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Partly cloudy sky and very light rainfall likely at one or two places in Sri Vijaya Puram. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31.0°C and 24.5°C respectively on Thursday 19/02/2026.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.4
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.5
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 082
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 084
Sunrise time on 19/02/2026 (in IST): 0539
Sunset time on 19/02/2026 (in IST): 1727
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 003.1

Weather Report

Two Gram Panchayats of A&N Islands felicitated by Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj on the eve of Republic Day

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

In a proud moment for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, two dedicated Gram Panchayat leaders from the region have been honoured at the national level for their outstanding contribution to grassroots governance.

Smt. Rita Dhali, Pradhan of Kishori Nagar Gram Panchayat, and Smt. Jyothi, Pradhan of Sippighat Gram Panchayat, were felicitated during a special ceremony organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in New Delhi on January 25, 2026, on the eve of the 77th Republic Day. The awards were presented by the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, S. P. Singh Baghel.



The event recognised exemplary elected representatives from across the country. The selection of both leaders underscores the emergence of strong and dynamic grassroots leadership from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It is a moment of immense pride for the Union Territory, as two of its women representatives earned national appreciation for strengthening rural governance and deepening local democracy.

Their sustained efforts in promoting village-level development, ensuring transparent governance, and improving the quality of life for rural families in Kishori Nagar and Sippighat were widely appreciated by dignitaries present at the ceremony.

Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Minister emphasised that local leaders form the backbone of India's rural progress and play a crucial role in reinforcing democracy at the grassroots level. Expressing gratitude, both Smt. Rita Dhali and Smt. Jyothi thanked the Ministry and the

Hon'ble Minister for the prestigious recognition and reaffirmed their commitment to work tirelessly for the welfare and holistic development of their respective Gram Panchayats.

The ceremony was attended by senior officials of the Ministry, Panchayat representatives from various States and Union Territories, community leaders, and distinguished guests. The Republic Day recognition stands as an inspiration for other Gram Panchayats across the Islands to strive towards stronger grassroots governance and inclusive rural development, a press release received from Directorate of RD Deptt. said.

Andaman Nicobar Book Fair at ITF Ground Books for everyone; cultural evenings beckon all

'Kavya Sandhya-an evening of poetry' on Feb. 20 & performance by Puducherry artists on Feb. 21

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

The Art & Culture Department, A&N Administration, in association with the National Book Trust (NBT), New Delhi, is organizing a nine-day Andaman Nicobar Book Fair, the second in the series, at the ITF Ground at Sri Vijaya Puram, from February 14 to 22, 2026. Featuring 40+ stalls, 35+ publishers, the fair offers a rich and diverse literary experience for readers of all ages.

As part of the Book Fair, the National Book Trust is organizing various activities for the students of the Islands during morning hours, while in the evening, literary sessions and cultural programmes are being organized.

As part of the literary session in the ongoing Andaman Nicobar Book Fair- 2026, the Art & Culture Department of



A&N Administration will be hosting a special literary evening dedicated to poetry- 'Kavya Sandhya' at 6.30 pm on Feb 20, 2026. In this regard, participation is invited from local poets to share their creative works, in any language, on the stage. An open to all story telling competition will be held at 6.30 pm on February 21, 2026, in 2 groups - 8 yr to 13 yr and 14 to 18 yrs. Participation is invited

from school and college students in this competition.

Similarly, a programme of open to all folk dance is also scheduled to be held at the ITF Ground on Feb 22, 2026.

Interested participants for these above programmes may contact Shri Sujit Kr Roy, GTT (F/A), Department of Art & Culture over Phone no 9933241678 for participation.

Andaman & Nicobar Book Fair 2026: Day 5 sparks Creativity, Culture and Joyful Learning

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb.18

Book lovers, students, educators, and literature enthusiasts have a good time at Sri Vijaya Puram exploring the diverse range of books showcased at the Grand second edition of Andaman Nicobar Book Fair- 2026. Organized by National Book Trust, India with the support of the Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration, as many as 31 publishers from mainland India have set up their stalls with a wide variety of books of various genre and authors, in different languages.

Apart from the vibrant Book Stalls at the Fair, the day 5 of the Andaman & Nicobar Book Fair 2026 unfolded with vibrant energy as the Children's Corner continued to engage young minds through interactive



workshops, storytelling, art, and cultural performances at ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram. Organized by National Book Trust, India, the fair welcomed over 200 students from various schools across the city, who participated enthusiastically in the day's activities.

