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Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 074
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 077
Sunrise time on 20/02/2026 (in IST): 0539
Sunset time on 20/02/2026 (in IST): 1728
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



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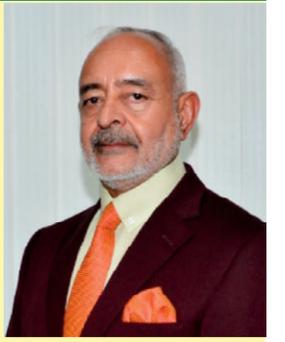


Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Gol, Shri Ramdas Athawale on his two-day visit to A&N Islands on Feb. 19 & 20 called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Lok Niwas, Sri Vijaya Puram.

GREETINGS

On the occasion of the Foundation Day of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram, celebrated on 20th February 2026, I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the people of these two vibrant States.

Arunachal Pradesh, the "Land of the Dawn-lit Mountains," is a breathtaking land where the first rays of the sun touch the Indian subcontinent. Also known as the "Land of the Rising Sun," it is adorned with majestic mountains, serene valleys and a rich cultural heritage shaped by its diverse indigenous communities.



Mizoram, the "Land of the Blue Mountains," located in the southernmost part of Northeast India, is a paradise of lush green hills, dense bamboo forests and a society deeply rooted in its traditions and values. Its vibrant cultural heritage, harmonious way of life and indomitable spirit make it a true jewel of our nation.

On the Foundation Day of these remarkable States, we honor their rich traditions, cultural legacies and significant contributions to the progress and unity of our great nation. Their unwavering spirit, resilience and commitment to growth continue to inspire us all.

On this special occasion, I extend my heartfelt best wishes to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram residing in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. May these States continue to thrive in peace, harmony and development, enriching the diverse fabric of our beloved country. May this occasion inspire hope, togetherness and renewed dedication towards realizing the Prime Minister's vision of a Viksit Bharat.



(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lieutenant Governor

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

&

Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

Strategic Importance of the Great Nicobar Project

A special bench of the National Green Tribunal disposed of challenges to the Great Nicobar mega infrastructure project on February 16, saying it found "no good ground to interfere," as there were "adequate safeguards" in the project's environmental clearance. After a visit to the strategically critical island chain, StratNewsGlobal Editor-in-Chief Nitin Gokhale had put the issue into context in early 2025.

Take a look. **Great Nicobar Island Project** Sri Vijaya Puram: The ambitious Great Nicobar Island (GNI) project at the southernmost end of Indian territory, barely 80 nautical miles from the northernmost island of Indonesia, is now awaiting final Cabinet clearance in coming months after all necessary environmental approvals are in place, highly placed sources have revealed.

These sources, closely monitoring the progress of the project now estimated to be worth Rs. 1 lakh crore to be spent in two phases, said, first steps in rolling out the project are likely to be taken once the Union Cabinet clears the proposal. **Strategic Positioning** The Great Nicobar Island, close to the Malacca Strait, is the main waterway connecting the Indian Ocean to the

Pacific. It sits astride important international sea lanes of communications. It's not far from the Sunda and Lombok Straits in the South China Sea that allows Chinese shipping to traverse between South China Sea and the Indian Ocean. The project includes four main components: developing an international container transshipment terminal (ICTT) at the Galathea

Bay, a greenfield international airport, an integrated township and a 450 MVA gas and solar-based power plant on the island. **International Container Transshipment Terminal** The ICTT's vision is to transform the island into a key participant in the regional as well as global maritime economy of cargo transshipment. It is in alignment with the Maritime India Vision

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Central Government is committed to welfare of the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands: Hon'ble Minister of State

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19 The Central Government is committed to the welfare of the people of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and the Government, under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has introduced numerous welfare-oriented schemes to benefit and uplift the socio-economic status of the common people, said the Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and



Empowerment, Shri Ramdas Athawale, while interacting with media persons here today. The Hon'ble Minister, who is currently on a visit

to the A&N Islands, stated during a press conference that he reviewed the implementation of various schemes being executed by the A&N Administration.

