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Sunset time on 22.12.2024 (in IST): 1701
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Maiden visit of Chief Secretary to Mayabunder CS undertakes series of engagements aimed at understanding the region's developmental needs and addressing local concerns

Newly constructed 20-bedded Boys' Hostel at GMSSS Mayabunder inaugurated by CS

Mayabunder, Dec. 21

Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, made his maiden visit to Mayabunder today. During his visit, he undertook a series of engagements aimed at understanding the region's developmental needs and addressing local concerns.

The Chief Secretary commenced his visit by touring Aves Island, one of the 4-Island Project site, which holds significant promise for the economic and infrastructural development of the region along with the Deputy Commissioner, North and Middle Andaman, Ms. Nandini Maharaj, IAS, Divisional Forest Officers, Assistant Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Police Officers of the district.

The Chief Secretary also



held a meeting with members of Panchayati Raj Institutions of the district. During the interaction, the

Chief Secretary attentively listened to the grievances and issues raised by the



representatives, assuring them of timely resolution and effective administrative support

to address their concerns.

As part of his visit, the Chief Secretary inaugurated the newly constructed 20-bedded Boys' Hostel at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Mayabunder. This facility aims to enhance educational opportunities and provide better accommodation for students, particularly those from remote areas.

The Chief Secretary expressed his commitment to the holistic development of the region and emphasized the Administration's focus on ensuring infrastructure development, improving educational facilities, and addressing public grievances.

The visit reflects the Administration's dedication to fostering growth and development in the district, a press release from DC, N&M said.

'Prashashan Gaon Ki Ore' program held at Wimberlygunj & Swaraj Dweep by District Administration, South Andaman

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

As part of the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India initiative, the District Administration, South Andaman is observing the Good Governance Week (Sushasan Saptah) campaign 'Prashashan Gaon Ki Ore' from Dec.19 to 24, 2024, in which multiple events focused on bringing governance closer to the people are being organized.

As part of the campaign, Grievance Redressal Camp were organized at



Wimberlygunj Community Hall and Gram Panchayat, Govindanagar, Swaraj Dweep, respectively, addressing public grievances and providing Government services at the door step of the citizen.

The Camp at Wimberlygunj Community Hall was held under the chairmanship of Shri Vinayak Chamadia,

IAS, Assistant Commissioner, South Andaman. The event was attended by Ms Mariyam Bibi and Shri Ummer, Zilla Parishad Members, Ms Rasheeda, Pradhan, Hopetown and Pradhan, Mannarghat and Up-Pradhan, Stewartgunj, Panchayat Samiti members and other PRI members. The workshop saw

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Comprehensive health talk on menstrual health and hygiene organized by Community Medicine Department, ANIIMS & GB Pant Hospital

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

The Community Medicine Department, ANIIMS & GB Pant Hospital in the effort to raise awareness and foster understanding of menstrual health and hygiene among young girls organized a comprehensive health talk across three institutes in Sri Vijaya Puram. The health talk elaborated upon the biological process of menstrual cycle, pain



during menstruation, maintaining cleanliness, symptoms of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) and the social taboos surrounding menstruation.

The sessions were

conducted at Government Senior Secondary School (Garacharma), GDMS (Middle Point) and Pranab Kanya Sangha orphanage benefiting around 150 young girls

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Changemakers' Conclave held at New Delhi Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council receives Changemakers' Award for Best Practices in Solid Waste Management

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPVC) has been awarded the 'Changemakers' Award by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) at the 'Changemakers' Conclave' held on Dec.19, 2024 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The award recognizes the Council's exceptional progress in implementing innovative and sustainable practices in Solid Waste Management (SWM) and its successful engagement with the public to ensure their cooperation in the initiatives.

The felicitation ceremony was attended by prominent dignitaries, including Smt. Roopa Mishra, Joint Secretary,



Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0, and senior officials from key Ministries. Shri Bijoy Hawlader, Special Resident Commissioner, New Delhi, received the award on behalf of SVPVC, highlighting the Council's commitment to creating a cleaner, greener future for its citizens.

The 'Changemakers' Award highlights SVPVC's impactful initiatives, including the

Eco-Friendly Durga Puja campaign, school orientation programs, collaboration with fishermen to address marine litter, Ghost Net Collection Centers, the Milk Pouch Buy-Back Scheme with ANIIDCO, zero-plastic Green Festivals, the Green Hotel Rating Competition, SOP-based beach cleanup drives, etc. These efforts fostered community participation, setting a benchmark for urban local bodies across the nation.

