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Weather Report



President gives assent to Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025

Act enhances Statutory Employment Guarantee to 125 Days

New Delhi, Dec. 21 (PIB)

The President of India has given assent to the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025 marking a significant milestone in the transformation of rural employment policy. The Act enhances the statutory wage employment guarantee to 125 days per financial year for rural households and seeks to advance empowerment, inclusive growth, convergence of development initiatives and saturation-based delivery, thereby strengthening the foundation for a prosperous, resilient and self-reliant Rural Bharat.

Earlier, Parliament passed the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025, marking a decisive reform in India's rural employment and development framework. The Act replaces the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural

Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 with a modern statutory framework that enhances livelihood security and is aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Anchored in the principles of empowerment, growth, convergence and saturation, the Act seeks to transform rural employment from a standalone welfare intervention into an integrated instrument of development. It strengthens income security for rural households, modernises governance and accountability, and links wage employment with the creation of durable and productive rural assets, thereby laying the foundation for a prosperous and resilient Rural Bharat.

Salient Features of the Act

Enhanced Statutory Employment Guarantee

- ♦ The Act provides a statutory guarantee of not less than 125 days of wage employment per rural household in each



financial year to households whose adult members volunteer to undertake unskilled manual work (Section 5(1)).

- ♦ This enhancement over the earlier 100-day entitlement significantly strengthens livelihood security, predictability of work, and income stability for rural households, while also enabling them to contribute more effectively and meaningfully to national development.

period, ensuring a calibrated balance that supports both agricultural productivity and worker security.

Timely Wage Payments

- ♦ The Act mandates payment of wages on a weekly basis or, in any case, within fifteen days of completion of work (Section 5(3)). In cases of delay beyond the stipulated period, delay compensation shall be payable in accordance with the provisions laid down in Schedule II, reinforcing wage security and protecting workers from delays.

Employment Linked with Productive Rural Infrastructure

- ♦ Wage employment under the Act is explicitly aligned with the creation of durable public assets across four priority thematic domains (Section 4(2) read with Schedule I):
- 1. Water security and water-related works
- 2. Core rural infrastructure
- 3. Livelihood-related infrastructure
- 4. Works to mitigate extreme weather events

All works are planned through a bottom-up process, and all assets created are aggregated into the Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack, ensuring convergence of public investments, avoidance of fragmentation, and outcome-based planning aimed at saturation of critical rural infrastructure, based on varying local needs.

Decentralised Planning with National Convergence

- ♦ All works originate from Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans (VGPPs), prepared at the Gram Panchayat level through participatory processes and approved by the Gram Sabha (Sections 4(1)-4(3)).
- ♦ These plans are digitally and spatially integrated with national platforms, including PM Gati Shakti, enabling whole-of-government convergence while fully

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Hon'ble MP takes up Health Sector issues with Union Health Ministry

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, accompanied by Shri Prakash Adhikari, Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, met Dr. Vinod Kotwal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi on 19.12.2025 and submitted detailed



representations on key healthcare issues of the Islands for urgent consideration.

During the meeting, the Hon'ble MP highlighted the need for posting of specialist doctors from the

are made; Creation and approval of 44 Health Worker posts (male and female) as proposed by the Health Department of A&N Administration.

According to Hon'ble MP, the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, has assured that the matters would be examined on priority, a press release from Office of the MP said.

National Immunization Day for Polio observed in Isles

20647 children in the age group of 0-5 years administered Polio vaccine

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

A&N Islands observed National Immunization Day for Polio in the entire Union Territory today. A total of 489 fixed booths were established. Arrangements were made to cover the children at Bus Terminals, and Sea Port. Arrangements were also made to cover the children travelling by Inter Island Vessels as well as at Veer Savarkar International Airport, Sri Vijaya Puram. In A&N Islands, out of 20666 children, 20647 children in the age group of 0-5 years were administered the Polio vaccine on 1st day, which includes Sri Vijaya Puram and Defence area. The district-wise coverage is given below.

