

Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's statue unveiled at Beodnabad

Monument stands as vibrant symbol of Savarkar's unwavering nationalism, sacrifice & fearless ideology

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A grand statue of Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was unveiled at Beodnabad Public Garden by Dr. Mohan Bhagwat, Sarsanghchalak, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh as chief guest in the esteemed presence of special guest of honour, Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah here this evening. They also paid floral tributes at the statue of Veer Savarkar and planted a sapling of Rudraksh near the statue.

Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency and Adv. Ashish Shelar, Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs and IT Minister, were present as guests of honour. Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands; Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration; Shri Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal, DGP, A&N Islands; Shri Prakash Adhikari, Adhyaksh, ZPSA, public representatives, senior Officers of A&N Administration, Shri Ameya Hete, Founder, Valuable Group were also present on the occasion.

This monument stands as a vibrant symbol of Savarkar's unwavering nationalism, sacrifice, and fearless ideology. The statue has been designed and crafted by Shri Ram Sutar, who was recently felicitated with the Maharashtra Bhushan.



Cultural program organized at DBRAIT on completion of 115 years of the poem 'Sagara Praan Talamalala' composed by Swatantryaveer Savarkar

Personalities like Savarkar Ji, who possess the desire for self-sacrifice in the service of Mother India, are indeed rare: Hon'ble HM



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'Sagara Praan Talamalala'- a special cultural tribute and felicitation ceremony honouring the legacy of Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was held at DBRAIT Auditorium here today. Sarsanghchalak, RSS, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat was the chief guest while the Hon'ble Union Home Minister & Minister of Co-operation, Shri Amit Shah was the Special Guest of Honour. Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency; Adv. Ashish Shelar, Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs and IT Minister; the Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray; the Adhyaksh, ZPSA, Shri Prakash Adhikari; senior officers of A&N Administration and large gathering of people from all walks of life were present on the occasion. The occasion marked the 115 years of the poem written by Veer Vinayak

Damodar Savarkar, a great patriot of motherland India. Songs written by Veer Savarkar and musically composed by Pt. Hridaynath Mangeshkar were presented by his team.

Addressing the gathering, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, said that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have today become a pilgrimage site for all Indians

because it is here that Veer Savarkar spent the most difficult period of his life. He said that this place is also associated with the memory of another great freedom fighter of our independence struggle, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He added that when the Azad Hind Fauj attempted to liberate India, the first place they freed was the Andaman and Nicobar Islands,

where Subhas Chandra Bose also stayed for two days. Shri Shah said that it was Subhas Chandra Bose who suggested naming this group of islands 'Shaheed' and 'Swaraj,' and it was Shri Narendra Modi, who, after becoming Prime Minister, turned this suggestion into reality. He said that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are not merely an island group, but a sacred land shaped by the sacrifice, penance, dedication, and unwavering patriotism of countless freedom fighters. He said that today is a momentous occasion, as a life-size statue of Veer Savarkar has been inaugurated on this very sacred land, and that this inauguration has been done by Shri Mohan Bhagwat, the Sarsanghchalak of the organization that truly carries forward Savarkar Ji's ideology. He said that this land, as well as the memory of Veer Savarkar, is holy, and the unveiling of this statue by Shri Mohan Bhagwat makes the occasion all the more memorable.

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Shri Amit Shah said that the statue unveiled today will, for many years, remain a symbol of Veer Savarkar's sacrifice, resolve, and unwavering devotion to Mother India. He said that for decades to come, this statue will inspire future generations to draw lessons from Savarkar Ji's life. He added that this place will become a major center for young people to internalize the call made by Veer Savarkar. Shri Shah said that this will become a

significant place for imparting to the youth Savarkar Ji's message of courage, his sense of duty towards the motherland, his qualities of determination, and his vision of national unity, security, and a prosperous nation. He said that Veer Savarkar Ji's 'Sagara Pran Talamalala' is the pinnacle of expressing patriotism. He said that one sentence of Savarkar Ji is very important for his followers: that 'valor is not the absence of fear, but the conquest over fear.' Those who do not know fear are brave, but true heroes are those who know fear and have the courage to overcome it - and Veer Savarkar embodied this truth in his life.

Union Home Minister said that today a coffee table book was also released here, and an attempt has been made to encapsulate all the qualities of Savarkar Ji in it. He said that today, many people who have carried forward Savarkar Ji's ideas have also been honoured here. He said that just as no one can dam the ocean, similarly it is extremely difficult to capture Savarkar Ji's qualities, the height of his life, and his multifaceted personality in a book, film, or poem. He said that several efforts made at different levels have provided a very important means for future generations to understand Savarkar ji. He said that a person's existence is not formed only by the body, but also by the ideology he follows, the culture that his soul considers supreme, and his actions, and, only India can truly recognise these three qualities of Veer Savarkar ji.

