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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 Gram Panchayat 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 Gram Panchayat

representatives earned national appreciation for strengthening rural governance and deepening local democracy. Their sustained efforts in promoting village-level development, ensuring transparency in 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

Ministry for their

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, Gram 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 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,

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



Islands, will organise Island Kisan Mela-2026 on February 27 & 28, 2026 at the CIARI Mela Ground, Garacharoma campus. The two-day farmer-centric event aims to promote sustainable and climate-resilient crop, livestock and fisheries technologies suited to the island ecosystem.

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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-KVAs of the Andaman & Nicobar

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



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.

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.

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.

Date	Time	Event
19.02.2026	05:00 PM	1. Performance by Police Band.
	06:00 PM	2. Legal Awareness Programme by DLSA.
	06:30 PM	3. Classical Dance Performance by Gauri Shankar Dance Academy.
	06:45 PM	4. Classical dance Performance by Vikas Dance Academy.
	07:00 PM	5. Folk and patriotic songs Performance by Event Musical Group.
20.02.2026	05:00 PM	1. Performance by Police Band.
	06:00 PM	2. Semi Classical Dance by Smti. Sonali Poddar (Durga- 10 min.)
	06:15 PM	3. Patriotic /folk Dance by DNA.
	06:30 PM	4. Kavya Sandhya by local poets.
	07:30 PM	5. Patriotic song Performance by Kala Pani Band
21.02.2026	05:00 PM	1. Performance by Police Band.
	05:30 PM	2. Martial Art.
	05:45 PM	3. Session by NBT -Contested Legacies: A Journalist's Take on Savarkar, Hindutva, and Evolution of Political Ideas in India—Utpal Borpujari in conversation with Vaibhav Purandare.
	06:30 PM	4. Story telling competition
	07:00 PM	5. Classical Dance by Mudra Academy
22.02.2026	05:00 PM	1. Police Band
	06:00 PM	2. Session by NBT -Island of Stories: Filmmaking, Feminine Grit, and the Poetry of Everyday Life—Utpal Borpujari in conversation with Dr Meena Longjam
	06:45 PM	3. Session by NBT- Beyond One Narrative: Subhas Chandra Bose and India's Struggle for Independence—Utpal Borpujari in conversation with Chandrachur Ghose
	07:30 PM	4. Folk dance/songs by college students

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



Nancowry, Feb. 18 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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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. 23rd 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. 24th 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	Remarks
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
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

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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 enrollment under 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

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred under Rule 5 read with Rule 16 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Minor Minerals Rules, 2012, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor being the competent authority has approved the quarry plan containing the location, site plan, progressive and final closure plan, reclamation and restoration plan including specific guidelines for source-wise pollution control measures to be followed for quarry operations in South Andaman District as under:

QUARRY PLAN

A. BACKGROUND

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Minor Minerals Rules, 2012 was notified on 20th September, 2012. In pursuance of Rule 6, contiguous areas for quarrying, having due regard to the restrictions mentioned in Rule 4, general topography and environmental aspects, was identified at Hut Bay village in Little Andaman Tehsil.

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:-

1	The Assistant Commissioner (HQ)	Chairman
2	Representatives of Health Department as nominated by Director, Health Service	Member
3	Representatives of APWD as nominated by Chief Engineer, APWD, Sri Vijaya Puram	Member
4	Representatives of Forest Department as nominated by PCCF	Member
5	The Assistant Commissioner (Settlement)	Convenor

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.

B. LOCATION

An area of 0.25 hectares was identified at Hut Bay village under Little Andaman Tehsil for conduct of stone quarrying without use of explosives.

● An area measuring 0.25 hectares has been identified out of the land bearing Sy. No. 942 area 21.04 hectares situated at Hut Bay village recorded in favour of Govt. Revenue Department (the area is shown in the map at page No. 9 of the plan).

● The details of area identified are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Block	Sy. No.	Area in Hect.
1.	942/1	942	0.25

● The subject land is free from all encumbrances and the area includes the sites from where quarrying operations were being undertaken earlier.

● The selected area satisfies the restrictions mentioned in Rule 4 and is more than 500 meters from any Educational Institution, Health Institution and more than 1 Kilometre from residential area and from HTL.

● The outer boundary of the identified quarry area is as shown in the map at page No. 09 of the plan.

C. SITE PLAN

i The selected area has limited spatial extent, recognizable through topographic expressions, small hillocks, mounds, ridges over shorter intervals having narrow depressions etc.

ii The extraction from this area would be of minor minerals only i.e. earth and stone boulders. Physical inspection has revealed that there are sufficient deposits of these minor minerals at the site.

iii Quarrying in this area is not exactly mining but is more like digging and levelling. This would ultimately result in getting flat land bounded by hillocks having a gradient of 45 degree angle.

iv It is a labour intensive activity'. The committee has also been apprised that due to closure of the quarries, the workers have become unemployed and facing hardships.

v The Committee after considering all the above points, the occurrence of Minor mineral, geographical condition and likely difficulties to be faced by the Regulatory Authorities in monitoring the environmental impact and implementation of necessary mitigation measures, is of the opinion to adopt cluster approach in the area and lease out mines having an area of 0.25 hectares .

vi The detail layout plan may be seen at page No.09 of the plan.

