

## SAVE WATER



# Great Nicobar Island: India's new economic and military outpost that can threaten China's energy security

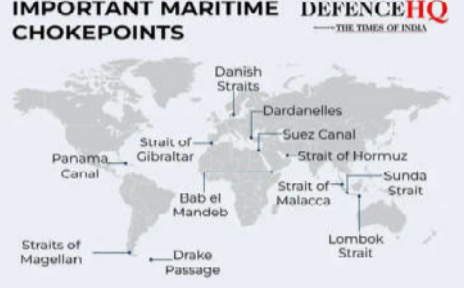
The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has once again put the spotlight on the global dependence on maritime trade. The closure of the critical waterway has restricted access to 20% of the global hydrocarbon trade, causing turmoil in the global energy market.

The closure of the strait has now become a key point of contention between the two warring sides. This issue has led to the Americans blockading Iranian ports, effectively isolating Iran from global trade.

In recent times, the threat to shipping in an increasingly interconnected world has drawn sharp responses from the global community. Many nations, including India, have deployed ships to protect maritime traffic traversing through the Bab el-Mandeb during the threat of Houthi rocket attacks, as well as during the height of Somali pirate activity

### The dangers of maritime chokepoints

For centuries, access to the sea has been thought of as a blessing for any nation. After all, one can be connected to the wider world via the oceans. Even today, with impressive rail and road linkages as well as an expanding commercial air sector, being landlocked is still thought of as a disadvantage.



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# An initiative under Ayushman Arogya Shivr Workplace Health Screening Camps to be held in South Andaman District

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 In order to extend the campaign of Ayushman Arogya Shivr at the community level, the District Administration, South Andaman, through the District Health Society in coordination with the Directorate of Health Services, has initiated the conduct of extensive workplace health screening camps across the district.

The health screening camps will be organized at various Government and Private establishments, including offices, firms, hotels, shops, construction sites, spas, workshops, travel agencies, and other workplaces. The initiative aims to facilitate early detection and screening of communicable and non-communicable diseases, as well as other health conditions.

smooth and effective conduct of the camps. They are further requested to:

- ◆ Facilitative necessary arrangements at the workplace for conducting the camps.
- ◆ Ensure maximum participation of employees, staff, and labourers.
- ◆ Nominate a nodal officer, if required, for coordination with the health teams.

A dedicated team comprising health professionals from multiple vertical health programmes will be deployed to conduct health screenings and collect samples for further diagnosis and treatment.

The schedule and other necessary arrangements shall be communicated and managed by the assigned health teams of the District Health Society, South Andaman, a press release received here said.

# Gyan Bharatam Mission in Andaman & Nicobar Islands UT-wide initiative to identify, document and digitize manuscripts & archival heritage People urged to share manuscripts to preserve Islands' legacy

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 The Government of India has launched Gyan Bharatam Mission as a major initiative under the Ministry of Culture. It aims to Survey, Document, Conserve, Digitize, and make accessible Manuscripts located in academic Institutions, Museums, Libraries, and Private collections across India.



In a bid to connect the youth with their roots and make ancient knowledge accessible to present and future generations, the Art & Culture Department of A&N Administration has also launched a UT-wide mission to identify, document and preserve old manuscripts across all three districts.

The Department of Art & Culture, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, is committed to the preservation and promotion of the Islands' archival heritage. In this regard, the Department appeals to the general public, institutions, scholars, and collectors to come forward and contribute by:

importance. Providing information about such materials held by individuals or organizations. Assisting in identifying and documenting rare and valuable records related to the islands.

The Administration assures that necessary expertise will be provided for the preservation, documentation, and digitization of such materials. Contributors will be duly acknowledged, and the ownership of the materials will remain with the original holders, with only digital copies being archived for preservation and research purposes.

Interested persons may submit details of manuscripts and archival materials to the Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration by visiting the office at Cellular Jail complex or contact via phone

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# Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Unlock Free Cashless Treatment up to Rs. 5 Lakh: PHH & AAY Ration Card Holders asked to generate Ayushman Cards immediately

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 The Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) was launched in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, in line with its nationwide rollout. The scheme provides cashless health coverage of up to Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization at empanelled Government and private hospitals across the country, ensuring financial protection and access to quality healthcare for eligible families.



As per data shared by the National Health Authority, Government of India, a total of 23,785 families comprising 89,061 beneficiaries in the Islands have been identified as eligible under the scheme. To avail benefits under AB-PMJAY, all eligible family members are required to generate their individual Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY cards.

A considerable number of eligible PHH and AAY ration card holders in the Union Territory have not yet created their Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY cards. Such beneficiaries are urged to complete the card generation process at the earliest so that they may avail themselves of free

treatment benefits under the scheme whenever required.

Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY cards can be generated easily through the Ayushman App, available on the Google Play Store. Beneficiaries may also visit their nearest Common Service Centre (CSC) or seek assistance from ASHA, ANM, or Community Health Officers (CHOs) at nearby health institutions for facilitation of card creation.