Shri Amit Shah said that today there is no need for anyone to become immortal or a martyr for the country, but there is still a need to live for the country, and only then can we build the India of Savarkar Ji's vision. He said that if our youth want to create the India envisioned by Savarkar Ji, then they should live their lives in their respective fields of work in accordance with the inspiration of Savarkar Ji, and their goal should be to build a secure and the most prosperous India. He said that when we look at Savarkar ji's life, it feels that such a person will not appear again on earth for centuries to come. He said that Savarkar ji was a writer, a fighter, a born patriot, a great social reformer, and also a very great author and poet. He said that Savarkar Ji was proficient in both prose and poetry, and such litterateurs are very rare. Shri Shah said that there are more than 600 such words that Veer Savarkar Ji contributed to our languages to enrich our vocabulary.

Union Home Minister said that the life of Veer Savarkar Ji was one of firm devotion to Hindutva, which was modern yet it carried forward and upheld traditions. He said that the contribution Veer Savarkar ji made towards the eradication



Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat ji, in the respectful presence of Hon'ble Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah ji, has added another glorious chapter to our collective memory. There is hardly any place in the country or the world where there are so many monuments, statues and memories dedicated to a single personality and this fact itself shows how deep and unbroken the relationship is between Sri Vijaya Puram and Swatantryaveer Savarkar.

Today, as we remember his writings and thoughts, let us also remember that Savarkar taught us that freedom is not just a right, it is a duty; national unity is our greatest strength; and courage is the fundamental religion of every citizen, he added.

Concluding his speech, Hon'ble Lt. Governor said, Savarkar ji's ideals will always give direction to our unity and resolve and his memory will continue to inspire generations to come and motivate us to build a strong, self-reliant, and culturally rich India. During the function, Pt. Hridayanath Mangeshkar, Renowned Music Director and singer, Shri Randeep Hooda, Actor, Director & Producer, Shri Sharad Ponkshe, Actor, Writer & Orator and Dr. Vikram Sampath, Historian, Author & Columnist, who have contributed in echoing Savarkar's thoughts and indomitable spirit were felicitated.

Shri Ameya Hete, Founder, Valuable Group proposed the vote of thanks. The function concluded with recitation of 'Vande Mataram' by children.

Savarkar unveiled today would serve as a lasting reminder of his patriotism and continue to inspire future generations to learn about his life, contributions, and ideals.

Dr. Bhagwat highlighted Savarkar's contributions not only as a nationalist but also as a social reformer. He noted that Veer Savarkar's powerful compositions still motivate the youth toward patriotism and nation-building. He added that it is the collective responsibility of all citizens to contribute to nation-building and work towards realizing the vision and dreams of the great patriot, Veer Savarkar.

Speaking on the occasion, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM, (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency said, "On this holy land of Sri Vijaya Puram, we all have gathered to pay homage to the immortal memory of freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar ji and to the cultural evening based on his soulful poem 'Sagara Prana Talamalala'. This is not just a musical concert, but our deepest tribute to a unique freedom fighter who contributed to nation-building".

Hon'ble Lt. Governor stated that, "Our Islands have a deep, unbreakable connection with Savarkar ji. From 1911 to 1921, he endured the harshest punishments, solitary confinement, and unbearable labor within the Cellular Jail complex. These inhuman conditions were intended to break morale, but Savarkar ji emerged stronger and more energetic". He mentioned that in the premises of National Memorial Cellular Jail, an ever-burning freedom flame dedicated to him was lit by the Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah ji in 2016.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor further mentioned that it is a matter of great pride for all of us that today Pandit Hridayanath Mangeshkar ji, who gave immortal voice to the poem with his divine music, is himself present in this function and is going to give it a historical dimension with his unique presentation. Veer Savarkar Park, located opposite the Cellular Jail, is a magnificent memorial to Savarkar and the six martyred revolutionaries. It was unveiled on December 30, 1997, by the then President, Shri K.R. Narayanan. He said, Port Blair Airport was renamed Veer Savarkar International Airport in 2002 and was given international airport status in 2007. After this, on 18th July, 2023, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the new integrated terminal building, on the occasion of which the statue of Savarkar ji was also unveiled.

The new statue of Savarkar ji unveiled in Beodnabad by

Tender Floated for Repair of Chatham Causeway Bridge at Sri Vijaya Puram; APWD to undertake the repair work

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 12 The Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) has invited tenders for the repair of the Chatham Causeway Bridge at Sri Vijaya Puram, an essential link connecting Sri Vijaya Puram city with

Chatham Island. The tender was floated on Dec. 9, 2025, and will be opened on Jan. 2, 2026.

Being a construction of 1919, the bridge has experienced significant wear and tear due to heavy traffic movement and challenging weather

conditions over the years. Report from NIT, Tiruchirappalli recommended certain structural repair which would make the bridge operational again.

Taking into consideration the difficulties faced by the local community

due to restricted movement, the UT Administration has decided to proceed with the repair of the existing bridge.

The tendering process now underway marks a significant step toward ensuring safer and more convenient

connectivity for the public. This initiative is expected to substantially reduce travel hardships and restore seamless movement between Sri Vijaya Puram and Chatham Island, a press release from APWD said.