The day began on a lively note with a Musical Storytelling session by Alma and Gaurav. Children were enthralled by a delightful story about

the Sun refusing to come out, presented with expressive face masks, playful props, catchy jingles, and live guitar music. The interactive format transformed storytelling into a joyful and immersive experience filled with music and imagination.

The second session featured a Sensory Theatre Workshop conducted by Kavita Gupta, where children explored self-expression through movement, colourful



paper, sound, and rhythm. The workshop encouraged participants to experience stories not only through words but through emotions, gestures, and creative engagement.

The third session was a Poster Making Competition, where children selected from three engaging themes and expressed their ideas through vibrant artwork. The activity encouraged originality, artistic confidence, and thoughtful expression. Throughout the day,

the specially designed Activity Zone remained lively with enthusiastic doodling and creative exploration. Students also visited the bookstalls, discovering new titles and authors while immersing themselves in the festive spirit of books and learning.

The Day also featured a Special Musical Presentation by the Police Band, adding a spirited and patriotic tone to the celebration of books.

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Field demonstration on value addition of cow & goat milk conducted in RK Gram, Diglipur



Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

The Veterinary Hospital, Diglipur, under the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS) in collaboration with Agricultural Technology Management Agency

(ATMA), conducted a field-level demonstration on value addition of cow and goat milk today at the farm of Shri Anil Day, resident of RK Gram, Diglipur.

The programme aimed to create

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COS visits NCC Unit

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

Maj Gen Ajay Feroze Shah, Chief of Staff (COS) visited 1 A&N (I) Indep Inf Coy NCC and was briefed by the Commanding Officer Col KY Singh, on various training and administrative aspects. The COS interacted with the PI Staff and the



office staff. The visit was motivational for the entire NCC organization

of A&N Islands, a press release received here said.

Island Kisan Mela-2026 to be held at ICAR-CIARI on Feb. 27 & 28

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

The ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (CIARI), Sri Vijaya Puram, in association with ICAR-KVKs of the Andaman & Nicobar

Islands, will organise Island Kisan Mela-2026 on February 27 & 28, 2026 at the CIARI Mela Ground, Garacharma campus. The two-day farmer-centric event aims to promote

sustainable and climate-resilient crop, livestock and fisheries technologies suited to the island ecosystem.

A major attraction will be the Competition of

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Eco-Friendly Children's Park-cum-Fitness Track comes up at Pilpillow Village



Nancowry, Feb. 18

A traditional Eco-Friendly Children's Park-cum-Fitness Track constructed under the flagship programme of Ministry of Rural Development, GoI - VB-G RAM G scheme was formally inaugurated and dedicated to public service by Shri Aditya Sangotra, Assistant Commissioner, Nancowry, in the presence of Shri Mohammed Yunus M, Senior Programme Officer / Block Development Officer, Nancowry, and Shri

Tanveer Hussain, First Captain and Headmen of Pilpillow Village. The project was sanctioned and executed under the overall supervision of Sh. Amit Kale, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar Islands.

Pilpillow, a remote village located 31 km from the administrative headquarters under the Kamorta Tribal Council, had long lacked basic recreational facilities for children. Recognizing the need for a dedicated play area, a project was

conceptualized for construction of a traditional style eco-friendly recreational space. The initiative was proposed for implementation under the employment guarantee programme, thereby supporting local livelihoods while creating durable community assets.

Constructed at a cost of Rs. 2,99,049/- generating 809 mandays, the facility has been developed as a sustainable community asset integrating

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Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules of Foreshore Sector vessels will be issued to the general public from 20.02.2026 (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.



SRI VIJAYA PURAM – MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 23 rd February, 2026 onwards will be issued from 20.02.2026.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Rani Changa	18.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	19.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Rani Lakshmi	20.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	21.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Kalighat	21.02.2026 2000 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	22.02.2026 1500 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
4.	MV Rangat	23.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	24.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
5.	MV Hut Bay	25.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	26.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
6.	MV Baratang	27.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	28.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
7.	MV Sentinel	28.02.2026 1900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	01.03.2026 1400 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder

SRI VIJAYA PURAM – LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules w.e.f. 24 th February, 2026 onwards will be issued from 20.02.2026.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV North Passage	19.02.2026 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	19.02.2026 1300 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	Nalanda	20.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	21.02.2026 1000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	Nalanda	22.02.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	22.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	Nalanda	24.02.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	24.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	MV Bambooka	26.02.2026 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	26.02.2026 1300 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	Sindhu	27.02.2026 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	28.02.2026 1000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
7.	Nalanda	01.03.2026 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	01.03.2026 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram

SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAR NICOBAR via LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Sentinel	21.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	22.02.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman
2.	MV Sentinel	25.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	26.02.2026 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman

SRI VIJAYA PURAM – NANCOWRY via ALL PORTS							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Kalighat	26.02.2026 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Nancowry via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa & Katchal	01.03.2026 0500 Hrs	Nancowry	Sri Vijaya Puram via Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman

SRI VIJAYA PURAM – CAMPBELL BAY – NANCOWRY							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return voyage	From	To
1.	Sindhu	24.02.2026 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	26.02.2026 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 consigners are hereby advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

FORESHORE SECTOR							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
19.02.2026 (THURSDAY)							
1.	MV Rani Lakshmi	19.02.2026 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	19.02.2026 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Long Island	19.02.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	19.02.2026 0830 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Bambooka	19.02.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	19.02.2026 0845 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Rangat	19.02.2026 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	19.02.2026 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
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5.	MV Hut Bay	19.02.2026 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	19.02.2026 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
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6.	MV Long Island	19.02.2026 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	20.02.2026 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

20.02.2026 (FRIDAY)							
1.	MV Rangat	20.02.2026 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	20.02.2026 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Hut Bay	20.02.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	20.02.2026 0830 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV North Passage	20.02.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	20.02.2026 0845 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Rani Changa	20.02.2026 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	20.02.2026 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
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5.	MV Bambooka	20.02.2026 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	20.02.2026 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
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6.	MV Hut Bay	20.02.2026 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	21.02.2026 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

21.02.2026 (SATURDAY)							
1.	MV Rani Changa	21.02.2026 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	21.02.2026 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Baratang	21.02.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	21.02.2026 0830 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Bambooka	21.02.2026 0615 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	21.02.2026 0845 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram

Labour Department to organize Spot Registration Camp for PM-SYM & NPS-Traders Schemes for Un-Organized Workers, Shopkeepers & Self-Employed Persons

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

The Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India has proposed a nationwide Special Registration Campaign in a phased manner for the PM-SYM and NPS-Traders Schemes.

Accordingly, the Labour Department will organize a Spot Registration Camp for a period of five (05) days from 22.02.2026 to 26.02.2026 at the Workers Facilitation Centre, Dairy Farm, Sri Vijaya Puram, for registration of unorganized workers, small traders/shopkeepers, and self-employed persons under the PM-SYM & NPS-Traders Schemes.

All eligible unorganized workers, small traders/shopkeepers, and self-employed persons have

been requested to attend and register themselves at the above venue on the specified dates between 10 am and 4 pm for online enrollment and to avail the benefits of the schemes introduced by the Ministry.

Those unable to attend the camp may contact their nearest Common Service Centre (CSC) for enrollment under the above schemes.

The eligibility, scheme benefits, and enrollment criteria are detailed below:

Eligibility

- Unorganized Workers (PM-SYM):
 - ♦ Monthly income up to Rs. 15,000
 - ♦ Age between 18-40 years
 - ♦ Not covered under EPFO/ESIC/NPS
 - ♦ Not an income tax payer

➤ Small Traders/Shopkeepers (PM-LVM):

- ♦ Age between 18-40 years
- ♦ Annual turnover up to Rs. 1.5 crore
- ♦ Not an income tax payer
- ♦ Voluntary and contributory pension scheme.
- ♦ Minimum assured pension of Rs.3,000 per month after attaining 60 years of age.
- ♦ 50% family pension payable to spouse after the death of the subscriber.
- ♦ Equal matching contribution by the Central Government.

For clarifications, quarries or registration supports one may contact over phone No. 03192-230157 and Mobile No. 89009 01130, a press release received from Labour Commissioner & DET said.

Selection trials for inducting athletes under Residential Scheme in various sports event

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

The SAI, STC Sri Vijaya Puram is going to conduct selection trials for inducting athletes under the Residential Scheme in the disciplines of Football (Girls), Kayaking & Canoeing and Rowing in the age group of 10 to 14 years at Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram on 28th February, 2026.