The SVPVC underscores its direction in environmental sustainability and public collaboration. The Council invites NGOs and CSOs to join the #CleanUpSVP movement, making Sri Vijaya Puram a model city for others to emulate, a press release from SVPVC said.

Circuit Court from Jan. 6 to 20

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

Hon'ble Justice Madhuresh Prasad and Hon'ble Justice Supratim Bhattacharya, Judges of the Calcutta High

Court shall be sitting/holding Circuit Court at Port Blair on and from Jan. 6 to 20, 2025 (both days inclusive), a press release received from Registrar said.

Aayakar Bhavan & newly renovated Income Tax Guest House to be inaugurated on Dec. 23

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

Aayakar Bhavan at VIP Road, Sri Vijaya Puram will be inaugurated at 11.30 am on Dec. 23, 2024. Shri Krishna Mohan Dixit, IRS, Principal Chief of Income Tax, West Bengal & Sikkim will inaugurate the Aayakar Bhavan and the newly renovated Income Tax

Guest House. Shri Tajinder Pal Singh, IRS, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax-I, Kolkata and Shri Anand Kumar Singh, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax (Admn. & TPS), Kolkata will also grace the occasion, a press release from Dy. Commissioner of Income Tax, Sri Vijaya Puram said.

District Administration, SA takes swift action against fresh encroachments

7800 sq. mtrs of Govt. land reclaimed and restored to its original condition

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec.21

The District Administration, as part of its ongoing efforts to protect Government land, has successfully carried out eviction operations against fresh encroachments at various places in Sri



Vijaya Puram Tehsil. In Brookshabad

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Peripatetic Training prog. for Amalgamated Clerical Cadre concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

The valedictory function of the 5-day Peripatetic Training programme on RTI and Office Procedure, Noting, Drafting and Record Management was held yesterday in the Auditorium of TGCE. The training was conducted from Dec.16 to 20, by the Administrative Reforms and Training Wing of A&N Administration in association with the Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM), Department of Personnel & Training, Govt. of India, New Delhi for the Head Clerk, Higher Grade Clerks and Lower Grade Clerks of Amalgamated Clerical



Cadre working in various Departments of A&N Administration.

Smti Saralamma, Assistant Secretary (UD/AR&Trg.) was the chief guest on the occasion. The chief guest along with Smti Namita Malik, Joint Director and Shri Puneet Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director, both from ISTM, DoPT, Govt. of

India, New Delhi distributed the Training Course Certificates to all the participants. A total of 46 participants attended the training programme. Shri K. Palani, Office Superintendent (AR&Trg.) proposed the vote of thanks, a press release from Assistant Secretary (AR&Trg.) said.

'Prashashan Gaon Ki Ore' program held...

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active participation from the general public and representatives of various Government Departments. The Assistant Commissioner gave a patient hearing to all grievances and directed the concerned Departments to resolve the issues on priority basis.



During the Good Governance Camp, OBC Certificates and orders for cutting of dangerous trees were issued to the general public by the Assistant Commissioner. A separate meeting was subsequently held with the PRI members and line Departments, where the issues raised by the PRIs were addressed and actions were instructed for redressal.

Similarly, a Camp Court was held at Gram Panchayat, Govindanagar, Swaraj Dweep chaired by Shri Abhishek Gulia, Assistant Commissioner (Settlement) in the presence of Zilla Parishad members, Pradhans from Gram Panchayat, Govindanagar and Shyamnagar and other PRI members. Representatives from various line Departments, including Revenue, Police, APWD and Electricity, Medical, Fire service, Civil Supplies, Veterinary Hospital attended the Camp Court, which drew a large gathering of residents.

The Assistant Commissioner (Settlement) gave a patient hearing to all grievances and directed the concerned Departments to resolve the issues on priority basis.

During the the Camp, 04 certificates/documents, including Income Certificate, Resident Certificate, OBC and Local Certificate were issued. Shri Thomas Varghese, Tehsildar, Sri Vijaya Puram ordered resolving of 1 mutation case and 1 surrender case on the spot, ensuring immediate relief to the public.