Indian Navy to commission first indigenous Diving Support Craft 'DSC A20'

New Delhi, Dec. 12 (PIB) The Indian Navy will commission DSC A20, the first vessel of the indigenously designed and constructed Diving Support Craft (DSC), at Kochi on 16 Dec 2025 under the aegis of Southern Naval Command. The ship will be formally inducted into service in presence of Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command. The event will mark the addition of a key operational asset to the Navy's inventory, enhancing its diving and underwater support capability.

DSC A20 is the lead ship in a series of five Diving Support Craft being built by M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (IRSL), Kolkata. Purpose-built for a wide spectrum of diving and underwater missions in coastal waters, the vessel is equipped with advanced, state-of-the-art diving systems that

meet the highest standards of safety and operational efficiency.

Featuring a catamaran hull form, the ship offers superior stability, enhanced deck area, and improved seakeeping characteristics, and has a displacement of approximately 390 tons. Designed and built in accordance with the Naval Rules and Regulations of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS), DSC A20 underwent extensive hydrodynamic analysis and model testing at the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam, ensuring optimal performance and reliability.

The commissioning of DSC A20 marks a milestone in India's pursuit of Aatmanirbharta and exemplifies success of 'Make in India' initiative in the maritime domain. The



platform represents seamless Indian Navy, the collaboration between the indigenous shipbuilding

industry, and national research organisations in delivering specialised, technologically advanced vessels.

With its induction, the Indian Navy's capability in diving support, underwater inspection, salvage assistance, and coastal operational deployment will be substantially strengthened. DSC A20 will be based at Kochi and operate under Southern Naval Command.

Timing of Sound & Light Show at National Memorial Cellular Jail revised

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 12 The timing of Sound and Light Show at National Memorial Cellular Jail has been revised w.e.f. Dec. 17. The revised schedule is

as follows:

Sl. No.	Shows	From	Upto
1.	1 <sup>st</sup> Show	05:30 PM	06:15 PM
2.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Show	06:30 PM	07: 15PM
3.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Show	07:30 PM	08: 15PM
4.	4 <sup>th</sup> Show	08:30 PM	09: 15PM

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT  
ORDER NO. 1896

Whereas, a communication has been received from the Senior Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District, regarding the visit of a VIP to the Islands from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025, during which the VIP will be visiting various locations within the district;

And Whereas, recent intelligence inputs suggest that anti-social elements or terrorists may attempt to use Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), including drones, gliders, or other remote-controlled aircraft, to carry out attacks, disrupt public order, or conduct surveillance on critical infrastructure, particularly in areas where the VIP will visit at VSI Airport, Chinmaya Mission, Burmanallah, DBRAIT and Netaji Stadium.

And Whereas, I, Arjun Sharma, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman District, am of the opinion that there are sufficient grounds for proceeding under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, and that immediate action is necessary to prevent obstruction, annoyance, or injury to persons lawfully employed, and to avert any potential danger to human life and public safety during the VIP visit;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, I, Arjun Sharma, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman District, hereby issue the following order:

A complete ban is hereby imposed on the flying, operation, and use of all types of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), including drones, gliders, and any other remote-controlled aircraft in and around restricted areas of VSI Airport, Chinmaya Mission, Burmanallah, DBRAIT and Netaji Stadium of Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil under South Andaman District.

This ban shall remain in force from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Any person found violating this order shall be liable for punishment under the Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, as well as other relevant provisions of law, including provisions under BNSS 2023 and the Civil Aviation Act.

In view of the emergent nature of the situation, this order is issued ex-parte and is being made public to ensure immediate compliance.

This order shall be promulgated by affixing copy thereof at the notice board of the office of the undersigned as well as the District Court, Port Blair and publication in News Paper having circulation in the areas through office of the Information & Publicity, A&N Administration.

Given under my hands and seal this court on today 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2025.

SD/-  
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT  
F. No. 2-25/2025-R/TSD/DC (SA)



# Cabinet approves scheme of Conduct of Census of India 2027

New Delhi, Dec. 12 (PIB)

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today, has approved the proposal for conducting Census of India 2027 at a cost of Rs.11,718.24 crore.

**Details of the Scheme:**

- ◆ The Indian Census is the largest administrative and statistical exercise in the world. The Census of India would be conducted in two phases: (i) Houselisting and Housing Census - April to September, 2026 and (ii) Population Enumeration (PE) - February 2027 (For the UT of Ladakh and snow bound non-synchronous areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, PE shall be conducted in September, 2026).
- ◆ About 30 lakh field functionaries will complete this gigantic exercise of national importance.
- ◆ Use of mobile app for data collection and the Central portal for monitoring purpose will ensure better quality data.
- ◆ Data dissemination will be much better and in a user friendly way so that all the queries on required parameters for policy making will be made available on the click of a button.
- ◆ Census-as-a-service (CaaS) will deliver data to ministries in a clean, machine-readable and actionable format.

**Benefits:**

Census of India 2027 will cover the entire population in the country.