The Administration appeals to all eligible beneficiaries to generate their cards

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# ANIBOCWWB approves release of Rs.10.59 Lakhs for 56 welfare claims

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr 29 The Chairman of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (ANIBOCWWB) and Secretary (Labour & Employment), Shri L. Kumar, IAS, convened the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board today in the Conference Hall of the Office of the Labour Commissioner, A & N Administration, Supply Line, Sri Vijaya Puram. The meeting was



attended by nominee of the Government, representatives of A & N Administration, employers, and trade unions. During the meeting, various issues relating to the extension of social security benefits to registered construction workers were deliberated upon. The Chairman emphasized the need for effective and timely delivery of

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# Ayushman Arogya Shivr conducted at Mayabunder



Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 An Ayushman Arogya Shivr was conducted yesterday at Ganga Matha Temple, Mayabunder, by the health team of Dr. R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder. During the shivr, various healthcare services were provided,

including screening for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), Tuberculosis (TB), and General OPD services for both children and adults.

In the shivr, Dr. Thirumani Prudhavi, Specialist Pediatrician,

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# Awareness Prog. on balanced fertilizer use for sustainable farming held at Govindpur

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 An awareness programme on the balanced use of fertilizers for sustainable crop production was organized by ICAR-KVK, North and Middle Andaman at Govindpur

village. The programme aimed to educate farmers on the judicious and need-based application of fertilizers, with a focus on soil health management, integrated nutrient

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# A & N Administration to attempt twin Guinness Records; Vessel movement restricted near Swaraj Dweep Jetty for 'Tallest Human Stack' feat

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29: The Andaman and Nicobar Administration will undertake two Guinness World Records (GWR) title attempts viz. Largest National Flag Unfurled Underwater (60 m x 40 m; 2,400 sq. m.) and Tallest Human Stack Underwater (20 metres high). The 'Largest National Flag Unfurled Underwater' will be

carried out at Radhanagar Beach on May 2, while the 'Tallest Human Stack Underwater' is proposed near the Lighthouse at Swaraj Dweep Jetty on May 3.

In this regard, it is requested that the navigational channel for ferries approaching Swaraj Dweep Jetty remain free of all vessel movement from 8 am to 11.30 am on April 30 and May 3, 2026 for the Tallest Human Stack Underwater attempt. Additionally, FRP boats and all water sports activities near the Lighthouse navigational channel should also be kept free during this period to ensure safety and smooth conduct of the record attempts, a press release from IP&T said.

# Directorate of Industries organizes In-Service Training Programme for Officials of A&N Administration

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 The Directorate of Industries, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in association with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, organized a one day In Service Training Programme for officials of the A&N Administration today in the Conference Hall, Directorate of Industries, Sri Vijaya



Puram under the guidance of Shri Atul Soni, Director of Industries and Smti Pallavi Sarkar, IAS, Secretary (Industries), A&N Administration. The programme was

organized with the objective of enhancing the capacity of officials from the Industries Department and other line departments on key MSME initiatives, with

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# Directorate of Social Welfare conducts UDID awareness programmes at PHC Tushnabad & Ferrargunj

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 An awareness programme on the Unique Disability ID (UDID) Scheme was organized by the Directorate of Social Welfare on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at PHC Tushnabad and Ferrargunj, as part of its focused initiative to extend awareness on the UDID Scheme to rural areas of South



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**Great Nicobar Island: India's new .....**

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On land, geography is king; it often dictates the growth trajectory a country would take. Seas, on the other hand, are usually thought of as open highways, but the intersection of the open sea and geography can create chokepoints or bottlenecks that can restrict the movement of ships, as is currently being demonstrated by the bottling up of the Persian Gulf due to Iranian actions at the Strait of Hormuz.

The Malacca Strait is the shortest route between the Indian and the Pacific oceans. This maritime trade route is used extensively as a conduit for

manufactured goods produced in East and South East Asia, predominantly from China, heading to Europe and West Asia. Meanwhile, crude oil and gas flow the other way from West Asia towards China through this strait. Nearly 75-80% of China's energy requirements now pass through this waterbody.

China has long considered the Malacca Strait a major worry for its energy security. China has tried to use the more southern Lombok and Sunda straits to bypass the Malacca Strait, but these deviations add 1,800 km and 3,000 km respectively to the journey. This adds to both the cost and time of crude imports into China.

**India a growing maritime power**

As India grows, it is investing in its port infrastructure. The aim of the exercise is to exert India's influence both economically and militarily. The government of India is investing Rs 6.06 lakh crore in 845 maritime projects under the Sagarmala initiative. Projects worth Rs 1.57 lakh crore have already been completed.

One of the most important projects for India is the Great Nicobar Island Project. This initiative, as per a publication by the Andaman & Nicobar Union Territory administration, will cost around Rs 1 lakh crore.