The week-long celebrations being conducted under the aegis of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision for Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore (Administration Towards Villages), emphasized transparency, accountability, and responsive governance.

The District Administration, South Andaman, reaffirms its commitment in addressing public grievances and ensuring that the benefits of governance reach every corner of the District, a press release from DC, SA said.

Training workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystem culminates

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

The Zoological Survey of India, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre organized a three day Training workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystem under the Training of Personnel of Other Services sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India from Dec.19 to 21, 2024 which concluded this evening in the Auditorium of ZSI.

The training workshop was attended by 23 Officers from Indian Coast Guard, Andaman & Nicobar Police, Directorate of Shipping Services, CISF Veer Savarkar Airport, CISF Haddo Wharf, Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs, Directorate of Agriculture, Central Bureau of Investigation, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, INS Utkrosh, Port Management Board and Directorate of Fisheries. The workshop included class room teaching and field visit to



Chidiyatapu Biological Park, besides hands on training on the intertidal marine biodiversity at Burmanallah, South Andaman.

Dr. E.B. Charkurkar, Director, ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, A & N Islands was the chief guest of the valedictory function while Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Department of Environment and Forests was the special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. E.B. Charkurkar, congratulated all the participants for engaging with this unique and enriching training program. He mentioned about the importance of environment and ecosystem stating that the environment is not

just air or water; it is a complex system, a delicate balance of soil, air, water, plants, animals, bacteria, and viruses. All of these components are interconnected, and any disturbance to one part of the system affects the entire ecosystem, he remarked. Understanding our role in the ecosystem is equally important, he added.

In his address, Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, shared his experience during the workshop.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Course Director, mentioned about the objectives of the training course and presented the course report of the three days training workshop, a press release from ZSI said.

SBM Ambassador visits GSSS School Line



Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

To check the cleanliness under sanitation and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, the Ambassador of Mission Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri Naresh Chander Lal, Padma Shri Awardee today visited the Govt. Sr. Sec School, School Line and interacted with the students and teachers of the school and urged them to

maintain cleanliness at their school premises as well as in their respective societies.

He urged the students to keep themselves away from bad substances which harms their body and requested everyone not to waste water but to save water. Shri S.K. Roy, Principal of the School accompanied him during the visit, a press release from Ambassador, SBM said.

Comprehensive health talk on menstrual...

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empowering them to make informed choices regarding their menstrual health. The sessions were led by experts from the Community Medicine Department providing in-depth knowledge on the physiological aspects of menstruation, how to manage discomfort associated with dysmenorrhea, and understanding the impact of PCOS on menstrual cycles and overall well-being.

The young girls were also educated on the importance of hygienic disposal of sanitary pads and measures to prevent bacterial and fungal infections. The session also provided an opportunity for an interactive discussion, allowing students to clarify doubts or misconceptions about menstrual hygiene, to promote a better understanding of safe practices. The session concluded with the free distribution of sanitary napkins sponsored by Little Hearts NGO, a press release from ANIIMS said.

District Administration, SA takes swift action...

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fencing was removed, resulting in the restoration of 4,000 sq. mtrs of valuable Government land. Similarly, in Austinabad village, 400 sq. mtrs of land was reclaimed, and in School Line village, 300 sq. mtrs of encroached land was restored.

At Teylarabad village, encroachments along the roadside, including vegetable ghumtis and fencing, were cleared, freeing 400 sq. mtrs of Government land. Additionally, swift action in Corbyn's Cove and Dudh Line villages led to the removal of balli fencing, restoring another 400 sq. mtrs of public land.

In total, 7,800 sq. mtrs of Government land has been successfully reclaimed and restored to its original condition.

The District Administration remains committed to safeguarding Government lands and ensuring their appropriate use for public benefit. Encroachments on Government property will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law. For any concerns or information regarding unauthorized encroachments, citizens have been encouraged to contact the District Administration.

Members of the public have also been encouraged to report any instances of encroachment or seek further information by contacting the District Control Room at 03192-240127 / 238881 / 1070 or via WhatsApp at 9531888844. The Administration assures that the identity of informants will be kept confidential to ensure their safety, a press release from DC, SA said.

State Level Science Project Competition organized by Science Centre

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

The Science Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram conducted a State Level Science Project Competition for the school students studying in class VII to XI today. The Project/Models of the students were kept on display for public viewing. Among the displayed project, the best three models were selected by the panel of judges. Altogether 27 projects /models from various schools in & around Sri Vijaya Puram were put on display for the competition.