**Implementation strategy and targets:**

- ◆ The Census process involves visiting each and every household and canvassing separate questionnaire for Houselisting & Housing Census and Population Enumeration.

## Foundation Stone laid for renovation & modernization of District Library, Car Nicobar



Car Nicobar, Dec. 12

A major milestone in the development of Car Nicobar's cultural and educational infrastructure was achieved today with the laying of the foundation stone for the Renovation/ Modernization of the District Library Building in Car Nicobar. The event was graced by Shri Amit Kale, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, and Shri Lionald Nicomede, Chairman of the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar, along with distinguished guests from various Departments

The event marked the beginning of the much-anticipated transformation of the District Library, made possible through the support of the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), National Mission on Libraries (NML), Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Under the Scheme Upgradation of Library facilities, Digital and IT- Based library services, Modernisation &

Improvement of public access services, creation of facilities for specially abled group will be taken up to upgrade the existing facility into a modern state of the art facility.

In his address, Shri Amit Kale, Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District highlighted that this library would not only provide modern digital infrastructure but will also feature a unique facility a Musical Arts Room, (for audio recording) which will be fully soundproof. This room will be equipped with a variety of musical instruments, all funded through the ITDP (Integrated Tribal Development Program) initiative. This special feature aims to foster creativity and support the students of Car Nicobar in developing musical skills.

The welcome address was delivered by Shri Swapan Paik, Education Officer, Car Nicobar. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Smti Everlyn, Vice Principal, GSSS Malacca, a press release from Education Office , Car Nicobar said.

## Hands on Training on Mass Production of Bio-agents organized under NHM Scheme of MIDH at ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru



Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 12

The Department of Agriculture, A&N Administration through the High Value Agriculture Development Agency (HVADA), successfully organized a three-day hands-on training on "Mass Production of Bio-Agents" at the ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR), Bengaluru from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 under the National Horticulture Mission Sub-scheme of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

Bio-agents are natural organisms such as beneficial insects, fungi, bacteria or viruses that control harmful pests in crops. Farmers can use these bio-agents which help reduce dependence on chemical pesticides, keep the environment safe and are especially suitable for the fragile ecosystem of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The training aimed to strengthen the technical capacity of field-level

officials in eco-friendly and sustainable pest management practices. Participants received practical exposure to the mass production of bio-pesticides and natural predators, with special focus on species relevant to coconut palms, a major crop of the Islands. The programme also covered production technologies of microbial bio-control agents suitable for the unique island ecosystem of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Officials engaged in hands-on sessions, demonstrations and expert-led discussions designed to enhance their ability to produce and apply bio-control agents effectively in the field. The initiative is expected to significantly improve the adoption of environmentally friendly pest-management techniques and support farmers in transitioning to sustainable and adaptive agricultural practices for the long-term sustainability, a press release from Directorate of Agriculture said.

- ◆ The enumerators, generally government teachers and appointed by the State Governments, will be doing the field work of Census in addition to their regular duties.
- ◆ Other Census functionaries at Sub-district, District and State levels will also be appointed by the State/District Administration.
- ◆ New initiatives taken for the Census 2027 are:
  - (i) First Census by digital means in country. Data will be collected using mobile applications that will be available for both Android as well as iOS versions.
  - (ii) A dedicated portal namely Census Management & Monitoring System (CMMS) portal has been developed for managing and monitoring the entire Census process on a real time basis.
  - (iv) Houselisting Block (HLB) Creator web map application: Another innovation for Census 2027 is HLB Creator web map application to be used by the Charge Officers.
  - (v) Option to self-enumerate will be provided to the public.
  - (vi) Suitable security features have been provisioned for this mammoth digital operation.
  - (vii) Census 2027 will have a focused and wider publicity campaign for nationwide awareness, inclusive participation, last-mile engagement and support for field operations. It will emphasize on sharing accurate, authentic & timely information ensuring cohesive & effective outreach effort.
  - (viii) Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs, in its meeting on 30th April 2025 decided to include caste enumeration in the upcoming census i.e. Census 2027. With the huge social and demographic diversity in our country and related challenges, the Census 2027 will also capture Caste data electronically in second phase, i.e. Population Enumeration (PE).

## Ministry of Labour and Employment announces 'Employees' Enrolment Campaign-2025' Initiative aims to bring large number of workers under the ambit of organized social security through EPFO

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 12

The Ministry of Labour and Employment has announced the 'Employees' Enrolment Campaign-2025' (EEC 2025), a significant initiative to bring a large number of workers under the ambit of organized social security through EPFO. The scheme shall be operational from November 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026. This scheme is a continued effort of the Ministry, after successful similar enrolment campaign conducted in the year 2017 for enrolment of left-out eligible employees from 2009 to 2016.

This campaign is intended to encourage employers, both already registered and those newly coming under the purview of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, to voluntarily declare and enroll eligible employees. Employers can enroll all existing employees, who joined the

establishment between July 1, 2017, and October 31, 2025, and who are alive and employed on the date of the declaration, but were not enrolled in the EPF scheme earlier due to any reason, whatsoever.