**Great Nicobar Island Project**

The Great Nicobar Island Project is a strategically important initiative for New Delhi, both economically and militarily. The island is being developed as a major port and trans-shipment hub. The programme will improve infrastructure in India's southernmost landmass, Great Nicobar Island, where Indira Point is located.

The island lies about 40 nautical miles (74 km) from international shipping lanes passing through the Strait of Malacca, the busiest waterway in the world. Two key international waterways straddle the Nicobar archipelago: the 10-degree channel separates this island group from the Andamans to the north, and the 80-km-wide Six Degree Channel separates it from Sumatra in Indonesia to the south.

The government is planning to construct an International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), an international airport, and a township on the island. A transshipment terminal handles containers from bulk carrier ships, stores them, and transfers them to other vessels for onward transport. This will reduce dependency on foreign ICTTs such as Colombo, Dubai, and Singapore, and is expected to save the country millions of dollars annually in foreign exchange.

India currently has two operational transshipment terminals located at Kochi and Vizhinjam, with the latter being India's only deep-water hub. The upcoming hubs at Vadhavan port and Great Nicobar Island are both deep-water ports capable of handling some of the largest container ships in the world.

The ICTT is being built at Galathea Bay under the Maritime India Vision 2030, with the aim of integrating the project into the global maritime economy. There are also plans to establish a 450 MW gas and solar power plant on the island to support these developments.

**India's unsinkable aircraft carrier**

India, through the Andaman & Nicobar Archipelago, is strategically positioned to monitor and potentially influence traffic flowing through the Strait of Malacca. About 82,000 ships carrying nearly 40% of global trade pass through this waterway annually.

Great Nicobar Island lies roughly 150 km from the western entrance to the Malacca Strait and nearly 1,250 km from Singapore. The island group can also deploy aircraft to monitor the Sunda and Lombok straits, located roughly 2,000 km and 3,000 km away, respectively.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are also India's gateway not only to South East and East Asia but also to the west coast of the United States.

The armed forces currently maintain a continuous presence through four airbases, monitoring China's primary sea access routes to the Indian Ocean. The new greenfield international airport will include a naval enclave, with 100 acres allocated for defence use, according to local authorities.

"The infrastructure coming up in the area will reduce the reaction time in case of any contingency in the region. Good civilian infrastructure will help build naval infrastructure as well," said a source in the Navy. "Once the infrastructure is in place, scaling up operations will be easier as logistics and communications improve. This will enhance the armed forces' ability to operate across the wider region."

**The Tri-services command**

The island group hosts India's only tri-services command called the Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC). This command has elements of the army, navy and the air force. It was formed to protect India's interests in the area.

The Coast Guard too maintains a strong presence in the area. The force has been fighting drug smuggling, human trafficking and illegal fishing in the area.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) dismissed a series of pleas linked to the project earlier this year. The NGT stated that the environment clearance given previously to the project was backed by sufficient safeguards and that there was no good ground to interfere. (Source: Defence HQ, The times of India)

**RECENT MAJOR SHIPPING INTERRUPTIONS**



Ship got stuck in Suez Canal

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Houthi attacks on ships



Somali pirates



Impact of Covid on global shipping



**Awareness Prog. on balanced fertilizer use.....**

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management (INM), and the use of organic inputs for long-term productivity and environmental sustainability. Dr. Rakesh Dawar, SMS (Agronomy), emphasized the importance of balanced fertilization and scientific nutrient management to maintain soil fertility and enhance crop yield. Shri Yatharth Sharma, SMS (Home Science), highlighted the role of eco-friendly practices and household-level awareness in promoting sustainable agriculture and a healthy environment.

Farmers were sensitized on minimizing the excessive use of chemical fertilizers to reduce environmental pollution and protect soil health, a press release received from CIARI said.



**Unlock Free Cashless Treatment.....**

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without delay and ensure that no entitled person is deprived of healthcare benefits under this flagship scheme.

For assistance or queries, beneficiaries may contact the State Health Agency, A&N Islands at 03192-214763 during office hours (9 am to 5 pm), a press release received from Nodal Officer (AB-PMJAY) said.

**Gyan Bharatam Mission in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.....**

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number 234775/9476037145 or email at cellularjailandaman@gmail.com and artand.culture@and.nic.in. By contributing to this initiative, citizens can play a vital role in safeguarding the rich and diverse heritage of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands for future generations. Let us come together to preserve the voices, memories, and history of our Islands.

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a unique confluence of diverse cultures, colonial history, indigenous traditions, and maritime heritage, occupy a significant place in India's historical and cultural landscape. From the indigenous communities inhabiting these islands since time immemorial to the colonial period marked by the establishment of the Cellular Jail, and the post-independence development of a vibrant island society, the rich heritage of these islands is reflected in its people, traditions, and historical records.