Thereafter, a felicitation programme was organized in the auditorium of Science Centre to felicitate the best projects. Accordingly, the project on 'IOT Based Food Spoilage Detecting System' presented by



Animesh Roy, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lamba Line was declared as first while the 'Soil Heat Synergy' presented by K. Harsith of Mahatma Gandhi International School, Brookshabad secured second place and 'Geostationary Satellite' presented by B. Megna, Kamaraj Sr. Sec. School was adjudged as third prize winner. Trophies along with cash awards of

Rs. 5000/-, Rs. 3000/-, Rs. 2000/- & individual certificates were distributed to the winning students by Dr. Lalji Singh, Joint Director & Scientist, Botanical Survey of India, A & N Administration as chief guest.

The programme was coordinated by Shri Debashis Paul, Education Officer attached to Science Centre, a press release from Science Centre said.

Training Prog. on PGS Certification organized by Regional Council of Organic & Natural Farming, Bhubaneswar

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

A two days Training Programme on PGS Certification was organized by Regional Council of Organic & Natural Farming, Bhubaneswar in association with the Department of Agriculture, A & N Islands. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Jagat Singh, Regional Director, RCONF, Bhubaneswar in the presence of Shri Ramesh Kumar, Joint Director(Agri) HQ and Shri S R Ingle, Assistant Director, RCONF, Bhubaneswar.

The Regional Director,

Shri Jagat Singh explained about the importance and potentialities of organic and natural farming. He further spoke about how to start organic farming in context to soil water conservation and on farm input management. The Joint Director (Agri) HQ explained about the potential and scope of organic farming in A&N Islands and also highlighted the problems faced by the farmers.

Shri S R Ingle, Assistant Director, RCONF, Bhubaneswar informed on PGS certification and emphasized the potential

horticultural crops that can be tapped under PGS certification like spices and coconut and large area can be brought under organic cultivation with the help of UT Govt. and it will help farmer to bring back the land under organic cultivation.

This programme was organized at Directorate of Agriculture, Sri Vijaya Puram on Dec.16 & 17, 2024, in which, Officers from Department of Agriculture, Scientists from ICAR, CIARI and progressive farmers participated, a press release from PIB, Sri Vijaya Puram said.

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| 1. | MV Nalanda | 24.12.2024 1100 Hrs | Sri Vijaya Puram | Car Nicobar via Little Andaman | 25.12.2024 at 1300 Hrs | Car Nicobar | Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman. |
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| Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule of MV Nalanda on 27 th December, 2024 will be issued from 23.12.2024. Passengers may book their tickets from DSS e-ticketing portal (https://dss.andaman.gov.in/eticketing) and from STARS Ticketing Counter between 09.00 AM to 04.00 PM. | | | | | | | |
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| Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule of MV Campbell Bay on 24 th December, 2024 will be issued from 21.12.2024 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters, Phoenix Bay from 0900 Hrs to 1600 Hrs only to those passengers who are holding the tickets of MV Sindhu. | | | | | | | |
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| 2. | Nalanda | 31.12.2024 0900 Hrs | Sri Vijaya Puram | Campbell Bay via Nancowry & Katchal | 02.01.2025 0800 Hrs | Campbell Bay | Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry |
| 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 consignors are hereby advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed. | | | | | | | |

BharatNet: Bridging the Digital Divide

From Remote Villages to Smart Communities

Introduction to BharatNet

In a world increasingly driven by digital innovation, internet connectivity has become a cornerstone for economic growth, education, healthcare, and governance. Digital divide was significant challenge, especially in rural India, and to address this, the government of India launched BharatNet in October 2011, an ambitious project aimed at providing affordable high-speed internet access to every Gram Panchayat in the country. This initiative, under the Ministry of Communications, seeks to empower rural India, fostering inclusive growth and bridging the gap between urban and rural communities. BharatNet is not merely an infrastructure project; it is the backbone of India's journey towards a truly digital nation.