In a major relief, the employee's share of provident fund contribution for the past period (from July 1, 2017, to October 31, 2025) shall stand waived, provided it was not deducted from the employee's wages. The employer is only required to pay their own share for such period.

Employers availing this scheme shall be liable to pay a nominal Penal Damage of Rs. 100 only as a lump sum, a significant reduction from the standard penalties for non-compliance.

All establishments are eligible to participate in the proposed Scheme irrespective of the fact whether any establishment is facing inquiries

- (ix) About 30 lakh field functionaries including Enumerators, Supervisors, Master Trainers, Charge Officers and Principal/ District Census Officers will be deployed for data collection, monitoring and supervision of Census operations. All the Census functionaries will be paid suitable honorarium for the work of Census as they will be doing this work in addition to their regular duties.
- Major impact including employment generation potential:**
- ◆ The current endeavor would be to make available the coming Census data at the shortest possible time across the country. Efforts will also be made to disseminate Census Results with more customized visualization tools. Data sharing to all, up to the lowest Administrative Unit i.e. Village/ Ward level.
  - ◆ To complete various tasks for successful conduct of Census 2027, approximately 18,600 technical manpower will be engaged for about 550 days at the local levels. In another words, around 1.02 crore man-days employment would be generated. Further, the provision of technical manpower at Charge/ District/ State level will also result in capacity building as the nature of job will be related to digital data handling, monitoring and coordination. This will also help in future employment prospects of these persons.
- Background:**
- Census 2027 will be 16<sup>th</sup> Census in the country and 8<sup>th</sup> after independence. Census is the biggest source of primary data at village, town and ward level providing micro level data on various parameters including Housing Condition; Amenities & Assets, Demography, Religion, SC & ST, Language, Literacy & Education, Economic Activity, Migration and Fertility. The Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990 provide the legal framework for conduct of Census.

## 5-Day Hands -on Training Programme for Lab Assistants/ Attendants concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 12

A five-day Hands-on Science Laboratory Experiments-Based Training Programme for Laboratory Assistants and Laboratory Attendants was organised by the Science Wing of the Directorate of Education, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at three venues viz. Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Aberdeen; Govt. Boys' Senior Secondary School, Middle Point; and Govt. RBV Senior Secondary School. A total of 97 Laboratory Assistants and Laboratory Attendants from various schools across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands participated in the programme.

The primary objective of the programme was to strengthen the participants' competency and efficiency in conducting laboratory experiments for Classes IX to XII. The training focused on the identification of laboratory articles, setting up laboratory apparatus, hands-on experiments, repair of laboratory materials and maintenance stock registers, and the safe handling of laboratory equipment. PGTs (Physics, Chemistry, and Biology) from the venue schools, along with Resource

Persons from ITI, Dollygunj, facilitated the sessions and provided technical guidance.

On Dec. 9, Shri Vikram Singh, Director (Edn.) interacted with the participants, motivating them and emphasising the importance of enhancing laboratory-related skills and utilising the learning opportunities provided through this training. The programme concluded with an assessment test and the collection of participant feedback. Shri Ram Pravesh, DDE (Science), distributed certificates to all participants, marking the successful completion of the training programme.

The function concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri. Chanchal Singha Roy, Science Supervisor attached to DDE (Science), a press release from Shiksha Sadan said.

## 5-day Peripatetic Training Programme on 'Pay Fixation/ MACP and RTI' concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 12

A 5-day Peripatetic Training Programme on "Pay Fixation/MACP and RTI" organized by the Administrative Reforms and Training Wing (AR&Trg.) of the A&N Administration in collaboration with the Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM), Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, New Delhi, concluded at the Auditorium of Tagore Government College of Education, Sri Vijaya Puram today. The training, scheduled from 08<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, is designed for the Amalgamated Clerical Cadre staff of A&N Administration.

Smti Shailaja, Deputy Secretary (Home/Vigilance/Labour), A&N Administration, presided over the valedictory session as the chief guest and highlighted the importance of continuous capacity building and efficient administration.

Specialized trainers, Shri Vijay Kumar Keshari, Deputy Director and Shri Nafe Singh, Retired Deputy Director from the Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM) were deputed to impart training during the programme. The valedictory session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Ancy Alex, LGC, AR&Trg. Wing, A&N Administration, a press release from AR&Trg. Wing said.

## MV Swaraj Dweep to arrive from Vizag today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 12

The vessel MV Swaraj Dweep is expected to arrive at Sri Vijaya Puram on Dec. 13 at 0600 hrs from Vizag. She has 263 passengers with 3 infants on Board. On arrival, the vessel will be berthed at Haddo Wharf and passengers will be disembarked immediately, a press release from DSS said.

## MV Swaraj Dweep to sail for Chennai on Dec. 16

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 12

The vessel MV Swaraj Dweep will sail from Sri Vijaya Puram to Chennai on Dec. 16 at 1000 hrs. Excess baggage will be loaded from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs on Dec. 15. The excess baggage/cargo required to be booked in advance at Commercial Wing, DSS. Embarkation of passengers will commence from 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs on Dec. 16. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel, a press release from DSS said.