Those sportspersons, who are in the age group of 10 to 14 years (born between 28th Feb, 2012 to 1st Mar, 2016) are eligible for the selection trials, selection will be on the basis of age verification, battery of test, skill test of specific

discipline, medical fitness and minimum height criteria for water sports boys:165 cm & girls:160 cm.

The facilities provided under SAI, STC Residential scheme are free lodging & boarding, Sports kit, Competition Exposure, Educational Expenses and Medical Insurance.

Those sportspersons willing to attend the selection trials should report at Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram on 28th Feb., 2026 at 9.30 AM along with the following documents viz. Original birth certificate, Aadhaar card, Sports certificate (Priority to

State and National level medalists/participants), Four passport size photo & Medical Fitness.

For further details or inquiries regarding selection trials email at saiandaman88@gmail.com, Instagram ID:-@sai.andaman or may contact coaches viz. Shri Mohd. Sadique, Coach (Football), Ph. No. 9531879321, Shri Karma Toppo, Asst. Coach (K&C) (OC), Ph. No. 9531956474, 6297596680, Shri Justin J Thomas, Asst. Coach (Rowing) (OC), Ph. No 9440533793, a press release received from Centre In-charge, SAI, STC said.

Inter Primary School Football League-cum-Knockout Tournament 2026

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

The Inter Primary School Football League-cum-Knockout Tournament 2026, organised by the Deputy Education Office, South Andaman, continued



for its 12th day on 18th February, 2026 at GSSS Girls Ground, witnessing enthusiastic participation and spirited competition among budding players from across the South Andaman Zone.

Day 12 – Final Match Results	
GSSS Girls Ground:	
Boy's Category	GMS Dollygunj defeated GSS South Point by 05-04 goals (tie breaker)
Girl's Category	PM SHRI GSSS Prothrapur defeated PM SHRI GSSS Garacharma by 04-00 goals

The final matches in the Boys & Girls Category showcased remarkable teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination as teams competed fiercely. In the final match, Shri Gyan Sheel Dubey, HoO, Directorate of Education & DEO South Andaman, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Shri Irshad Ahmed, Assistant Director (Sports), Directorate of Education, and Shri Bishwanath Sen, Assistant Director (Sports), SYA, attended as guests of honour. They felicitated the Winner and Runner-up teams in both the Boys' and Girls' categories.

Appreciation certificates were distributed to the schools that performed the Band Troop and presented the Cultural Programme during the First CRC Level Annual Athletic Meet 2026, a press release received from DEO (SA) said.

Field demonstration on value addition of..... (Contd. from page 1)

awareness among dairy and goat farmers about enhancing income through processing and value addition of cow and goat milk. Farmers were explained the high nutritional value of goat milk products, their growing market demand especially among children and elderly people, and how value addition reduces post-harvest losses, generates rural employment, and promotes women participation through Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

A large number of farmers, including many women, actively participated in the demonstration, showing keen interest in adopting value-added practices. The Department will continue to conduct such field-level demonstrations to foster entrepreneurship, strengthen the rural dairy sector, and support sustainable livelihoods in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a press release received from Directorate of AH&VS said.

A&N Administration Team shines on Day 4 of AICS Badminton Championship at Goa

Panaji, Feb. 18

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration team delivered an outstanding performance on the 4th day of the ongoing AICS Badminton Championship at Goa.

Today's Match Results:

➤ Above 50 Years Category:
Majeed (A&N) defeated Mansingh (Hyderabad) with a convincing score of 15-4, 15-4.

➤ Open Doubles - Pre-Quarter Final:
The pair of Rajesh Roshan & Anten (A&N Administration Team) triumphed over Zanpear & Nakul (A&N Administration Team) with a score of 15-13, 15-13.

The pair of Rajesh Roshan & Anten (A&N Administration Team) triumphed over Zanpear & Nakul (A&N Administration Team) with a score of 15-13, 15-13.

➤ Above 40 Years Category:
Yoosuf (A&N) defeated Navin (Telangana) with a convincing score of 15-12, 15-6.

The remaining matches are continuing as per the fixture schedule, a press release received here said.

Entries invited for Football knockout Tournament

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 18

Entries have been invited for Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Football Champions League-I Football Knockout Tournament (Men's Open) Day & Night to be held from Mar. 7. The entry is free and the last date for entry is

March 1 by 5 pm. The winner of the tournament will get a cash prize a Rs. 1,00,000/-. For further details, contact: Shri M. Syed Meeran (SYA, Football Coach), Cell No. 7679973351, a press release received here said.