There is an urgent need to preserve and document this invaluable heritage in the form of archival material such as manuscripts, rare books, personal diaries, letters, photographs/negatives, maps, administrative records, audio-visual recordings, and other documents that capture different phases of life and history in these Islands. Such materials, lying with individuals, families, institutions, and organizations, are vital sources of knowledge about the socio-cultural evolution, freedom struggle, migration patterns, and indigenous traditions of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Ancient manuscripts and rare records are invaluable evidence of our intellectual traditions, cultural heritage, and collective memory. Their preservation and transmission to future generations is a shared responsibility. People have been urged to come forward and contribute towards this Mission of the Govt of India, a press release received from Director, Art & Culture, A&N Administration said.

**ANIBOCWWB approves release.....**

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welfare benefits to all eligible beneficiaries. He also stressed the importance of enhancing awareness among workers engaged at construction sites across the Islands to ensure the enrolment of all eligible workers under the Board, enabling them to avail social security assistances.

After detailed deliberations on the agenda items, the Board unanimously approved the release of Rs10.59 lakhs towards settlement of 56 claims submitted by registered eligible beneficiary workers under various welfare schemes. These include Pension Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Medical Assistance, and Death Assistance. The Board further decided that all approved financial assistance shall be disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to ensure transparency and efficiency.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board was established in 2009 with the objective of providing social security and welfare benefits to the registered building and other construction workers. At present, the Board is implementing nine welfare schemes for registered beneficiaries. Since its inception, the Board has disbursed a total of Rs. 36.66 crores to eligible workers under various schemes, a press release from Labour Commissioner said.

**Directorate of Social Welfare conducts.....**

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areas are able to access Government benefits and services. The programme was attended by the Medical Officers of PHC Tushnabad and Ferrargunj, along with Anganwadi Workers, medical staff, and the general public. During the programme, the State Coordinator (UDID), spoke about the UDID certification process and technical aspects related to registration, encouraging eligible beneficiaries to register under the scheme. Resource person from CRC Brookshabad elaborated on the types of disabilities and medical assessment process, including the facility of tele-conferencing for assessment of bedridden Persons with Disabilities, and highlighted the various support services and benefits provided by CRC. Disability Incharge, spoke about the various government benefits and schemes available for Divyangjans, emphasizing the importance of obtaining a UDID card to avail these services.

The programme aimed at creating awareness and promoting registration under the UDID Scheme to ensure better access to government benefits and services for Persons with Disabilities and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the support and participation of all attendees, a press release received from Nodal Officer (UDID) said.

**Ayushman Arogya Shivir conducted.....**

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Dr. Haney Nickyson, JR (Allopathy), Dr. Mohini Mondal, MO (RBSK), Dr. Divya Singh, MO (Homeopathy), and dedicated health officials were present.

A comprehensive health awareness session was conducted covering important topics such as Leptospirosis, Measles, Dengue Fever, Malaria, Malnutrition, heat-related illnesses, and ABHA card creation. The awareness talk was delivered by Dr. Thirumani Prudhavi, Specialist Pediatrician, Dr. Mohini Mondal, MO (RBSK), Shri Y. Madhava Rao, District Programme Coordinator (NTEP), and Shri Prathap Dhali, Assistant Coordinator, Dr. R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder, among the general public.

As part of the 100 Days Campaign under TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan 2.0, a Jan Bhagidari event was also organized to promote community participation and awareness. About 62 patients availed the services, a press release received from DTO, N&M Andaman said.

**Elections to Office of Adhyaksh / Up-Adhyaksh ZP (SA) on May 7**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 The Elections to the Office of the Adhyaksh (a) / Up-Adhyaksh (a) for the fifth year term (2022-2027) of South Andaman Zilla Parishad which was scheduled to be held on 27.04.2026 at 11 am has been postponed due to administrative reason and will now be held on 07.05.2026 at 10 am in the conference hall of Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, a press release received here said.

**Police Station Aberdeen cracked down theft case; stolen items recovered**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 The team successfully identified and apprehended accused namely Sunil Kumar (50 yrs), S/o Late Vasudevan, R/o S t e w a r t g u n j , Bambooflat. The stolen articles were recovered from the procession of accused and the same was seized after observing all codal formalities. The case was investigated under the command of SI V Siva Kumar, I/c PS Aberdeen, a press release received from SP (SA District), said.

On 25/04/2026, a complaint of theft case was received at PS Aberdeen and on the basis of the complaint, a team was immediately constituted, comprising of SI Dinesh Jaiswal.

**DBRAIT - B. Tech (PU) Exam Online Registration for June 2026 Exam till May 8**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 29 Examination, have been advised to contact their respective HoD / Academic Coordinators / Academic Members of their department for exam registration, exam fees payment and for any other information related to Theory exam, a press release received from Dean (Academics-Degree) said.

**Rangat Educational Zone to organize summer vacation coaching classes from May 5**

Rangat, Apr. 29 can participate in the coaching classes according to their interest and choice. This will increase their interest in sports and help them build a sports career in the future and also they can participate in various levels of tournament. The main aim is to nurture talent and development of sports skill among the school going students, a press release received from DEO, Rangat said.