He assured that the support of the Central Government would always be extended to resolve any issues arising in the implementation of these schemes. He further stated that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the Central Government has launched several social security schemes for the benefit of the common people. Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, about 57,000

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396th birth anniversary of Shivaji Maharaj celebrated in Isles Shivaji Maharaj's life served as an inspiration during India's freedom movement: Hon'ble MoS



Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19 Together with the rest of the country, the 396th birth anniversary of Shivaji Maharaj was celebrated in Isles today. The Maharashtra Mandal and the Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Foundation, Sri Vijaya Puram organized a programme at Flag Point in which the Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Ramdas Athawale was the chief guest while the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray was the guest of honour on the occasion. In his address on the



occasion, the Hon'ble Minister expressed his happiness to be a part of the Birth anniversary celebration programme of Shivaji Maharaj organized in A&N Islands in which people from various parts of the

mainland participated. Informing about Shivaji Maharaj's national legacy, the Minister said that his life served as a massive inspiration during India's struggle for independence. In his brief address, the

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Mangrove Creek Tourism to be organized by Deptt. of Tourism in collaboration with Deptt. of E&F at Wright Myo on Feb. 21

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19 The Department of Tourism, A&N Administration, in collaboration with the Department of Environment & Forests will be organizing Mangrove Creek Tourism on 21st February, 2026 from 10 AM to 12 PM at Wright Myo with the tagline #Rootsoflife.

The objective of conducting this activity is to provide participants with a guided experience through the mangrove ecosystem, enabling them to understand the ecological importance, biodiversity and conservation value of mangroves. The programme will also



Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Gol, Shri Ramdas Athawale, currently on visit to A&N Islands held meeting with Senior Officers of A&N Administration in the conference hall of the Secretariat on Feb. 19, 2026 and reviewed the progress of various welfare-oriented schemes of the Ministry being implemented in Isles.

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Andaman & Nicobar Islands celebrate landmark 1st Island Bird Festival Festival highlights biodiversity & sustainable ecotourism potential

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19 The Andaman & Nicobar Administration successfully concluded the inaugural 1st Island Bird Festival (February 14-17), a transformative event that highlighted the region's extraordinary avian biodiversity and potential for sustainable ecotourism. The four-day event brought together a global community of birders, researchers, and



photographers to celebrate the archipelago's unique avifauna. A total of 31 delegates from 9 States and 6 local participants

from Andaman & Nicobar Islands were chosen as delegates for the event. The event was supported by the Andaman Avians

Club. The festival was officially inaugurated on Feb. 14 by chief guest Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, accompanied by Shri Sanjay Kumar Sinha, PCCF at Chidiyatapu. The ceremony blended cultural heritage with conservation, featuring a Nicobari dance, Bird dance

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National Level Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet & Expo on Feb. 23 & 24

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19 A two-day National Level Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet & Expo will be held on 23rd and 24th February, 2026 at Megapode Resort, Haddo, Sri Vijaya Puram. The Meet is being organized

by the Department of Agriculture, Industries and Fisheries of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration in association with Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata and supported by APEDA,

MPEDA, Coconut Development Board, NFDB and RAMP. This two-day event offers a unique opportunity for progressive farmers, Agri-Horti Entrepreneurs,

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Book Fair continues to captivate visitors at ITF Ground; children's corner emerges as major attraction

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19 With stalls featuring good collection of books from renowned publishers across India, the Book Fair at ITF ground has attracted people from all walks of life with bibliophiles, students, educators, and literature enthusiasts are exploring the diverse range of books showcased at the fair. 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.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra



Bhushan Kumar, IAS, today visited the Book Fair and explored the

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2030 and is one of the key projects under the Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

The first phase of the ICCT is likely to have a capacity of 4.4 million TEUs annually and will complete within five years after contracts are awarded. The estimated cost of the first phase of the ICCT is about Rs. 20,000 crore. To be executed under the public-private partnership model, the proposed greenfield airport (with a peak capacity of 4000 passengers per hour) is also estimated to cost another Rs. 20,000 crore. In the second phase, the capacity of the ICCT is to be enhanced to 16.5 million TEUs. The eventual cost of the project will approximately turn out to be Rs. 100,000 crore, the sources added.

Focus on Renewable Energy

Meanwhile, on Friday a full meeting of the Island Development Authority (IDA), the apex body that oversees the holistic development of India's island territories, held in Delhi under the chairmanship of Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, decided to prioritise generation of energy through renewable sources including solar panels and windmills in both the Andaman and Nicobar as well as Lakshadweep islands. A statement from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) highlighted Shri Shah's remarks. "(Home Minister), Shri Shah emphasized achieving the goal of 100 per cent renewable energy generation through solar panels and windmills in these regions. He also directed the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) to implement the 'PM Surya Ghar' scheme by installing solar panels in all households across both island groups," it said.

Admiral DK Joshi (Retd), Lt Governor of Andaman and Nicobar, as well as Vice Chairman of the IDA, Lakshadweep Administrator, Shri Praful Patel, Union Home Secretary, Shri Govind Mohan and secretaries from various Union Ministries, along with other senior officials attended the meeting.