Andaman & Nicobar Book Fair 2026.....

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The Police Entertainment Team presented an engaging skit highlighting an awareness programme against drug abuse, delivering an important social message to the audience.

A storytelling session by Chanchal Singha Roy further enriched the literary atmosphere. He narrated inspiring stories of students from the islands, with narratives deeply rooted in local culture, traditions, and nature. The session beautifully highlighted the unique identity and heritage of the A&N Islands.

Adding to the cultural vibrancy of the evening, students from 'Balkrishna Nritya Academy' presented graceful dance performances from Nepali, Marathi and Punjabi culture, while Soul Music Association enthralled the audience with a captivating musical performance comprising Bangla folk songs and Hindi patriotic songs.

With engaging workshops, meaningful awareness campaigns, and lively cultural presentations, Day 5 of the A&N Book Fair-2026 once again demonstrated the fair's commitment to nurturing creativity, cultural pride, and a strong reading culture in the islands. The fair continues at ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram, inviting visitors of all ages to be part of this enriching celebration of books and ideas until 22nd February, 2026.

Island Kisan Mela-2026 to be held.....

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Locally Grown Fruits and Vegetables, providing farmers an opportunity to exhibit their quality produce and encouraging innovation, diversity and value addition in island agriculture. The mela will serve as a vibrant platform for farmers, farm women, SHGs, agri-entrepreneurs, startups, fisheries and livestock stakeholders, students and extension personnel to interact directly with ICAR scientists.

Live demonstrations will cover improved crop varieties, integrated farming systems, aquaculture practices, scientific livestock management, horticultural technologies, post-harvest processing and market linkages. Special focus will be given to agripreneurship and business incubation support.

The event is open to all and entry is free from 9 am to 6 pm. Farmers and stakeholders are cordially invited, a press release received from CIARI said.

Eco-Friendly Children's Park-cum-Fitness.....

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traditional design elements with eco-friendly locally available materials. The park provides a safe and engaging recreational space for children promoting healthy lifestyles among tribal residents of the village.

Speaking on the occasion, the Assistant Commissioner, Nancowry highlighted that the initiative reflects the Administration's commitment to grass root development, environmental stewardship, and inclusive public infrastructure. He exhorted the community members to maintain the space neatly, so that it is effectively put to use. The community representatives expressed appreciation for the creation of a shared space that strengthens recreation, fitness, and social cohesion in the village.

The project stands as a testament to collaborative local governance and the effective implementation of rural employment initiatives in creating durable, community-centric assets, a press release received from Block Development Officer, CD Block - Nancowry said.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATION

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 13th February, 2026.
No.45/2026/F. No. 14/ACS/Quarry/LA/2021-22/TS-II/2021.- WHEREAS, in pursuance of Rule 15(1) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Minor Minerals Rules, 2012, A Committee was constituted vide Notification No.132/2015/F.No.34-738/2012-Rev(PF) dated 3rd August, 2015 for preparing Quarry Plan for the area(s) identified for quarrying under the provisions of the Rules.

AND, WHEREAS, the Committee after due examination, finalized a quarry plan at Hut Bay village, Little Andaman.

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A. BACKGROUND

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An area of 0.25 hectares out of Survey No. 942 total area 21.04 hectares situated at Hut Bay village was identified for conduct of quarrying by without use of explosives.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, in pursuance of Rule 15 and Section 5 (b) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Minor Minerals Rules, 2012 read with Administration's Order No.312 dated 30/01/2015 and in supersession of Administration's Notification No.4-2/19-R/Quarry/PF-I dated 09/10/2012 notified the following committee vide Notification dated 03/08/2015 for South Andaman District for preparing quarry plan for the area(s) identified for quarrying under Rule 6 of the said rules:-

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The above Committee has been assigned the task of preparing quarry plan(s) for South Andaman District, which shall include for each identified area outer boundary, potential for extraction or crushing, progressive and final closure plan of quarry, plans for reclamation and restoration of land, measures for pollution control, responsibility of the quarry lease holder and any other matter that the committee may decide. The plan shall also include the cost of preparation of such plan or plans to be apportioned amongst the lease holders of quarries established on such area in such a manner as the committee may decide.