The Zonal Office of Rangat Educational Zone will organize a summer vacation coaching classes at various venues viz. Baratang, Kadamtala, Rangat, Billground for the age group of 10-16 yrs Boys & Girls for school going children.

**Directorate of Industries organizes .....**

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a special focus on the World Bank-supported Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme, along with various MSME schemes, digital platforms, and facilitation mechanisms for MSME development.

The technical sessions began with an address by Shri Narendra Jena, Deputy Director, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, who briefed participants on the role of the Ministry and provided insights into its flagship schemes and initiatives for MSME promotion.

Members from the National PMU (RAMP), including Dr. Milan Sharma and Mr. Vijay Sharma, Programme Manager for A&N Islands, delivered presentations on various RAMP sub schemes and MSME initiatives. The sessions covered Greening Initiatives such as MSE-GIFT and MSE-SPICE, TEAM Initiative, Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), Udyami Bharat Portal, MSME Champions Scheme, National SC/ST Hub, Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS), Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), and the MSE-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP).

The vote of thanks was delivered by Shri Ajit Anand, Deputy Director (HQ), who expressed gratitude to the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, for conducting such an insightful and valuable training session for the officials. He also urged the officials of the A&N Administration to effectively utilize the knowledge gained for enhancing the competitiveness and growth of MSMEs in the Islands, a press release received here said.

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1. Computer (Theory & Practical)
2. Beautician Course
3. Tailoring and Fashion Designing

General Secretary  
ANSCU, Teylorabad

**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION!!!**



We celebrate the superannuation of our beloved father after 38 years of dedicated service. Your hard work, integrity and commitment have been truly inspiring. As you step into new chapter, may your days be filled with happiness, health and peace. We are so proud of you, today and always.

**SHRI B MADHVA RAO**  
HEAD MASTER

With love and best wishes from:  
Smti. D Papamma (Wife), B Ankhita and B Sweta (Daughters)

**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION**



Heartiest Congratulations and Best Wishes to **SHRI PARTHA KUMAR DAS**, CI on your Superannuation for successful completion of 36 years of your service. Your hard work, integrity and commitment remain an inspiration to us. We are proud of your remarkable journey and achievements. "Retirement is not the end of the road; it is the beginning of the open highway." Wishing you happiness, good health and a fulfilling retired life!  
**Best wishes from:** Principal & Staff PM SHRI GSSS, Bambooflat

**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION**



Heartiest Congratulations and Best Wishes to **SMTI E. JOLLY RAO**, GTT on your Superannuation for successful completion of 32 years of your service. Your hard work, integrity and commitment, discipline and excellence, guiding students and inspiring staff throughout her distinguished career. Her valuable contributions and leadership have greatly enriched the academic environment. "Retirement is not the end of the road; it is the beginning of the open highway." We wish her a healthy, happy, and peaceful retired life.  
**Best wishes from:** Principal & Staff PM SHRI GSSS, Bambooflat

**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION ON 30/04/2026**



**N VEERAPPAN**  
Hatchery operator  
Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AHVS)  
Date of appointment - 27.02.1987  
39 Years of service

With all our love, we congratulate our dear father on his retirement on April 30, 2026. Today marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of a beautiful new journey. We are so happy for you as you step into a life with more time to relax, smile, and enjoy the moments you truly love. Thank you for always being our strength, our support, and our biggest blessing. Your love and care mean everything to us. We wish you good health, happiness, and many peaceful, joyful days ahead. May this new phase of life bring you endless smiles and precious memories.  
**Happy Superannuation, Dad!**  
Enjoy every moment of this well-deserved time.  
With lots of love,  
Your loving family

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the **Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Shyam Nagar, Swaraj Dweep** invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors for the below mentioned work:  
1. **NIT No. EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR/2026-27/34 Name of Work:** Construction of CC Drain at near Kali Mandir Shyam Nagar -03 under Gram Panchayat, Shyam Nagar, Swaraj Dweep. **Estimated Cost: Rs. 15,23,067/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 30,461/-, Time of Completion:** Six (06) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 05/05/2026 (1500 hrs.)  
The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.  
**Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22842 1**  
**I.D. No. 12077**

Executive Engineer  
Panchayati Raj Institution  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram  
South Andaman

*Happy Retirement*  
with love and best wishes to



**Smti. Grace Lucy**  
Office Superintendent  
APWD, SRI VIJAYA PURAM

Your dedication, hard work, and integrity have been an inspiration to all. May your retirement be filled with happiness, good health, and beautiful moments. Wishing you a joyful and fulfilling new chapter ahead.

Husband: Shri. Reginald Edward  
Sister: Sophia  
Daughters: Constance, Zoe, Mercy  
Son: Anup Lall  
Son-in-law: Fredrick & Joel Dsouza  
Grandchildren: Kristen & Dylan

**HAPPY RETIREMENT**



**Mrs. Anneyamma V Varkey**  
W/o Shajan T Oommen  
GTT Mathematics  
PM Shri GSSS, Garacharama

Thank you for your dedicated service, inspiring teaching and the positive impact you have made on countless lives.