S No	District Name	Estimation	Coverage	Percentage
1	South Andaman	14081	14016	99.5
2	North & Middle Andaman	4570	4620	101.09
3	Nicobar	2015	2011	99.8
Total		20666	20647	99.91

A total 99.9% has been covered on 1st day, this will follow two days of the house-to-house visit on 22nd and 23rd December, 2025. Private practitioners of these Islands also actively participated in making the National Immunization Day for Polio



a grand success.

Meanwhile, the State-level inaugural ceremony for the National Immunization Day (NID) for Pulse Polio Immunization was organized at UHC Junglighthat today. The programme was inaugurated with the administration of the first drop of Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV) by Ms. Richa, Secretary (Health) / Mission Director-UTHM, who graced the occasion as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, the Secretary (Health) / Mission

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New Year on the High Seas

MV Swaraj Dweep to take passengers on overnight voyage to Barren Island volcano



Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

The Directorate of Shipping Services (DSS), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, has invited tourists and islanders to usher in New Year 2026 amidst the open seas with a spectacular overnight New Year voyage aboard MV Swaraj Dweep to Barren Island, the only active volcano in the Indian sub-continent.

Scheduled to sail on the night of Dec. 31, 2025, this exclusive New Year sea voyage promises breathtaking



ocean vistas, a rare close-up view of Barren Island, and an unforgettable countdown to the New Year under the stars. With a capacity of 1,200 passengers, the cruise has already witnessed overwhelming public response, with tickets selling fast.

The vessel will depart from Haddo Wharf, Sri Vijaya Puram, at 9 pm on December 31, and is scheduled to return by 2 pm on January 1, 2026, offering passengers a perfect blend of adventure, celebration, and natural grandeur.

Passengers can opt for multiple travel classes based on comfort and budget preferences, while onboard catering services will be available throughout the journey.

DSS has urged interested passengers to book tickets at the earliest through the official DSS e-ticketing portal, which operates round the clock, as limited seats remain for this once-a-year signature New Year sea voyage.

Tickets can be conveniently booked through the DSS e-

Ticketing Portal at <https://dss.andamannicobar.gov.in/eticketing>, which



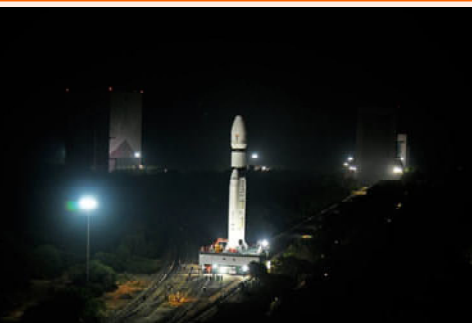
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is available 24x7. For user convenience, a QR code linking directly to the portal has also been provided, a press release from DSS said.

ISRO to launch communication satellite BlueBird Block-2 on Wednesday

New Delhi, Dec. 21

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will launch a communication satellite BlueBird Block-2 on Wednesday. The satellite of AST SpaceMobile of the USA will be the largest commercial communications satellite to reach the Low



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President gives assent to Viksit Bharat-Guarantee

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retaining decentralised decision-making.

♦ This integrated planning framework will enable Ministries and Departments to plan and implement works more effectively, avoid duplication and wastage of public resources, and accelerate development through saturation-based outcomes.

Reformed Financial Architecture

♦ The Act is implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to be notified and operationalised by the State Governments in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

♦ The cost-sharing pattern is 60:40 between the Centre and States, 90:10 for North Eastern and Himalayan States, and 100% central funding for Union Territories without legislatures.

♦ Funding is provided through State-wise normative allocations based on objective parameters prescribed in the Rules (Sections 4(5) and 22(4)), ensuring predictability, fiscal discipline, and sound planning, while fully preserving statutory entitlements to employment and unemployment allowance.

Strengthened Administrative Capacity

♦ The administrative expenditure ceiling has been enhanced from 6% to 9%, enabling improved staffing, training, technical capacity and field-level support, and strengthening the ability of institutions to deliver outcomes effectively.

The Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 represents a decisive step towards renewing and strengthening India's rural employment framework in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. By enhancing the statutory wage employment guarantee to 125 days per financial year, the Act reinforces the right to demand employment while deepening decentralised, participatory governance. It integrates transparent, rule-based funding, accountability mechanisms, technology-enabled inclusion and convergence-driven development to ensure that rural employment not only provides income security but also contributes to sustainable livelihoods, resilient assets and long-term rural prosperity.

Employment Guarantee and Right to Demand

The Act does not dilute the right to demand employment. On the contrary, Section 5(1) places a clear statutory obligation on the Government to provide not less than 125 days of guaranteed wage employment to eligible rural households. The expansion of guaranteed days, together with strengthened accountability and grievance redressal mechanisms, reinforces the enforceability of this right.

Normative Funding and Employment Provision

The shift to normative allocations pertains to budgeting and fund-flow mechanisms and does not affect the legal entitlement to employment. Sections 4(5) and 22(4) ensure rule-based, predictable allocations while retaining the statutory obligation to provide employment or unemployment allowance.

Decentralisation and Role of Panchayats

The Act does not centralise planning or execution. Sections 16 to 19 vest planning, implementation and monitoring authority in Panchayats, Programme Officers and District authorities at appropriate tiers. What is integrated at the national level is visibility, coordination and convergence, not local decision-making.

Employment and Asset Creation

The Act enshrines an enhanced statutory livelihood guarantee of 125 days, while ensuring that employment contributes to productive, durable and climate-resilient assets. Employment generation and asset creation are designed as mutually reinforcing objectives, supporting long-term rural growth and resilience (Section 4(2) and Schedule I).

Technology and Inclusion

Technology under the Act is intended as an enabling mechanism, not a barrier. Sections 23 and 24 provide for technology-enabled transparency through biometric authentication, geo-tagging and real-time dashboards, while Section 20 strengthens social audits by Gram Sabhas, ensuring community oversight, transparency and inclusion.

Unemployment Allowance

The Act removes earlier dis-entitlement provisions and restores unemployment allowance as a meaningful statutory safeguard. Where employment is not provided within the stipulated period, unemployment allowance becomes payable after fifteen days.

Conclusion

The passage of the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 represents a significant renewal of India's rural employment guarantee. By expanding statutory employment to 125 days, embedding decentralised and participatory planning, strengthening accountability, and institutionalising convergence and saturation-based development, the Act repositions rural employment as a strategic instrument for empowerment, inclusive growth and the creation of a prosperous and resilient Rural Bharat, fully aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Training programme on PRI-Rural Youth collaboration held at Rangat

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 The Block Development Office, CD Block Rangat, organized a Block Level Training Programme on the theme 'Fostering Synergies between Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Rural Youth for Sustainable Community Development' at the Panchayat Samiti Hall, Rangat. Shri Sujit Mistry, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Nimbutala, spoke on the structure, powers, and responsibilities of PRIs and highlighted the importance of active Gram Sabha



participation in grassroots governance. Shri Pradeep Kumar Singh, Block Development Officer, Rangat, emphasized the vital role of collaboration between PRIs and rural youth in strengthening inclusive and sustainable communities. Shri Mohammed Irfan, Block Programme Manager

(RGSA), shared insights on the concept of model villages and stressed effective coordination between PRIs and rural youth for community-led development. The technical session was conducted by Smti. Deepa Biswas, Domain Expert (Livelihood), RGSA, a press release from BDO, CD Block, Rangat said.

ISRO to launch communication satellite

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Vehicle Mark-3 or LVM3, developed by ISRO, is a three-stage launch vehicle, earlier used to launch Chandrayaan-2 and 3, and two OneWeb missions carrying 72 satellites. It also successfully accomplished the M5-CMS-03 mission, carried out last month. (Source: newsonair.gov.in)

10th Edition of Andaman Marathon 2026 to be organized by ANCCI on Feb. 8
Last date of registration is Jan. 29

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 All arrangements for conducting the 10th Edition of Andaman Marathon 2026 by the Andaman Nicobar Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ANCCI), Sri Vijaya Puram in association with the Andaman & N i c o b a r Administration on 8th February, 2026 is going on in full swing. The last date of receipt of registration is up to 29th January, 2026.