D. POTENTIAL FOR EXTRACTION OF MINOR MINERAL AND YEARLY EXTRACTION

● 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.

● As stated earlier the committee is satisfied that the quarry sites are having existence of minor mineral. However, committee feels that it is for the prospective bidder to do the estimate prior to bidding and satisfy themselves with regard to quantity of minor minerals.

● In order to stagger the quarry operations over a period of time, the Committee decided to allow extraction of upto 12,000 cbm Minor Minerals per annum.

E. PROGRESSIVE AND FINAL CLOSURE PLAN

● Considering the small size of quarry sites to be leased out, the Committee feels that progressive closure plan would not be feasible however avenue plantation is to be undertaken as an interim measure for protection of the environment.

● The Committee has decided to recommend guidelines for final closure of quarry. The following points are to be considered as a part of final closure of the quarry :

(a) Location of the Quarry.

(b) Topography of the Quarry

(c) Reason for Closure or Reserves of Minor Minerals available for future in the quarry, if any

(d) The reclamation and rehabilitation of the mined quarries indicating the method of reclamation / restoration of land and quarries pits.

(e) Water quality and hydrology of the area indicating water bodies, surface run-off, vulnerability to erosion, sedimentation / siltation, diversion of water course, contamination, quantity and quality change of water in water bodies. The corrective and protective measures are to be considered.

(f) Air quality indicating air quality status & corrective measure to prevent pollution.

(g) Waste Management indicating status, type, quality and quantity of over burden, earth / top soil removed and prevention measure & disposal methods of the overburden in case not utilized for stabilization & for filling the pits. The protective measures to be taken for prevention of siltation, erosion and dust generation from these waste materials should also be addressed.

(h) Infrastructure- Emphasis on maintaining the existing roads, etc. and creation of toe / retaining walls, check dams etc.

(i) Disposal or removal of Quarrying Machineries & construction like hutment / shed if any.

(j) The Administration may include any activity as a part of closure plan at any point of time.

(k) Statutory obligations like payment of wages / Compensation for retrenchment of manpower / labours under ID Act, and handling any other kind of repercussions shall be the sole responsibility of quarry lease holder.

(l) Disaster Management & Risk Assessment-indicating the probable high risks like landslides, seismic activities, inundation of low areas in abandoned quarry and action plan to mitigate these risks.

(m) Monitoring and Evaluation of the activities of the closure plan.

● The above activities shall be undertaken jointly by the lease holder successful bidder under the supervision of Department of Revenue, Forest, Andaman Public Works Department and the Pollution Control Committee of the UT.

F. PLANS FOR RECLAMATION AND RESTORATION OF LAND

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

(a) Plantation activities to be taken up in strips (along the approach road) & Blocks (in the abandoned / closed quarries).

(b) Coastal / Littoral species of trees / plants will be selected for Strip Plantation along road and Hardy and fast growing tree species will be selected for block plantation.

(c) The Strip Plantation along the road will be taken up in 2-3 rows depending upon the availability of land along the road.

(d) The Strip Plantation on the sea ward side of the road will be raised in staggered / quincial pattern with spacing of 3 mts. x 3 mts. (row to row & plant to plant respectively).

(e) Casualty / mortality filling of the plantations will be carried out for minimum of three years starting from year of planting.

(f) Maintenance of the plantation will be done continuously for minimum of five years or more till the establishment of the plantations and activities like mulching, weeding, climber cutting and cleaning including the repair and maintenance of tree guards / fences will be taken up in each year.

G. MEASURES FOR POLLUTION CONTROL

● During quarrying operations, the water should be sprayed at least once in a day over the roads at the quarry sites and nearby areas by the lease holders.

● Kachha road, used for transportation of stone boulders, from the quarry site shall be invariably sprayed by water during these operations. In order to minimize dust pollution, measures such as adoption of hoods at transfer points, vulcanizing of conveyor belt joints, under belt cleaning devices, and installation of dust suppressions and/or dust extraction system for conveyance shall be adopted.

● The kachha road leading to the quarry shall have avenue plantation to arrest the dust pollution.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR SOURCEWISE POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR STONE QUARRIES BY THE LEASE HOLDER

AIR POLLUTION

DRILLING :

1) Drilling machine shall be fitted with dust suppression, collection and disposal arrangement.