## ABSENTEE NOTICE

Whereas Shri Malika Arjun S/o Late Malakondaiah, Sanitary Mazdoor, Ward no 08 is absenting from his duty w.e.f 12/04/2021 without any prior intimation/permission of the Competent Authority and proceeded to mainland. Further, no intimation was received regarding his continuous absence.

Whereas a Memo vide no 1-568/SS/Estt/MC/1881 dated 17/10/2022 was served to him with the direction to report duty with valid reason along with documentary evidence within 07 days but the concerned employee failed to report duty.

Whereas Reminder-I and Reminder-II for the Memo was also served vide no 1-568/SS/Estt/MC/1975 dated 04/11/2022 and 1-568/SS/Estt/MC/2290 dated 27/12/2022 respectively. A Press Notice vide no 1-568/SS/Estt/MC/983 dated 12/04/2023, 1-568/SS/Estt/MC was also published, directing him to report duty within 07 days of publication of the notice but no response from the employee is received till date.

Shri. Malika Arjun S/o Mala Kondaiah, Sanitary Mazdoor, ward no.08 is hereby directed to report for duty within 07 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this Final notice, with reason along with documentary proof, if any, for his unauthorized absence from duty failing which actions will be initiated against him as per Rule in force.

Administrative Officer  
Municipal Council

## NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the **Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Hope Town** 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/2025-26/159 Name of Work:** Conversion of CC Footpath to CC Road from B. Rama Rao house to B. Ganapathi house at Chunna Batta North Bay -02 under Gram Panchayat Hope Town. **Estimated Cost: Rs. 11,56,651/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 23,133/-, Time of Completion:** Four (04) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 18/12/2025 (1500 hrs.)

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

Tender ID: 2025 RDPRI 20982 1

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

I.D. No. 11903

## e -TENDER NOTICE

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Ltd., Vikas Bhawan, Post Box.No.180, Sri Vijaya Puram (ANIIDCO) invites online item rate e-tenders from contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these islands and do not have any adverse remarks for the following work.

NIT No. ANIIDCO/CW/25-26/TD - 11

Name of Work : Modification of proposed IMFL shop at Mayabunder  
Estimate cost : Rs.6,06,034/-  
Tender/Bid processing Fee : NA  
Earnest Money : Rs.12,121/-  
Period of Completion : 30 Days  
Bid document publishing Date : 12.12.2025  
Bid document Download/Start Date : 15.12.2025 at 10:00 AM  
Bid Submission Start Date : 17.12.2025 at 10:00 AM  
Bid Submission End Date : 22.12.2025 upto 03:00 PM  
Bid Opening Date : 23.12.2025 at 11:00 AM

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

Tender ID:2025\_ANCVL\_21004\_1

General Manager(CW)  
ANIIDCO

## WANTED

## Four Wheeler Driver

Hi-Tech Enterprises, Bhatu Basti, Sri Vijaya Puram, invites applications for the post of Driver for a TATA Ace Vehicle.

Requirements:

- Valid 4-wheeler Driving License (LMV).
- Experience with Commercial / Light goods vehicles preferred.
- Good knowledge of local routes in Sri Vijaya Puram.
- Responsible and punctual

Experienced candidates will be given preference.

Address: Beside ANIIDCO Wine Shop, Bhatu Basti, Sri Vijaya Puram

Contact: 9679575807 Reg. No. 35AGMP18211M1Z4

## HOUSE SITE

## LAND FOR SALE

Measuring: 200 Sq. Mtrs.  
Location: Dairy Farm, Opp. Shiv Temple, Sri Vijaya Puram (Road Point & Municipal Area). Only Genuine Persons may Contact: 9474215656

## HOME SERVICE

AC, Refrigerator, Washing Machine, Microwave Oven, Deep Fridge etc. Repair and Service.

Contact: 7695045730

Reg. No. UDYAM-AN-01-0012564  
HIZAFULLA SHEKH

6<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 13-12-2025

Late S. Shyam Kumar

S/o G. Sivadasan  
R/o Mile Tilak Village  
South Andaman

"Every time at every moments, every occasion, we miss you in our life."

Inserted by: S. Bindu (Wife), Anush (Son), Akshara (Daughter) & all family members.

## TO LET

2 BHK Flat at ground floor available for rent at Niketan Colony near Chanakya Tuition Centre, Lamba Line.

Hello: 9474215464 / 9933241931

## FOR SALE

200 Sq. Mtrs. House Site at Lillipur Haddo.

Contact: 9382065733

## FOR SALE

Tread Mill fully automatic in excellent condition.

Make: Prime Fitness PR963 with different speed and program.

Contact: 9933250394 / 9932080827

8<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 13<sup>th</sup> Decemher, 2025

In Loving Memory of



LATE MAQBOOL AHMED

Inserted by:

Faiyaz Ahmed (Proprietor), Pakeezah Cloth Store, All Staff & All Family Members.