Wishing you a joyful, peaceful and fulfilling retirement. You truly deserve the best!

With Love & Gratitude,  
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**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION**

On 30-04-2026

**Mrs. AMRITA DEVI**  
Executive Officer  
Directorate of Lighthouses and Lightships  
(Central Govt. Deptt.)  
Sri Vijaya Puram

Heartiest Congratulations on your Superannuation and dedication of 40 years 02 Months and 01 day of service with hard work and now time to relax and enjoy the Retirement.

**With best wishes From:**

Amar Singh (Husband), Amit Singh (Son) and Dr. Padmini (Daughter).



**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION**



Heartiest Congratulations and best wishes to **Mr. KAMLESH CHANDRA PAUL**, JE (SVPD, APWD) on your superannuation for successfully completion of 25 years of your service. He has served with sincerity, commitment and discipline throughout his long career. His valuable contribution and hardworking

nature have earned him respect and appreciation for colleagues and all associated with department.

**Best Wishes from:** A NAGARAJ (WCB, SVPD,APWD)



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1. **NIT No. EE/PRI/SAD-I/GEN/2026-27/28 Name of Work:** Construction of CC Footpath from D.Narayan house to Laxman house at W.No 08 under Bambooflat-I Gram Panchayat. **Estimated Cost: Rs. 14,26,554/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 28,531/-, Time of Completion:** Four (04) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 05/05/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.

**Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22819 1**  
**I.D. No. 12075**

Executive Engineer  
Panchayati Raj Institution  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram  
South Andaman

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of **Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Calicut** invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors for the below mentioned work.  
1. **NIT No. EE/PRI/SAD-I/GEN/2026-27/19 Name of Work:** Construction of Bus Stand with all modern facilities near Pema Junction at Calicut Ward No. 07 under Calicut Gram Panchayat. **Estimated Cost: Rs. 8,08,452/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 16,169/-, Time of Completion:** Four (04) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 05/05/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.

**Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22810 1**  
**I.D. No. 12074**

Executive Engineer  
Panchayati Raj Institution  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram  
South Andaman

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the **Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Prothrapur** invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors for the below mentioned work.

1. **NIT No. EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR (GEN)/2026-27/11 Name of Work:** Repair and Maintenance of Rural Road from New Bimlitan main road to Church at New Bimlitan-04 by Panchayat Samiti Prothrapur. **Estimated Cost: Rs. 13,23,262/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 26,465/-, Time of Completion:** Six (06) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 05/05/2026 (1500 hrs.)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in>.

**Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 22831 1**  
**I.D. No. 12078**

Executive Engineer  
Panchayati Raj Institution  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram  
South Andaman

**TO LET**

1 BHK on main road side at Sisty Nagar, Govt. Servant / Bachelor / Small family preferred.  
**Contact Mob. No. 9434282193**

**1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary**

D.O.B.: 23-05-1975  
D.O.D.: 30-04-2025

**LATE R VENUGOPALAN NAIR**

R/o Calicut, Sri Vijaya Puram  
*We miss your presence in each and everyday of our life, may your soul rest in peace.*

**Inserted by:** Smti. Deepa Nair (Wife), V Vivek Nair (Son), D Vaishnavi Nair (Daughter) and all family members.



**3<sup>rd</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

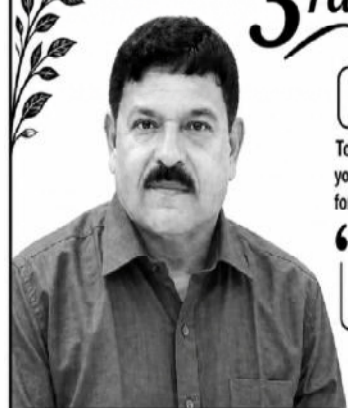
**ON 29 APRIL 2026**

Today it has been three years since you left us and took your abode in heaven. As time passes by, we miss you more, forever in our thought. you still live in our hearts and minds.

"We can no longer see you with our eyes or touch you with our hands, but we will forever feel you in our hearts."

INSERTED BY:

- Smti. Indra Wati (Wife)
- Preeti Singh (Daughter)
- G. Srinivas Raju (Son-in-law)
- G. Tanish Kumar (Grand son)
- Prashant Singh (Son)
- Rachana Singh (Daughter-in-law) & All Family members