The Assistant Conservator of Forest (FC) was nominated as member of the Committee by PCCF, DDHS was nominated by Director of Health Services as member of the Committee and Superintendent Engineer (Planning), APWD was nominated as member of the Committee by Chief Engineer, APWD. As per IIT Kharagpur report received in the year 2021 a total quantity of 23,651 CBM stone volume was available in respect of Quarry Site No. 942/1. The said quarry site was allotted in favour of EE, APWD during the year 2021-2022 and in the year 2022-2023 and the extended period of six months. As per the Joint Inspection Report furnished there are 16266 CBM of Stone boulders now available for extraction.

The Committee held its meeting on 02.12.2025 at 3:00 PM, the Chairman informed about the urgency in preparing the quarry plan for the areas identified at Hut Bay village for quarrying and presented a draft quarry plan of the area before the committee for its perusal.

The Committee after perusal of the draft quarry plan and after deliberations and after making such modifications as deemed fit has prepared and finalized the quarry plan.

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- The selected area has limited spatial extent, recognizable through topographic expressions, small hillocks, mounds, ridges over shorter intervals having narrow depressions etc.
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- After taking levels and fixing benches within the blocks, the slope to be maintained at each plot has been arrived at in such a manner that at the end of quarrying from the area we have a gradient of 45 degree angle or a flat land which can be used for any other purposes.
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- Infrastructure- Emphasis on maintaining the existing roads, etc. and creation of toe / retaining walls, check dams etc.
- Disposal or removal of Quarrying Machineries & construction like hutment / shed if any.
- The Administration may include any activity as a part of closure plan at any point of time.
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The following activities for reclamation and restoration of the land have to be jointly undertaken by the lease holder/successful bidder under the supervision of concerned Departments such as Revenue, Forest, Andaman Public Works Department and the Pollution Control Committee of the Union Territory :

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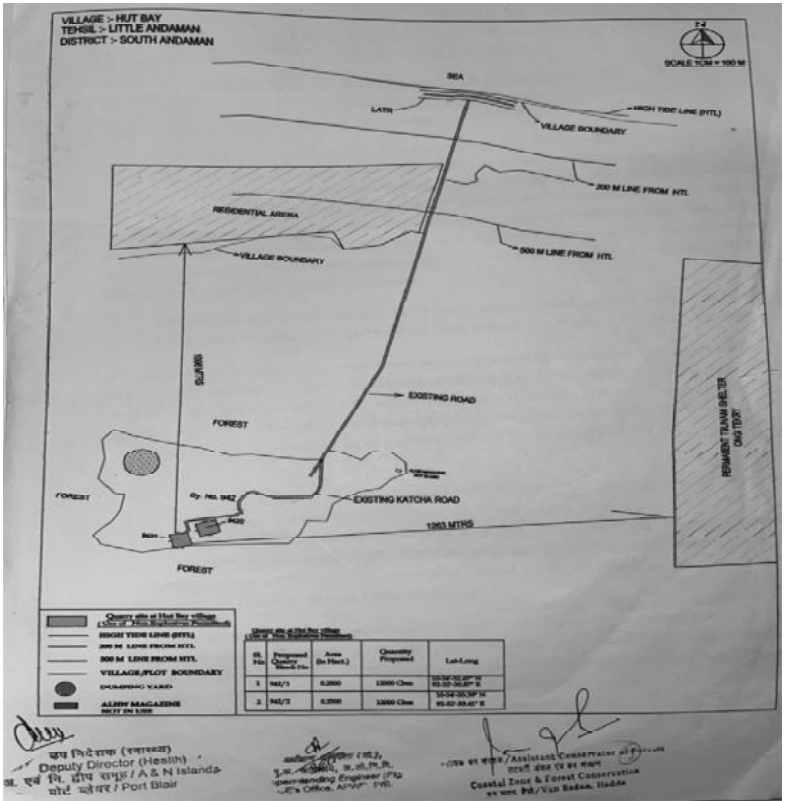
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Sd./-
Ms. Purva Garg, IAS
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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT
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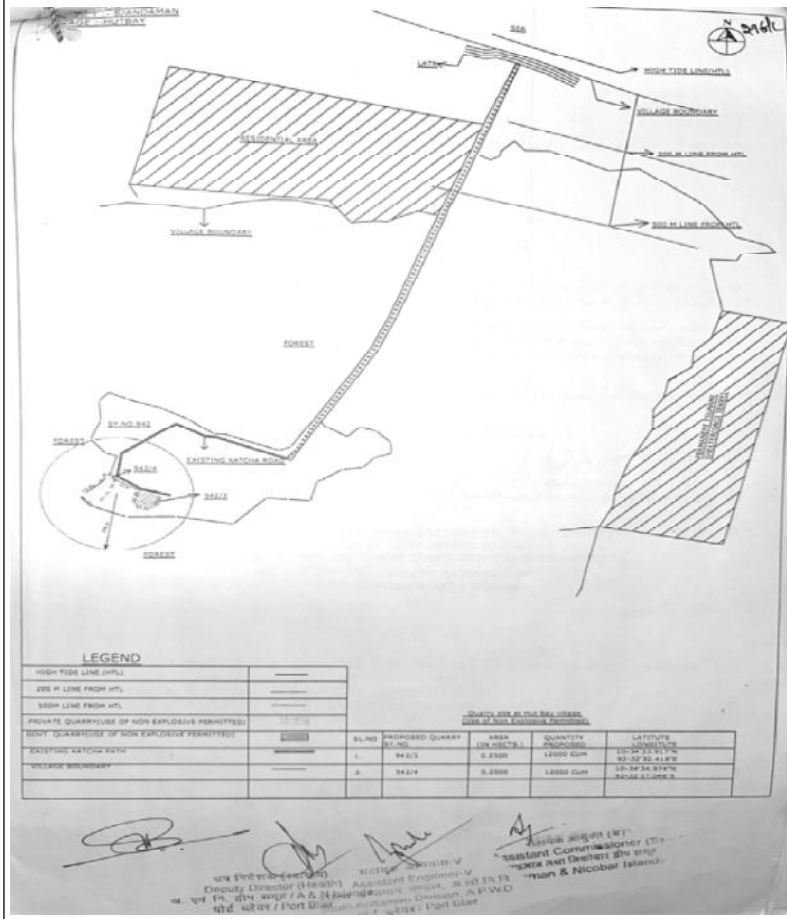
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Sd./-