Andaman Marathon has five events Half Marathon (male & female) open to all Indian National, 10K male & female (for Islanders only), 10 K for seniors male & female (men above 50 years and women above 40 years) (for Islanders only), 10 K Boys & Girls [between 14 & 18 years](for Islanders only) and 2K Boys & Girls (between 10 to 13 years) at a total prize money of Rs.10,05000/-. The definition of Islanders

for this purpose would be residents of the Islands including people who are posted/working or studying in these Islands. The event also includes a one and half kilometre 'Run for Fun' starting from the historic Cellular Jail and concluding at Netaji Stadium.

The route map for half Marathon is Cellular Jail, Water Sports Complex, Dharmsala, Girls School, Corbyn's Cove Beach - Corbyn's Chowk, A u s t i n a b a d , P a t h a r g u d d a Junction, Prathrapur Junction, Bathu Basthi, Dollygunj, School Line, Dairy Farm, Junglighat, Goalghar, Prem Nagar, Delanipur, Phoenix Bay, Light House, Power House, DSS Gate, Marine Hall, Mohanpura, Gandhi Statue, Ratnam Market, Clock Tower, Narayan Chowk, Dharamsala, Marina

Park, Netaji Stadium 2nd Gate.

The route map for 10K/10K Seniors/10K Boys & Girls is Cellular Jail, Water Sports Complex, Dharmsala, Narayan Chowk, Clock Tower, Model School, Head Post Office, Bengali Club, Middle Point, Goalghar,

Nagar, Delanipur Teal House, Vansadan,

Van Vikas Bhavan, PS Junction, Foreshore Road, Phoenix Bay Power House, Marine Hall, Mohanpura, Gandhi Statue, Ratnam Market, Clock Tower, Narayan Chowk, Dharm

Park, Netaji Stadium 2nd Gate.

The route map for 2 K is Cellular Jail, Water Sports Complex, Dharmsala, Girls School, Ramakrishna Mission Chowk, Girls School, Velodrome, Netaji Stadium 2nd Gate, a press release received here said.



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Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules of Foreshore Sector/ Inter Island Sector vessels is being issued to the general public from 19.12.2025 (Friday) at 0900 Hrs onwards. Tickets can be booked through the DSS e-Ticketing Portal at <https://dss.andamannicobar.gov.in/eticketing>, which is available 24x7 on all days.

For user convenience, a QR code linking directly to the portal has also been provided.

Tickets can also be booked from the STARS Ticketing Counter on all working days from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



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SRI VIJAYA PURAM – MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 22 nd December, 2025 onwards is being issued from 19.12.2025.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Rani Lakshmi	22.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	23.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Hut Bay	24.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	25.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Jolly Buoy	26.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	27.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder

SRI VIJAYA PURAM – LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 23 rd December, 2025 onwards is being issued from 19.12.2025.							
1.	Nalanda	23.12.2025 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	23.12.2025 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	MV Bambooka	25.12.2025 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	25.12.2025 1300 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	Sindhu	26.12.2025 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	27.12.2025 1000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	Nalanda	28.12.2025 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	28.12.2025 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram

SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAR NICOBAR via LITTLE ANDAMAN							
1.	MV Kalighat	22.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	23.12.2025 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman

SRI VIJAYA PURAM – NANCOWRY via ALL PORTS							
1.	MV Kalighat	26.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Nancowry via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa & Katchal	29.12.2025 0500 Hrs	Nancowry	Sri Vijaya Puram via Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman

SRI VIJAYA PURAM - CAMPBELL BAY - NANCOWRY							
1.	Sindhu	23.12.2025 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	25.12.2025 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
2.	Sindhu	30.12.2025 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry & Katchal	01.01.2026 0600 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Katchal & Nancowry Berthing at Katchal Port is subject to fair weat'her conditions.