Amended BharatNet 2023

In August 2023, the government approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP). The program provides for internet access by Optical Fibre (OF) connectivity to 2.64 lakh GPs in ring topology and also to provide OF connectivity to the remaining non-GP villages (approx. 3.8 lakhs) on demand basis. The design improvement, at a cost of Rs. 1,39,579 crores, in ABP is aiming at:

- Optical fiber connectivity from Block to GP in Ring topology
- IP- MPLS network with Routers at Blocks and GPs
- Provision of optical fiber connectivity to non-GP villages on demand basis
- Provision for Operation and maintenance for 10 years, including monitoring of network uptime through Centralized Network Operating Centre (CNOC) and payment to Project Implementation Agency (PIA) as per Service Level Agreement (SLA)
- Provision of Power backup of adequate level at GPs and Blocks
- Provision of Remote Fibre Monitoring System (RFMS) at Block for fibre monitoring

Digital Bharat Nidhi: Funding BharatNet

Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) is a fund that aims to improve the quality and accessibility of telecommunications services in India. It was established by the government of India as a replacement for the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The DBN's goals are to:

- Provide affordable and high-quality mobile and digital services in rural and remote areas
- Ensure equitable access to knowledge and information
- Promote economic growth by increasing digital connectivity and services
- Narrow the digital divide and remove barriers to access

Working of BharatNet

BharatNet operates as the world's largest rural broadband connectivity program. The project is being executed by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), which has been incorporated on 25.02.2012. On 30.04.2016, the Telecom Commission approved to implement the project in three phases:

- 1. Phase I:** Focused on laying optical fiber cables to connect 1 lakh Gram Panchayats by utilizing existing infrastructure. Completed in December 2017, this phase established the foundational network.
- 2. Phase II:** Expanded the coverage to an additional 1.5 lakh Gram Panchayats using optical fiber, radio, and satellite technologies. This phase incorporated collaborative efforts with state governments and private entities.
- 3. Phase III:** Aims at future-proofing the network by integrating 5G technologies, increasing **bandwidth capacity**, and ensuring robust **last-mile connectivity**. This phase is **ongoing**, with a focus on improving accessibility and reliability.

The network's core relies on optical fiber cables, satellite links for remote regions, and wireless technologies for last-mile connectivity. Implemented under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), BharatNet adopts a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to ensure efficient execution and maintenance.

Impact of BharatNet

BharatNet has had a transformative impact on rural India, contributing to socioeconomic development in multiple ways:

- 1. Digital Inclusion:** The project has connected remote villages to high-speed internet, enabling access to e-governance services, online education, and

telemedicine. Initiatives like the Digital India program thrive on BharatNet's infrastructure.

- 2. Economic Opportunities:** With internet access, rural communities can participate in digital commerce, access financial services, and explore entrepreneurial opportunities. This has significantly boosted income generation in underserved areas.
- 3. Education and Healthcare:** BharatNet has enabled digital classrooms and telehealth services, bridging the resource gap in rural areas. Students and patients now have access to quality education and medical expertise from urban centers.
- 4. Empowering Local Governance:** Gram Panchayats use BharatNet to implement e-governance projects, improving transparency, efficiency, and citizen engagement in public services.

