Lub Oil) by sea route from IOC Ltd., Haddo, Sri Vijaya Puram/IOC ROL, ANIIDCO, Junglighat to ANIIDCO POL Depot at Kamorta, Katchal, Teressa, Campbell Bay, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep and Hutbay. The tender document containing terms and conditions can be downloaded from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in> or it may be obtained from Sr. Manager (POL), ANIIDCO Ltd., Sri Vijaya Puram on any working days upto **04.30 PM on 20/07/2026**. Tender should be filled online at <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in> upto **03.00 PM on 21/07/2026**. The Technical Bid will be opened on the same day at **3.30 PM** in the presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives if any present at the time of opening of tenders.

The General Manager (POL), ANIIDCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

General Manager (POL) ANIIDCO Ltd.
 E.File No.:M-28201010/1/2023-JR ASST-POL-ANIIDCO_AN/1393

AFFIDAVIT

I, V.K. Pathumma, Daughter of K. Veeran Kutty, resident of Ograbraj Village under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

That I am a Citizen of India and a permanent resident of the above-mentioned address. That in my Old Passport bearing No. P2994677, issued on 31.05.2016, my Father's name was recorded as "Veetil Kachari Veeran Kutty (V.K. Veeran Kutty)". That my Father's correct name as recorded in my Aadhaar card bearing No. 6833 3637 8426 and other supporting documents, is "K. Veeran Kutty (Kachari Veeran Kutty)". That the names "Veetil Kachari Veeran Kutty (V.K. Veeran Kutty)" and "Kachari Veeran Kutty (K. Veeran Kutty)" refer to one and the same person namely my Father. That due to variation in the recording of my Father's name in different documents, a discrepancy has arisen in my Passport records.

That I am executing this affidavit for submission before the Passport Authorities for correction / updation of my Father' name in my Passport records and for all other purposes for which it may be required.

That the statements made hereinabove are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verification

Verified at Sri Vijaya Puram on this 23rd day of June, 2026 that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Deponent

PROVISIONAL REG NO: AN3564000049

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- AV Fistula Creation & Maintenance

CAMP DATES

JUNE 28 SUNDAY	JUNE 29 MONDAY	JUNE 30 TUESDAY	JULY 01 WEDNESDAY
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TIME

MORNING 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 EVENING 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

NEAR MITAI ENTERPRISES, JUNGLIGHT
 PORT BLAIR, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

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AFFIDAVIT

I, SPENCER JOHNSON, S/o Late Alphones Spencer, aged 61 years, residing at Lamba Line, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman District, I do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1. That my father name has been wrongly recorded in my passport as ALPHONES SPENCER.
2. That my father correct name is "ALPHONES SPENCER".
3. That "ALPHONES SPENCER" (Wrong Name) and "ALPHONES SPENCER" (Correct Name) refer to one and the same person, i.e. my father.
4. That I request the concerned Passport Authority to correct my name in the passport records from "ALPHONES SPENCER (Wrong Name)" to "ALPHONES SPENCER" (Correct Name).
5. That henceforth I shall be known and identified by my father name "ALPHONES SPENCER" for all official and legal purposes.

I, the above-named deponent, do hereby verify that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Deponent

17th Death Anniversary
 On 29/06/2026

Late D. K. Chakraborty
 Ex. Asstt. Director (Admn.)
 R/o Bhatu Basti

"Your Love and Blessing is always remain with us in our daily life"

Inserted by: Smti. Nirmala Chakraborty (Wife), Shri. Biswajit Pandey, Smti. Sarita Pandey, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Bhan, Smti. Sunita Chakraborty, Shri Anil Kumar Chakraborty, Smti. Purnima Anil Chakraborty, Shri. Sunil Kr. Chakraborty, Smti. Preeti Chakraborty, Master Akshay Pandey, Master Akshaj Kr. Chakraborty, Baby Naomika Chakraborty and all relatives & friends

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31ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

ON 29.06.2026
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF LATE. HER DEVI
 W/O LATE. SUSHIL KUMAR ROY,
 R/O JUNGLIGHT

"Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure"

REMEMBERED BY:
 ALL FAMILY MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

6th Death Anniversary
 On 29.06.2026
 In the loving memory of

Late. V.Sirmaiah
 Retd Sawyer, Chatham Saw Mill
 Date of Birth: 21.07.1939
 Date of Death 29.06.2023
 Inserted by: All family members

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