Note: Embarkation of passengers will commence 02 Hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the vessel and boarding will be closed 30 Minutes before departure time. Passengers arriving late will not be allowed to board the vessel. The vessel will sail only after completion of survey procedure which will commence on completion of embarkation of passengers for issuance of 'B' Certificate as per MS Act. Further, with regard to cargo all the consigners are hereby advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

FORESHORE SECTOR							
22.12.2025 (MONDAY)							
1.	MV Pilomillow	22.12.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	22.12.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Katchal	22.12.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	22.12.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV North Passage	22.12.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	22.12.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Jolly Buoy	22.12.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	22.12.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
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5.	MV Rangat	22.12.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	22.12.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
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6.	MV Hut Bay	22.12.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	16.12.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

23.12.2025 (TUESDAY)							
1.	MV Katchal	23.12.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	23.12.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Pilomillow	23.12.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	23.12.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV North Passage	23.12.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	23.12.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Hut Bay	23.12.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	23.12.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
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5.	MV Bambooka	23.12.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	23.12.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
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6.	MV Rangat	23.12.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	24.12.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

24.12.2025 (WEDNESDAY)							
1.	MV Jolly Buoy	24.12.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	24.12.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Katchal	24.12.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	24.12.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Bambooka	24.12.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	24.12.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Pilomillow	24.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island, Kadamtala & Long Island	25.12.2025 0700 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island, Kadamtala, Strait Island, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep
5.	MV Rangat	24.12.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	24.12.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
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Daily services of 'Dweep Darshan' Tour suspended

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 The tourists /general public have been informed that due to sudden breakdown of the vessel MV Mohit, the daily services of 'Dweep Darshan' at 0930 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty has been

suspended with effect from Dec. 21. However, services will resume as soon as the vessel is made o p e r a t i o n a l . Inconvenience caused due to above is regretted, a press release from DSS said.

Term end practical examination of IGNOU

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 As per the schedule of TEE December 2025, the term end practical examination December 2025 of the learners enrolled in BLIS (Bachelor in Library Science) of IGNOU, Study Centre (0201), JNRM, shall be conducted from 2.1.2026 to 6.1.2026. List of the eligible

candidates' batch wise for the practical examination for BLIE-227 has been displayed in IGNOU Study Centre notice board. For further details, learners have been advised to contact the IGNOU study Centre, JNRM, Sri Vijaya Puram during working hours, a press release from IGNOU said.

South Andaman Open District Karate C'ship to held on Dec. 27 & 28

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 The Andaman Nicobar Karate Association in collaboration with A&N State Olympic Association is going to conduct the South Andaman District Open Karate Championship on 27th & 28th Dec., 2025 at Sri Vijaya Puram.

All the Karate players have been requested to register their entries through Google Form latest by 26th Dec., 2025. For further details, one may contact State Olympic Association, Netaji Stadium during office hours or contact over phone 9531956366, a press release from ANSOA said.

National Immunization Day for Polio

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Director-UTHM appealed to the general public to actively participate in the National Programme and ensure that all children in the age group of 0-5 years are administered the Oral Polio Vaccine by visiting their nearest polio booths.

Dr. H. M. Siddaraju, Director of Health Services, attended the programme as the guest of honour, along with Dr. Avijit Roy, Deputy Director (Health) /State Immunization Officer, and other officials of the Directorate of Health Services (DHS), a press release from DHS said.

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Interested candidates may submit their application in the prescribed format along with supporting documents of education qualification and experience certificate on or before 05/01/2026 at SDP office DBRAIT Room No. 312 during working hours. Application form may be collected from SDP office or may be downloaded from <https://dbrait.andamannicobar.gov.in>. In case of any clarification, candidates may contact through email: braitdp@gmail.com or mobile numbers: 9679531589 / 9474277665.