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- Male- Data entry operator and Field work with 2 wheeler. Salary 15000*. Qualification : Any
- Email your CV/Resume/Biodata:**
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Platinum Kia, ☎ 9932082831

Garacharma Main Rd, Sri Vijaya Puram

(UDYAM-AN-01-0008899) *Terms & condition apply.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, V.K.Pur, Little Andaman invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors for the below mentioned work.

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

Tender ID: 2026 RDPRI 21934 1

I.D. No. 11991

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Panchayati Raj Institution

South Andaman Division-I

Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman

First Death Anniversary

On 19th Feb., 2026

**LATE SMT. NEELA BORA**
(Rtd. GTT)

W/o N K Bora

R/o Phoenix Bay

DOB: 23rd May, 1958DOD: 19th Feb., 2025

*You are forever in
our hearts, gone but
not forgotten,
"A LIFE WELL LIVED"*
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a treasure.

In Loving Memory by:

N K Bora & Nishant Bora,

Mob. 9679553867

**WALK-IN INTERVIEW FOR CONTRACTUAL
TEACHERS (2026-27)**

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Sl. No.	DATE	POST & SUBJECT	REPORTING TIME
1	26/02/2026	TGT (Hindi, English, Mathematics, Science, Social science & Sanskrit.)	7:30 AM
2	26/02/2026	PGT (Hindi, English, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Mathematics, Computer Science, Economics, Commerce, History, Geography)	10:30 AM
3	27/02/2026	PRT, PRT (Music) & Balavatika teachers	7:30 AM
4	27/02/2026	Nurse, Counselor for guidance and counseling, Games Coach, Computer instructor, Yoga Instructor, Art & craft teacher, TGT - Special Educator and PRT - Special Educator	10:30 AM

1. REGISTRATION:

For registration the candidates are requested to apply on the link given below on or before 24/02/2026.

<https://forms.gle/nWN4RaA138pzNYJw8>

2. All the proformas related to the interview must be downloaded from the school website

3. The eligibility criteria and eligibility qualification will be strictly as per the latest guidelines of KVS.

4. Candidates must bring filled biodata form with one passport size photo and photocopies of all required documents with originals.