Galathea Bay Project

According to current indications, apart from the Galathea Bay project that involves building the ICCT, a greenfield airport and an integrated township, the A&N administration is undertaking several infrastructure projects designed to transform India's strategically located A&N Islands from an outpost to a springboard for India's 'Act East' policy.

For instance, IIT Madras will carry out a feasibility study to establish a bulk cargo transshipment-cum-tourism hub in Atlanta Bay near Diglipur in North Andamans. A twin use airport at Kohassa near Diglipur is nearing completion and can complement the proposed project, the A&N Administration believes. The Administration is planning for five berths of 800-metre length each at the proposed site since the sea has adequate deep draught to accommodate container ships carrying bulk cargo such as coal, iron ore, sand as well as cruise ships, highly placed sources said.

In addition, the A&N Administration has also signed a 30-year Memorandum of Understanding with Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) to upgrade ship and boat repair yards in the island territories. Once operational, these yards will save shipping companies a costly trip to Chennai, Visakhapatnam or Kolkata for repairs. Sources in A&N Administration also revealed that they can offer basic infrastructure, especially land and electricity, if major shipbuilding companies want to establish new campuses on the island territories. (Source: https://stratnewsglobal.com/)

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various stalls and took keen interest in the diverse collection of books on display. The Secretary, Art & Culture, Ms. Jyoti Kumari, IAS was also present on the occasion.

The Children's Corner at the Fair is engaging children with various activities. The Day 6 of the Children's Corner, organized by National Book Trust, India at ITF Ground continued learning with fun sessions. Over 200 children from various schools across the city enthusiastically participated in the day's activities.



The day began with a lively Story Craft Workshop by Alma and Gaurav, where children created four different animal characters using colourful origami papers. The session beautifully came together as a story unfolded featuring all the origami characters made by the children, complete with fun jingles that everyone joyfully sang along to-turning storytelling into a truly immersive experience.

The second session, Let's Design a Book Cover, sparked imagination and originality. Children were shown three children's books published by National Book Trust, India, with their original cover illustrations hidden. Participants then designed their own book covers for a book of their choice, reimagining stories through their unique artistic lens.

In the third session, Let's Design a Mascot, children were invited to create a mascot for the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya app. The excitement doubled when children met and danced with the original mascot, Cheetah, filling the space with energy and laughter.

Adding to the fun-filled day, the special Activity Zone remained buzzing as children happily created doodles, freely expressing their creativity in colours and shapes.

Along with the morning sessions for the children, as part of the evening sessions, the Art and Culture Deptt. is organizing culture programs of classical, semi classical and folk dances and songs. Cultural organisations namely MJ Music Academy, Vikas Dance Academy and Event Musical Groups presented today's programmes much to the delight of the audience present at the ITF Ground.

The much awaited 'Kavya Sandhya' - an evening dedicated to poetry, will be held at 6.15 pm on Feb 21, at the same venue, along with other cultural programs. Altogether 12 noted and upcoming poets from these Islands will present their compositions in this program.

Another highlight will be the ventriloquism by Ms. Shibani Ghosh at 5.45 pm tomorrow (Feb.20).

Date	Time	Event
20.02.2026	05:00 PM	1.Performance by Police Band.
	05:45 PM	2.Ventriloquism (Puppet Show) by Smti. Shibani Ghosh.
	06:00 PM	3. Patriotic /folk Dance by DNA.
	06:20 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.
	07:20 PM	6. Performance by artists of Puducherry (coordinated by NBT).
22.02.2026	05:00 PM	1. Police Band.
	05:30 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.
	06:15 PM	3. Classical Dance Performance by Gauri Shankar Dance Academy.
	06:45 PM	4. Beyond One Narrative: Subhas Chandra Bose and India's Struggle for Independence—Utpal Borpujari in conversation with Chandrachur Ghose.
	07:30 PM	5. Folk dance by college students

Training-cum-Input Distribution Prog. held at Tapoiming Village

Car Nicobar, Feb. 19

A Training-cum-Input Distribution Programme was organized today at the Community Hall, Tapoiming Village, to promote scientific pig farming practices in place of traditional open rearing methods.

The programme was graced by Shri Amit Kale, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Nicobar District, as the chief guest. In his address, he encouraged farmers to adopt scientific pig rearing practices and appreciated Shri Jackson for successfully implementing the improved system.