2) Deep wetting of drilling zones shall be done by water sprinkling before starting drilling.

3) During the drilling operations the efforts shall be made to reduce dust generation by taking appropriate measures

Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM) :

1) The operator / transporter shall carry out regular maintenance of the machinery and vehicles.

2) The speed limit shall be adhered to.

3) Operator's cabin of the HEMMs should preferably be air conditioned at least air tight.

4) The smoke emission should conform to the standards notified in Motor Vehicle Act.

5) The trucks carrying the mined products shall be covered with tarpaulin so that there are no fugitive emissions during transportation.

OVERBURDEN :

6) The transportation should not be through the busy roads in the city / towns / villages if by pass roads are available.

HAUL ROADS :

1) All the haul and service roads shall be metalled and well maintained.

2) Un-metalled haul roads shall be free of ruts and pot holes.

3) All haul roads and surface roads shall be regularly sprayed with water.

4) Plantation alongside haul roads (avenue plantation) shall be carried out done.

OVERBURDEN :

5) The subject land is free from all encumbrances and the area includes the sites from where quarrying operations were being undertaken earlier.

● The selected area satisfies the restrictions mentioned in Rule 4 and is more than 500 meters from any Educational Institution, Health Institution and more than 1 Kilometre from residential area and from HTL.

● The outer boundary of the identified quarry area is as shown in the map at page 09 of the plan.

C. SITE PLAN

i The selected area has limited spatial extent, recognizable through topographic expressions, small hillocks, mounds, ridges over shorter intervals having narrow depressions etc.

ii The extraction from this area would be of minor minerals only i.e. earth and stone boulders. Physical inspection conducted by IIT Kharagpur has revealed that there are sufficient deposits of these minor minerals at the site.

iii Quarrying in this area is not exactly mining but is more like digging and levelling. This would ultimately result in getting flat land bounded by hillocks having a gradient of 45 degree angle.

iv It is a labour intensive activity'. The committee has also been apprised that due to closure of the quarries, the workers have become unemployed and facing hardships.

v The Committee after considering all the above points, the occurrence of Minor mineral, geographical condition and likely difficulties to be faced by the Regulatory Authorities in monitoring the environmental impact and implementation of necessary mitigation measures, is of the opinion to adopt cluster approach in the area and lease out mines having an area of 0.25 hectares .

vi The detail layout plan may be seen at page 09 of the plan.

D. POTENTIAL FOR EXTRACTION OF MINOR MINERAL AND YEARLY EXTRACTION

● 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.

● As stated earlier the committee is satisfied that the quarry sites are having existence of minor mineral. However, committee feels that it is for the prospective bidder to do the estimate prior to bidding and satisfy themselves with regard to quantity of minor minerals.

● In order to stagger the quarry operations over a period of time, the Committee decided to allow extraction of upto 12,000 cbm Minor Minerals per annum.

E. PROGRESSIVE AND FINAL CLOSURE PLAN

● Considering the small size of quarry sites to be leased out, the Committee feels that progressive closure plan would not be feasible however avenue plantation is to be undertaken as an interim measure for protection of the environment.

● The Committee has decided to recommend guidelines for final closure of quarry. The following points are to be considered as a part of final closure of the quarry :

(a) Location of the Quarry.

(b) Topography of the Quarry

(c) Reason for Closure or Reserves of Minor Minerals available for future in the quarry, if any

(d) The reclamation and rehabilitation of the mined quarries indicating the method of reclamation / restoration of land and quarries pits.

(e) Water quality and hydrology of the area indicating water bodies, surface run-off, vulnerability to erosion, sedimentation / siltation, diversion of water course, contamination, quantity and quality change of water in water bodies. The corrective and protective measures are to be considered.

(f) Air quality indicating air quality status & corrective measure to prevent pollution.

(g) Waste Management indicating status, type, quality and quantity of over burden, earth / top soil removed and prevention measure & disposal methods of the overburden in case not utilized for stabilization & for filling the pits. The protective measures to be taken for prevention of siltation, erosion and dust generation from these waste materials should also be addressed.

(h) Infrastructure- Emphasis on maintaining the existing roads, etc. and creation of toe / retaining walls, check dams etc.

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(Contd. from page 02)

NOISE POLLUTION

DRILLING :

The workers shall be provided appropriate personal protective equipment viz. ear muffs / ear plug or noise proof cabins.

Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM) :

1) The engine exhausts of HEMM to be fitted with mufflers and cabins shall be noise proof.

2) HEMM shall be properly maintained.

3) Operators shall be provided with ear muffs / ear plugs.

4) Imposition of speed restriction of HEMM near residential area shall be enforced.

5) The haulage path of the HEMM shall be re-routed so that it is away from the residential area.

WATER POLLUTION SURFACE:

The project components should comply with all the standards given in the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1974).