**LATE DR PRATAP SINGH**  
S/O LATE RAM SINGH  
SIPPIGHAT, SRI VIJAYAPURAM

**24<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary**

On 30-04-2026



**Late K. K. SHASTRY**  
**Inserted by:**  
Family Members,  
Dairy Farm, Japan Road

**DISCLAIMER**

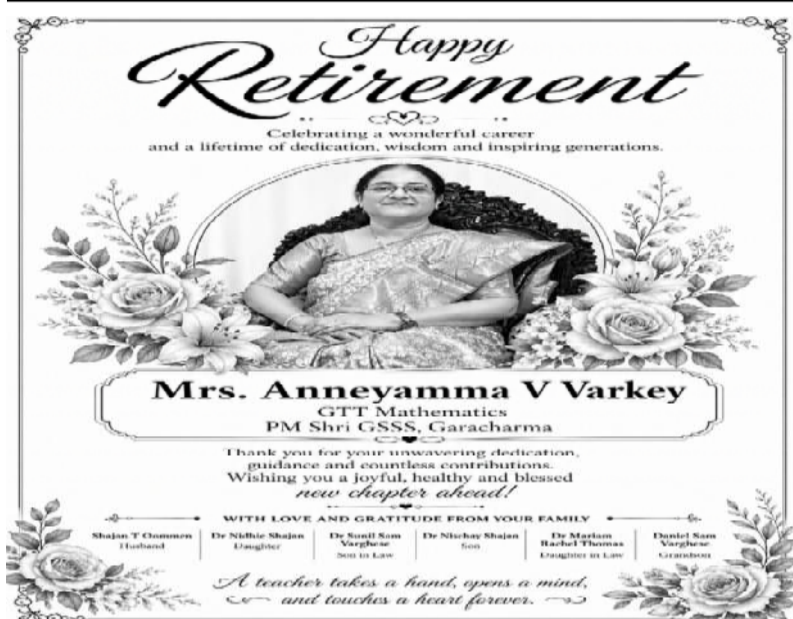
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**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION  
ON 30.04.2026**



**R. MAHALAXMI**  
(COOK, GIRS HOSTEL, JNRM)

Wishing you a happy and peaceful retired life amma. You dedicated many years of sincere service as a cook in JNRM Girls' hostel, preparing meals with care, love, and a motherly touch for countless students. Your hard work, commitment, and kindness made the hostel feel like a home for many young girls away from their families. Now it's your turn to rest.  
**Lots of love from:** Yogesh (son) & Sarika (daughter in law) & all family members.



**Happy Superannuation Dear Father !**

**Mr. R GOPALAN**

Congratulations on your retirement after 40 years of dedicated service. Wishing you good health, happiness, and a joyful life ahead.

With love, from  
Wife, Son, Daughter-  
In-Law, Grandson

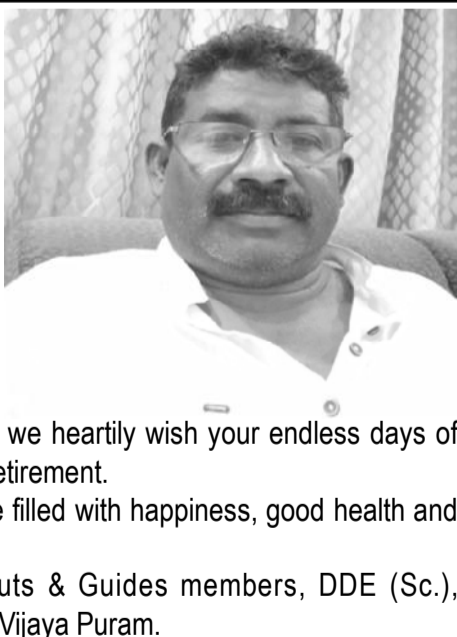


**HAPPY EARLY RETIREMENT  
ON 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

"Heartiest Congratulation and Best Wishes to **Shri K SUBRAMANI**, Secretary (Scouts & Guides), Directorate of Education on your early retirement after successful completion of 36 years of your service, a spectacular inning of your service life with full of dedication, sincerity and co-operation, we heartily wish your endless days of relaxation and joy in your retirement.

May your next chapter be filled with happiness, good health and prosperity.

**Best wishes from:** Scouts & Guides members, DDE (Sc.), Education Department, Sri Vijaya Puram.



**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Smti. M Jolly Augustina, Wife of Shri K Muthu Kumar, residing at Naushad Colony, Bhatubasti, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman -744105, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That my name before marriage was Jolly Augustina.
2. That after my marriage, I have adopted my Husband's initial and my name is now written as M Jolly Augustina.
3. That both the names, Jolly Augustina and M Jolly Augustina, refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself.
4. That I intend to update / correct my name as M Jolly Augustina in my Aadhaar Card and all other official records.
5. That this affidavit is made for the purpose of name correction in Aadhaar and other government documents.

I hereby declare that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**VERIFICATION**

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.  
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

DEPONENT

**Retirement Felicitation**

On the occasion of her superannuation, we proudly honour

**Smti. G. Manimegalai**

GTT (Humanities)

Govt. Sr.Sec. School Mohanpura,  
Sri Vijaya Puram

W/o Shri R. Rajendran PGT (Physics) - Retired

For her 35 years of dedicated service in the field of education by the way of shaping minds, inspiring hearts, and building futures."

Her tireless efforts, deep knowledge, and passion for education have left an enduring impact on generations of students. Though the school bell may ring for the last time, her influence will continue to inspire for years to come.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and wish her a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retired life.