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Kamal Jeet Kaur, D/o Harbans Singh, W/o Sarabjit Singh, resident of Supply Line Village, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly declare as follows:

- That I am a resident of the above-mentioned address.
- That I am married to Sarabjit Singh.
- That before my marriage, I was known as Smti. Kamlesh Kumari.
- That after my marriage, I changed my name to Smti. Kamal Jeet Kaur.
- That after marriage, I have consistently used and recorded my name as Smti. Kamal Jeet Kaur in all official and personal documents.
- That from now on, I shall be known exclusively as Smti. Kamal Jeet Kaur in all official, legal and personal matters, replacing my previous name, Smti. Kamlesh Kumari for all intents and purposes.

I declare that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram Deponent

## AFFIDAVIT FOR NAME CORRECTION

I, C BALAMURUGAN, S/o V CHINNADURAI residing at Dairy Farm village under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

- That my father's correct name is V CHINNADURAI.
- That my mother's correct name is C RAMU.
- That my parent's name has been wrongly written as CHINNADURAI and RAMU in my Birth Certificate.
- That both names refer to one and the same person, i.e., my parents.
- That I am making this affidavit to declare the correctness of my parent's name for official and record purposes.

That the statements made above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram DEPONENT

## JOB VACANCY

- Reservation staff
- Front office Exe.
- Dish washer
- Bellboy

Contact: 9679502774

GST NO. 35AANFT0359C1Z9

## SITUATION VACANT

- 1 No. Civil Engineer (Experienced)
- 1 No. Supervisor
- 1 No. Driver (HMV)

Please Contact: 9932084141 / 9434284539 / 9933256442 @

Dollygunj,

Contact Timing: 9.00 AM to 8.00 PM-MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

Reg. No. 35AKEPP9717H2ZT

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Experienced Salesgirl / Salesmen For readymade Cloth Showroom

Attractive Salary

Contact: LIV YOUNG

Near Clock Tower, Aberdeen Bazar  
Contact: 9933236789

Reg. No. 35BXWPS1326P1ZK

## 6ix SEASHORE HOTEL

HADD0, Sri Vijaya Puram

## JOB VACANCY

- House Keeping – Male
- Chef

Call: 9476023108

Reg. No. 23037/LC/2025

## TO LET

Car & 2 Wheeler parking with main road 3 BHK Room available for rent on ground floor near Patwari Office, Humfrey Gunj.

Contact Ph. No. 9474201809

## TO LET

Three BHK Flat on Ground Floor fully furnished Room for Rent, Opposite Ganesh Temple, Near Veterinary Hospital situated at Bhatubasti.  
Contact No. 9933218096 / 9933224854

## TO LET

Rent Room Available for Office / Shop / Godown Purpose etc. at Bhatubasti, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman.  
Contact: 9933274933 / 8900911092

## TO LET

One RCC Double Bedroom, Attached Double Bathroom, Big Hall, Fully Tiled, Big Kitchen, Any Time Water, Side Room, Ground Floor, Near M. Hall, Junglighat. Contact: 7063981223

## TO LET

Rooms available for Godown Purpose at SBI Building, Dollygunj. Please Contact: 9932084141 / 9434284539, Contact Timing: 9.00 AM to 8.00 PM- MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

## TO LET

01 BHK available for Rent at Haddo Main Road Side.  
Contact Ph.: 9434260035

PORT MANAGEMENT BOARD  
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dated: 12/12/2025

## PRESS NOTE

The Port Management Board, Sri Vijaya Puram is in the process of filling up the posts in Group 'C' under Compassionate Appointment in transparent and objective manner. The department has received 27 applications from the dependents of the deceased Govt. Servants for determining their candidature for appointment under Compassionate grounds against 05 vacant Group 'C' posts (Multi-Tasking Staff). The Scrutiny Committee constituted for the purpose has scrutinized all the applications taking into account of indicators framed by the GoI vide DoPT OM No. A-12012/01/2012-AD.II dated 17.06.2022 and recommended the provisional merit of the candidates in accordance with the parameters which evaluates the economic condition of the family of the deceased Govt. Servants on 100 point marking system. The candidates concerned may submit their claims and objections, if any, against the scored points/remarks with supporting documents/evidence to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication. Only objections received within this period will be allowed for consideration. Late submissions will not be entertained.