H. RESPONSIBILITY OF QUARRY LEASE HOLDER

Besides the responsibilities of the quarry lease holder as stated in the A & N Islands Minor Minerals Rules, 2012, the quarry lease holder shall also be responsible for complying with the various aspects as suggested in the various headings of the instant quarry plan and any further compliance required to be ensured (if any), conveyed by the Administration from time to time.

I. UTEIAA & SEAC FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

• Periodical Health check-up of the workers and their family members engaged in the quarry, a dust prone unit and to keep vigilance on development of Silicosis or other respiratory illness.

• All quarry lease holders must keep necessary provision of "First Aid" at the work site.

• Make provision of fund for aid to the workers and their family in case of any accidental injury / death take place.

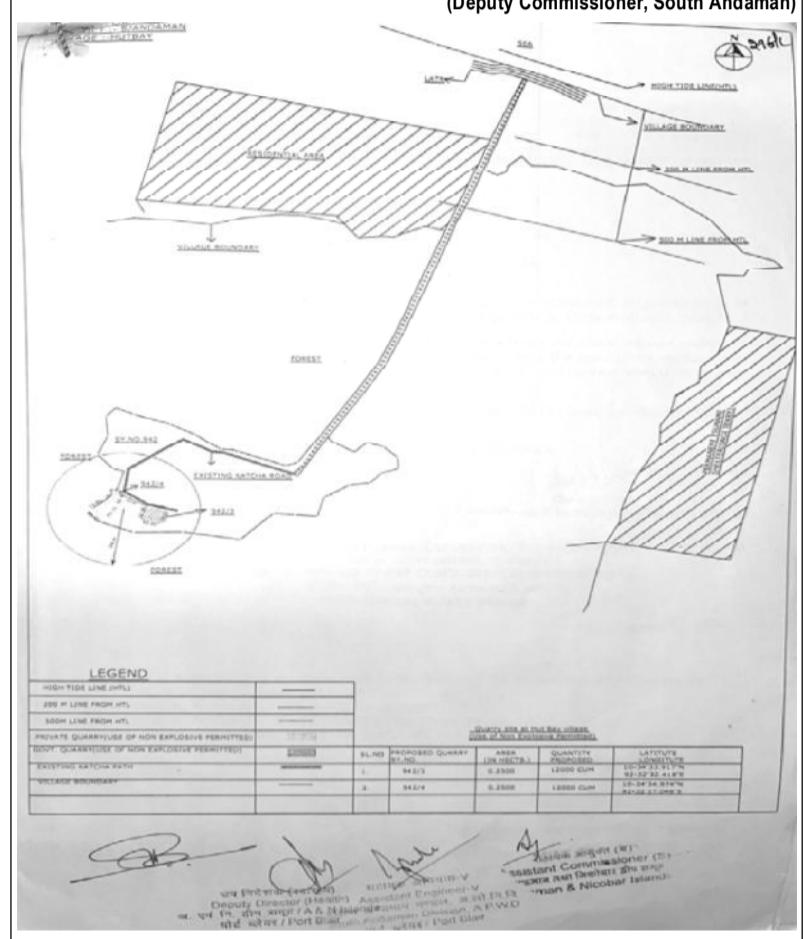
J. PERIOD OF OPERATION OF QUARRY PLAN

• The instant quarry plan shall come into force immediately after Notification by the Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman).

• The plan shall remain in force till two years from the date of Notification unless otherwise modified / recast on the basis of review conducted by the Committee after one year or on account of orders of a Competent Court / Administrator and in such event, the modified quarry plan shall have the same force and applicability for all concerned including the quarry lease holders.

• The instant quarry plan is within the ambit of provisions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Minor Minerals Rules, 2012.

Sd/-

Ms. Purva Garg, IAS
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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.

1. NIT No. EE/PRI/SAD/I/GEN/2025-26/200 Name of Work: Development and Beautification of Children Park at V.K. Pur-02 under Gram Panchayat, V.K. Pur, Little Andaman. Estimated Cost: Rs. 11,19,056/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 22,381/-, Time of Completion: Four (04) Months, Tender Fee: Rs. 500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: 27/02/2026 (1500 hrs.)

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

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I.D. No. 11991

Executive Engineer
Panchayati Raj Institution
South Andaman Division-I

Junglighat, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman

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

To prepare the panel of contractual teachers for the academic session (2026-27), an interview is being organized from 7:30 am to PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, Sri Vijaya Puram from 26.02.2026 to 27.02.2026. Interested candidates are invited for interview on the above specified date and time. Application and other details are available on the vidyalaya website <https://no2portblair.kvs.ac.in/>. The details of the posts are as follows.

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.

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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.

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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.

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Time: [12 pm to 3 pm]

Venue: [CARI Residential Campus, near Police Radio Office, Marine Hill, Sri Vijaya Puram]

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