**With warm regards:**

Dr. K. Manoharan, Dr. N. Balakrishnan, Er. V. Jaya kumar, K. S. Sokkalingam, Dr. R. P. Palaniswamy, C. Chandran, R. Gopalan, Dr. R. Rajmohan & Family Members



**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION ON 30.04.2026**

**Smti. Agnes James**, Office Superintendent (OS), Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APWD Department, Car Nicobar, under the Andaman Administration, has retired from government service after completing an illustrious tenure of 36 years, 5 months, and 15 days of dedicated service.

Throughout her long and distinguished career, she served with sincerity, commitment, and professionalism, making significant contributions to the efficient functioning of the department. Her dedication and integrity have left a lasting impact on her colleagues and the organization.

On this special occasion, her family extends their heartfelt appreciation and warm wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful retired life.

**With warm wishes from:** Dr. Juliet James (Daughter), S. Linda James (Daughter), S. Anita James (Daughter), Tamarish (Daughter), Dorothy Rashi (Daughter), A.T. Daniel James (Son), Mr. John Sonu (Son-in-law), Mr. Vikram, Mr. Parvez Masih (Son-in-law), Grandsons: Jasper Anderson, Prince Divine, Christian James John, Rapha Masih, Granddaughter: Myra Mannat.



**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION  
ON 30/04/2026  
Shri. S. UMAPATHI, PGT (Political Science)**



After completion of 40 years of dedicated service in the Education Department, we Congratulate you on your Retirement and achieving this big milestone.

May this new chapter in your life be filled with good health, more happiness and joyful moments.

**Best Wishes from:** Smti. S. Lakshmi Kantham (Wife) S. Abhishek (Son), S. Janani (Daughter-in-law), S. Akhilesh (Son) & All Family members.

**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION**

**SHRI ELAIZER**

Designation  
Superintendent-cum-  
Foreman, Directorate  
of Industries

**"Wishing you all the best for this exciting new phase of your life"**

**Best Wishes from:**

All Staff of Directorate of Industries.



**LAND FOR SALE**

Prime Property Available at Aberdeen Village, Sri Vijaya Puram Located behind Netaji Club. Land Along with a Well - Constructed 03 Storeyed Building Ideal for Office, Showroom, Shop or Godown Purposes. Well Connected Location with Easy Access to Main Road and Market Area.

Interested Person may Contact:  
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**LOST**

Mrs. P. Karpagam, D/o Shri V. Palaniswamy, R/o New Pahargaon, South Andaman has lost her 9<sup>th</sup> Class Compartment Certificate (GSSS, Bhatu Basti). The document was lost between Garacharma to New Pahargaon area on 23-04-2026. If found, please return to the nearest Police Station or Contact No. 7029157203



**In Honor of the Retirement of**

**Smti. G. Manimegalai**

GTT (Humanities)

Govt. Sr.Sec. School

Mohanpura, Sri Vijaya Puram

A Remarkable Journey

Date of Joining: 20.11.1990

Date of Superannuation:

30.04.2026

*"Celebrating 35 years of dedication, wisdom, and excellence in education."*

**With Love & Best Wishes:**

- ⇒ R. Rajendran (Husband)
- ⇒ Yamuna (Daughter)
- ⇒ M. S. Sathiya Narayanan (Son-in-law)



**HAPPY SUPERANNUATION**

On behalf of our family, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Mrs. Anneyamma V. Varkey**, GTT Mathematics at PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Garacharma, on the occasion of her successful superannuation.

Widely regarded as an exemplary educator, she devoted herself wholeheartedly to making Mathematics both meaningful and accessible, fostering not only academic excellence but also confidence, discipline, and strong values in her students. Her passion, patience, and unwavering commitment have earned her the deep respect and admiration of generations of students and colleagues.

To us, she has always been a source of inspiration-gracefully balancing her responsibilities as a dedicated teacher and a loving family member with dignity and strength.

As she embarks on this new chapter of life, we wish her continued good health, happiness, and abundant blessings. Her legacy of excellence, integrity, and compassion will endure in the many lives she has touched.



**SUPERANNUATION WISHES**

DOJ - 16/07/1986

DOR - 30/04/2026



**Shri R. GOPALAN**  
HEAD MASTER,  
GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
CALICUT, SRI VIJAYA PURAM.

With profound respect and heartfelt gratitude, we extend our warm felicitations to Shri R. Gopalan on the occasion of his retirement.

We wish him a life of continued good health, peace, and happiness in this well-earned new chapter of life.

Fondly conveyed by:

- Dr. N. Balakrishnan,
- Dr. K. Rajmohan,
- Dr. R. P. Palanisamy,
- Dr. K. Manoharan,
- Er. V. Jaya Kumar,
- Shri K. Chandran,
- Shri. K. Sokkalingam,
- Shri. R. Rajendran,
- Family Members, Friends & Well- Wishers.