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QP Code	Job Role	NSQF Level	Duration	Entry requirements	Min. Age	Training Centres & Locations
CSC/Q 0204	Manual Metal Arc Welding/Shielded Metal Arc Welding Welder	3	390 hrs.	Grade 10 pass (or) Grade 8 pass with two year of (NTC/ NAC) after 8th(or)8th grade pass with 3 year relevant experience (or)Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 2.5 with 1.5 year relevant experience (or) Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level 2 with 3 year relevant experience	18 yrs.	DBRAIT, Pahargaon

Interested candidates may submit their application in the prescribed format along with supporting documents (self attested) of Education qualification, Age Proof, Aadhaar Card and 02 passport size photographs on or before 05/01/2026 at SDP office DBRAIT room no. 312 during working hours or submit scanned filled application with relevant documents in single pdf file to the email braitdp@gmail.com. The candidates may collect application form from SDP office, DBRAIT. In case of any clarification, candidates may contact through email or mobile numbers: 9679531589/ 9474277665.

Project Officer (SDP)
DBRAIT

I.D. No. 11909

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR STATE COOP BANK. LTD.

98 MAULANA AZAD ROAD, Sri Vijaya Puram - 744101

POSSESSION NOTICE

(For immovable property)

(Rule 8(1) security interest (enforcement) rule 2002

To,

Shri. R Mariappan,

S/o Late Ramaswamy Naidu,

C/o M/s Naidu Hotel & Bakery,

Bathu Basthi, Sri Vijaya Puram,

South Andaman.

Whereas,

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer (Region-2) of the Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 issued a Demand notice dated 29th May, 2020 calling upon the borrower Shri. R Mariappan S/o Late Ramaswamy Naidu, C/o M/s Naidu Hotel & Bakery, Bathu Basthi, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman on 29-10-2021 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 65,45,900.00 (Rupees Sixty Five lakhs Forty Five Thousand Nine hundred Only)** Including interest calculated upto 28-10-2021 within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to pay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the general public that the undersigned had taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule (9) of the said Rules on this **20th day of December in the Year 2025.**

The borrower/ guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Limited for an amount of **Rs. 65,45,900.00 (Rupees Sixty Five lakhs Forty Five Thousand Nine hundred Only)** as on 28-10-2021 together with further interest at the contractual rate of 13.75% + 2% Penal Interest on the aforesaid amount along with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., would be applicable till for the realisation of Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Limited's dues.

Description of the Immovable Property:

◆ All that part and parcel of the property consisting in Survey. No. 255/116/2/P measuring area, 0.10 Hects Classified as Hilly & 0.10 Hects Classified as Commercial Site situated at Birmlitan Village, Under Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman District within the registration Sub-registrar, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Date: 20th December, 2025
Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

-Sd-
Authorised Officer (Region-2)
A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd.,
98, Maulana Azad Road
Sri Vijaya Puram

E-TENDER NOTICE

Allotment of Shops at Shopping Complex, Chakkargaon

Online e-Tender is invited from the interested person for allotment of Seven (07) Nos. Shop on the Ground Floor and Four (04) Nos. Shop on the First Floor at Shopping Complex, Chakkargaon, Sri Vijaya Puram on Lease-Cum-Rental basis for a period of 03 years (36 months) and extendable for another period of 3 years two times by making the maximum period for Nine (09) years with an increase in rent by 15% every three years. Since the property are being tendered on “as is where is” basis, the bidders are advised to physically inspect the property/location/site to satisfy themselves before tendering. The A & N Administration will not entertain any objection/claim/change/rebate/relaxation etc about status of the property location at any stage. The details of the property are as under:-

Seven (07) Nos. Shop on the Ground Floor, Shopping Complex, Chakkargaon, Sri Vijaya Puram:

SI No.	Name & Location of Shops	No. of Shops	Shop No.	Monthly (Reserved) Rent	Security Amount	EMD Amount
1.	Shopping Complex, Chakkargaon	07	Shop Nos. 01 (Restaurant), 03, 04, 05, 07, 08 & 09	Minimum Rs 12000/- (excluding 18% GST)	Amount Equivalent to Three (03) month's Rent	Rs 10,000/- for each shop (in favour of Assistant Secretary (Cash)

Four (04) Nos. Shop on the First Floor, Shopping Complex, Chakkargaon, Sri Vijaya Puram:

SI No.	Name & Location of Shops	No. of Shops	Shop No.	Monthly (Reserved) Rent	Security Amount	EMD Amount
1.	Shopping Complex, Chakkargaon	04	Shop Nos. 11, 12, 14 & 16	Minimum Rs 9400/- each shop (excluding 18% GST)	Amount Equivalent to Three (03) month's Rent	Rs 10,000/- for each shop (in favour of Assistant Secretary (Cash)

Bidders shall upload their offer on www.eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in in electronic format on the website which will start on 29/12/2025 and closed on 12/01/2026 at 03.00 PM and the same will be opened on 13/01/2026 at 11.00 AM. No offer in physical form will be accepted and any such offer received by the Administration will be outright rejected.