## PROVISIONAL MERIT LIST OF THE CANDIDATES FOR COMPASSIONATE APPOINTMENT OF PORT MANAGEMENT BOARD

Relative Merit Point Assessment on a 100 points scale for Compassionate Appointment as per instructions laid in O.M No.A-12012/01/2022-Ad-II dated 17th June 2022 by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Sl. No.	Name of the applicant	Relationship with deceased Govt. Servant	Name and designation of the deceased Govt. Servant	Date of death of the deceased Govt. Servant	Points Obtained (Max.100)	Remarks
1	Smti. Sharmila Bhabuk	Wife	Late Tapan Bhubuk, Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	13-05-2015	65	
2	Shri. K. Chiranjeevulu	Son	Late. K. Keshava Rao, Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	27-10-2001	61	
3	Shri. T. Tarakesh	Son	Late T. Papa Rao, Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	30-12-2001	57	
4	Shri. M. Maneesh Nair	Son	Late Madhu A Nair Ex-LVD, PMB	02-11-2006	57	
5	Shri. Sandeep Kumar	Son	Late. Dukka, Ex-Driver, PMB	07-08-2001	53	
6	Shri. L. Gyaneshwar	Son	Late L Chiranjeevulu Ex-WBO, PMB	09-01-2015	53	
7	Shri. CH Gopal Krishna	Son	Late CH Dilli Rao, Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	08-10-2009	51	
8	Miss Karishma Khan	Daughter	Late Nasir Khan, Ex-Asst. Shed Master, PMB	11-03-2003	48	
9	Smti. Beula Esther	Daughter	Late M Sunder Rajan, Ex-SCD, PMB	22-12-2011	47	1) The applicant is married. 2) Spelling Mismatch in X pass certificate and other documents
10	Shri. Shrikanta Dhali, DRM (PMB)	Son	Late Shanti Dhali, Ex-Chowkidar, PMB	06-02-2009	46	Incomplete Documents: 1) Income certificate not submitted
11	Shri. N Hari Babu	Son	Late N Janardhan Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	20-05-2007	46	
12	Shri. Dilleswar Rao	Son	Late K Krishna Rao Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	17-01-2009	44	
13	Shri K. Bala Krishna	Son	Late K. Duryodhana, Ex- Mazdoor, PMB	05-11-1999	41	Incomplete Documents; 1) Dependency certificate not submitted 2) Income certificate not submitted 3) Certificate from Tehsildar regarding property details not submitted
14	Miss Farheen	Daughter	Late Yakub Ex-Deck Rating, PMB	17-09-2021	40	
15	Shri. Lachman, DRM (PMB)	Son	Late D Harikrishna Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	24-12-2009	40	
16	Shri. Jeet Singh	Son	Late Roop Singh, Ex-Gate Keeper, PMB	22-01-2025	38	
17	Shri. K K Shaheed	Son	Late K.P. Kareem, Ex-Wharf Supdt., MB	09-12-2001	37	
18	Shri. P Bhaskar Rao, DRM (PMB)	Son	Late P Jogulu, Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	30-10-2013	36	
19	Shri. P Vasu Dev, DRM (PMB)	Son	Late P Bhima Rao Ex-Mazdoor, PMB	21-09-2006	33	Incomplete Documents: 1) Income certificate not submitted 2) Certificate from Tehsildar regarding property details not submitted
20	Shri. Y. Bhaskar Rao	Son	Late Jogeshwar Rao, Ex- Seacunny, PMB	26-11-2001	32	Incomplete Documents: 1) Income certificate not submitted 2) Certificate from Tehsildar regarding property details not submitted
21	Shri. Jatin Kerketta	Son	Late Silverius Kerketta, Ex-Assistant Shed Master, PMB	01-12-2017	31	
22	Shri. V Ram Babu	Son	Late V Jagdishwar Rao, Ex-LVD, PMB	08-02-2006	31	Incomplete Documents: 1) Income certificate not submitted 2) Certificate from Tehsildar regarding property details not submitted
23	Shri. Abdul Vasim	Son	Late Abdul Latif, Ex-LVD, PMB	23-06-2016	23	
24	Shri. S Devdas	Son	Late K Swamy Das, Ex-Wharf Supdt., PMB	09-09-2015	22	
25	Shri. Mohammed Wazid, DRM (PMB)	Son	Late Mohammed Ismail, Ex-Serang, PMB	22-01-2011	22	Incomplete Documents: 1) Income certificate not submitted 2) Certificate from Tehsildar regarding property details not submitted
26	Miss Ankita Mazumdar	Daughter	Late Krishna Pada Mazumder, Ex-Wharf Supdt., PMB	12-09-2024	19	Incomplete Documents 1) Income certificate not submitted
27	Shri. Sohail Akbar	Son	Late Akbar Ali Ex-MRO, PMB	01-01-2021 (VRS)	15	Not Eligible. The deceased has availed Voluntary Retirement which was not based on any medical ground. Incomplete Documents:

Note: Detailed pointwise marks will be sent individually to the candidates through post and the same will be displayed in the PMB office Notice Board.

-Sd/-  
Assistant Director (Admn.)  
Port Management Board

## WANTED

1 No. Field / Delivery Executive for 2 Wheeler Rental Agency. Qualification - 10<sup>th</sup> Pass with Valid 2 Wheeler Licence for Arumugam Travels. Contact: 7063946034 / 7695054239  
Reg. No. UDYAM-AN-01-0008793

## WANTED

SALES GIRL  
CONTACT SEA PEARLS  
HANDICRAFT  
MIDDLE POINT 9933210139

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Commercial Land with Building, Ground & 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Space for Office / Shop / Hospital. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor with 9 Nos. Rooms of Running Hotel. Main Road, Junglighat.  
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