Key Achievements and Milestones

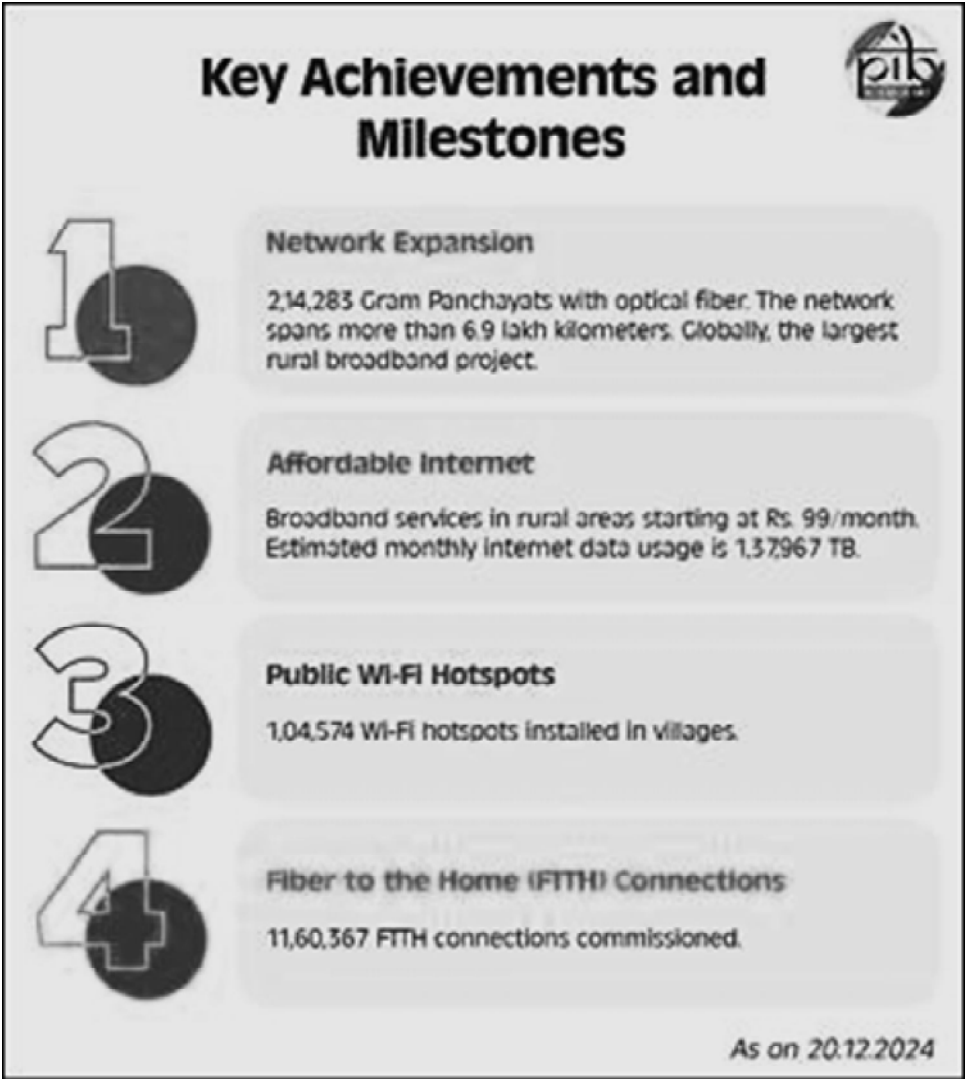
Internet Inclusivity in India

Internet access is available in the country including rural areas through the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) through wireless mobile and fixed wireline broadband. Government has taken numerous initiatives to enhance internet connectivity in India through mobile connectivity and optical fiber rollout. As a result, as of October, 2024:

- Number of 4G Base Transceiver Station (BTS) have reached 24,96,644, spread across 783 districts.
- India has seen the fastest rollout of 5G services in the world with 4,62,084 BTS deployed across 779 districts.
- The cost of data has reduced drastically from Rs 269 per GB (in March 2014) to Rs. 9.08 per GB.
- The Median mobile broadband speed has increased from 1.30 Mbps in March 2014 to 95.67 Mbps.
- The average wireless usage of data per subscriber has increased to 22.24 GB per subscriber per month.
- Out of 6,44,131 villages, 6,15,836 number of villages are having 4G mobile connectivity in the country.

Conclusion

BharatNet holds the promise of transforming rural India into a digitally empowered society. By addressing these challenges and maintaining its momentum, the initiative can pave the way for a more inclusive and connected future. BharatNet is more than an infrastructure project; it is a lifeline for millions of rural Indians aspiring to connect with opportunities beyond their immediate surroundings. With robust execution and sustained efforts, BharatNet will continue to bridge the digital divide and empower every corner of India with the transformative power of the internet. (Source:PIB)



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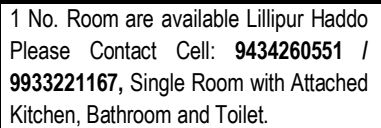
PUBLIC NOTICE

Sri Vijaya Puram dated the 19th December, 2024.

This is for the information of the general public that Shri V Sathy, W/o V Raju, R/o Rampur requested the Deputy Commissioner (SA) for correction of her husband's name as "V SATHY, W/o **V RAJU**" instead of "V SATHY, W/o N RAJU" in the revenue records in respect of land bearing Sy. No. 1/8/34 measuring an area of 0.020 Hect, situated at Namunaghar Village under Ferrarganj Tehsil.

If any person is having any claims or objections in the above subject matter, they shall submit their claims / objections before this Court within 15 days from the date of publication in person or through authorized agent alongwith all relevant records.

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