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NOTICE

This is to inform the general members of public that my clients namely 1) Shri. Kalyan Minj, 2) Shri. Egnasus Minj and 3) Shri. Mariyanus Minj, Sons of Late. Mahadeo Uranw, R/o Badmas Pahar Village, Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District filed a civil suit being Title Suit No. 134 of 2025 against 1) Shri. S.Ramakrishna, S/o P.Subramanian, 2) Smti. R.Sheta Devi, W/o S.Ramakrishna and 46 Others in respect of landed property bearing Survey No. 71, measuring an area 1.6863 Hects., out of total area 2.00 Hects., situated at Badmas Pahar Village, under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District for cancellation of Sale Deed registered in Book No.1, Volume No. 92, Page No. 307 to 362, Serial No. 591/2025 registered on 25th September 2025 and the said civil suit is pending before the Hon'ble Court for adjudication. The Hon'ble Court vide Order 16/12/2025 directed ***"All the parties not to change the nature and character of Suit Property and not to make any further alienation of the same and to maintain status quo"***. The said order of restraint/stay has been duly communicated to all parties to the suit as well as persons claiming under the impugned Sale Deed. I, therefore, through this public notice, all concerned persons and members of the general public are hereby cautioned and restrained from purchasing, negotiating, entering into any agreement, mortgage, lease, construction, development or creating any third-party interest in respect of the aforesaid property in any manner whatsoever, as the same is under litigation and encumbered by a subsisting court order. Any person dealing with the said property despite this notice shall do so entirely at his/her own risk, cost, and consequences, and shall be liable for appropriate civil and criminal action under law. This notice is issued for the information of the general public and concerned authorities.

Navin Kumar Misra

ABSENTEE NOTICE

Shri Augustus Kindo, Mazdoor attached to this division has been absenting himself from Govt. duties w.e.f. 30/09/2025 to till date. Accordingly, this division issued a memorandum vide No. WP/LS/PF-94/447, dated 03/09/2025, directing Shri Augustus Kindo, Mazdoor to report for duty within 07 days from the date of receipt of the memo. The Govt. Servant refused to receive the memo when the staff of Division approached him to serve the memo.

Unauthorized absence from Govt. duty constitutes an act of misconduct, dereliction of Govt. duty and may warrant dismissal from service.

However, this notice is hereby issued to Shri Augustus Kindo, Mazdoor, directing him to report for duty within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in The Daily Telegram. He is required to submit valid reason and supporting documentary evidence for his unauthorized absence, failing which necessary disciplinary action as deemed fit under the relevant rules will be initiated against him without any further notice.

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HEARTS"

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SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (BROTHER)
AND FAMILY, HOTEL
KATTABOMMAN, ABERDEEN
BAZAAR, SRI VIJAYA PURAM.

12th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

On 22-12-2025

LATE.

P. THYAGARAJAN

"No farewell words were
spoken, there was no time to
say goodbye. You were gone
before we knew it and only
God knows why. We miss you
and love you always"

Inserted By: T. Indra (Wife), T. Priya & T. Krithika (Daughters),
P.K Sounder Rajan & Raja (Son-in-laws), S. Shivaansh (Grandson)
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The Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Collinpur Andaman & Nicobar Islands invites e-
tender in Two bid system i.e. Technical Bid & Financial Bid from Electrical contractors
(Society / individuals) having a team comprising of at least one lineman / wireman
and a helper, one of which should have a minimum qualification of ITI in Electrical (2
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The details and scope of work, terms and conditions, etc. are laid down in the
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