5. For more information, keep visiting the Vidyalaya website

<https://no2portblair.kvs.ac.in/>

PRINCIPAL

PM SHRI KV NO.2 SRI VIJAYA PURAM

**REQUIRES PREMISES ON
RENTAL BASIS**

State Bank of India invites offers for leased/rental premises for our proposed Madhupur Branch from the PSUs/Government Departments and prospective Promoters/Private parties/Owners/Power of Attorney holders for ready-built/under-construction building, preferably on ground floor in and around Madhupur (Diglipur), North and Middle Andaman with adequate space for vehicle parking, 24 hour water supply and electricity, 3-phase power connection and other amenities as under:

- The building should have a minimum usable floor area of around 1500-2000 sqft. Preferably on ground floor, and exclusive not annexed or attached to any other outside offices or buildings.
- The premises should be located on the main road and nearer to marketplace, bus stop etc with clear approach to the premises and adequate space for parking and movement of medium and light motor vehicles.

Intending parties may submit the application at State Bank of India, Regional Business Office, Sri Vijaya Puram, SBI Complex, 1st Floor, Mohanpura, Sri Vijaya Puram during office hours from 10 am to 5 pm on or before 28.02.2026. No brokerage shall be paid by the Bank.

The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/-

Regional Manager,
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1. Chef allrounder
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3. Housekeeping staff
4. Steward

Interested candidate may walk in interview between 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM at The Luxor Hotel, Haddo.

WhatsApp 9679502774

GST NO. 35AANFT0359C129

AFFIDAVIT

I, Anne Mary Antony, Daughter of Daniel Antony, aged about 25 years, Resident of Deen Street, Junglighat, under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby solemnly affirms and declare as follows:-

1. That I am a permanent resident of the above-mentioned address.
 2. That my name has been wrongly recorded as "Ann Mary" in my Birth Certificate issued by the State of Kerala Bearing Registration No. 146/01.
 3. That my correct name is "Anne Mary Antony", which is correctly recorded in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 6305 4051 5301 and other Government records.
 4. That the names "Ann Mary" and "Anne Mary Antony" both refer to one and the same person, that is myself.
 5. That this affidavit is made for the purpose of declaring my actual and correct name as "Anne Mary Antony" and for Correction in my Birth Certificate and other official records.
- That the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed.

DEPONENT

TO LET

One BHK Near Carmel School, Opp. Nicobari Church, Goal Ghar. Sri Vijaya Puram. Contact: 9933272884

With folded hands and humble hearts,**We invite you to attend the Shradh Ceremony of our beloved**

Your gracious presence and blessings will mean a lot to us as we pray together for the soul's eternal peace.

May the soul attain eternal peace.**Remembered by:****N.T. Suba Laxmi (Wife) and all family members.****RFP for Operation and Management of Surmai Reef Guest House, Long Island, A&N Islands, through Public Private Partnership (PPP)**

Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Ltd. (ANIIDCO) invites RFP for Operation and Management of Surmai Reef Guest House, Long Islands, A & N Islands, through Public Private Partnership (PPP). Details of the RFP can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andamannicobar.gov.in> and <https://aniidco.and.nic.in>.

The last date for submission of RFP is 3.00 PM on 13.03.2026 and the technical bids will be opened on the same day i.e. 13.03.2026 at 3.30 PM.

ANIIDCO reserves the right to annul the process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager (Projects)**F. No. 1-1798/ANIIDCO/Projects/2023-24/5897 Dt:16.02.2026****WE ARE HIRING****Beyond Oceans Travel Company**

Sales Executive – 10 Posts, Tour Coordinator – 2 Posts, Driver – 2 Posts

- Fluency in English & Hindi is must.
 - Experience in Travel Industry required (minimum 1 yr.)
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Salary (Senior Sales Executive) – 20k to 30k + Incentives

Contact Ph. 7908671247, info@beyondoceans.in**Office address: Beyond Oceans, 1st Floor, Anarkali, Sri Vijaya Puram**
Reg. No. 21986/LC/2025**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A Voluntary Blood Donation Camp (Open to All) is being organized by the Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mill Division, Chatham in collaboration with the Andaman & Nicobar Islands AIDS Control Society, GB Pant Hospital.

Date: 20.02.2026 | **Time:** 09:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs**Venue:** Conference Hall, Govt. Saw Mill, Chatham

Contact details: +91-6296741453 [Interested donors can submit their names on or before 20.02.2026. For more queries contact the number.]

All willing and medically eligible persons are invited to participate. Blood donation will be conducted by qualified medical professionals in accordance with the guidelines of the State Blood Transfusion Council and applicable safety and hygiene norms.

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Location: Austinabad (Carbyn's Chowk),

Salary: Discuss On Call

Contact: 9933210799**URGENT SALE**

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TO LET

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