Dr. Santosh Kumar delivered the



welcome address. The Village Headman and other village representatives, Shri Lawrence Mathew, Shri Simon William, and Shri John Crispin, actively participated in the programme.

During the programme, one tonne of pig feed, one automatic feed chopper, and five kits of feed

supplements (Topicure gel and spray, Phytocall Ruchi, Grovixplex, A-Z Chelated Minerals Himax, and Albendazole) were distributed to selected beneficiaries with the support of the ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Sri Vijaya Puram, a press release from DC (Nicobars) said.

Free Multi-Speciality Health Camp to be held at Bookshabad on Feb. 22

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19

A free Multi-Speciality Health Camp is proposed to be conducted on 22.02.2026 at Brookshabad by Seva Bharati, in association with the National Medicos Organization and the Directorate of

Health Services, for the benefit of the general public of Brookshabad and nearby villages from 9.30 AM onwards, under the jurisdiction of PHC, Garacharma. During the medical camp, Medical Specialists viz. Dr. Shiv Sankar

Singh, Medical Specialist; Dr. Omkar Singh, Medical Specialist; Dr. Vinita Malik, Ophthalmologist and Dr. Arusshi Sharma, Paediatrician will render their services, a press release from DHS said.

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for his immense contribution towards the motherland India. He also showered all praise for the vibrant cultural programme which filled the air at the venue with patriotic fervour.

The colorful cultural programme viz. welcome dance, lezim dance and national song 'Vande Mataram' was the highlight of the Birth Anniversary programme which was witnessed and appreciated by one and all present at Flag Point.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Ramdas Athawale alongwith the Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray flagged off a Rally from Pathergudda to mark the 396th birth anniversary celebrations of Shivaji Maharaj in Isles.

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bank accounts have been opened in the Islands.

He also disclosed that under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (Ayushman Bharat), around 4,500 people in the Islands have benefitted. Under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, 14,000 LPG connections have been distributed to beneficiaries. Additionally, under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, about 57,000 beneficiaries have availed loans.

Briefing about the schemes of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Minister stated that a significant number of Old Age Homes are functioning across India, mostly run by NGOs. In the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, two Old Age Homes are being operated by the A&N Administration, where 34 male and 12 female residents are currently being cared for.

He further stated that the schemes devised by the Ministry are meant for all sections of society and that eligible beneficiaries are availing themselves of these benefits. The Hon'ble Minister also informed that, as part of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, awareness campaigns are being conducted in various districts.

Mangrove Creek Tourism to be organized by Deptt.....

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serve as a platform to promote sustainable eco-tourism practices and encourage local participation, particularly from nearby areas, thereby supporting self employment opportunities through eco-guiding and nature-based tourism. Bus services will be provided by the Department for the first 30 participants registered with the Department.



As the event is open to all, those interested in participating may also reach the venue directly by 10 AM. The bus will depart from the Main Bus Depot, Mohanpura at 8 AM. Interested participants may contact the Directorate of Tourism, A&N Islands at 9434282324 / 9474258844 for registration and further details, a press release from Department of Tourism said.

National Level Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet.....

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Fishermen, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), MSEs and Startups from the Islands to showcase their products directly to national buyers under one roof.



By connecting sellers with buyers under one roof, the Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet & Expo 2026 aims to expand market reach, enhance visibility, strengthen their brand presence and foster new business partnerships beyond regional boundaries. Active participation across both days will ensure a dynamic and outcome-oriented event, highlighting the Islands' rich potential in agriculture, fisheries and allied sectors.

Alongside the B2B buyer-seller interactions, a dedicated product exhibition will be organised as part of the event, showcasing the diverse and unique products of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The exhibition will feature a wide range of products including coconut and value-added coconut-based products, spices such as true cinnamon, nutmeg, bay leaf, black pepper, marine and fishery-based products, tropical cut flowers, multifloral honey and other value-added products.

The National-Level Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet & Expo 2026 is expected to be a landmark initiative for promoting the Islands' products on a national stage and facilitating sustainable economic opportunities for local producers through direct buyer linkages, a press release from Deptt. of Agriculture said.

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and conservation-focused skit by the trainees of Forest Training Institute highlighting the protection of the Edible-nest Swiftlet.

Over four days, participants engaged in field trails across hotspots like Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park, Mount Manipur National Park, Stewartgunj wetlands, Kalatang, Chidiyatapu Biological Park, Bada Balu, Ograbraj and Sippighat. The excursions were highly successful. During the field visits, delegates recorded more than 130 species with a strong mix of endemic birds and other special island species. Among the endemic birds, highlights included the Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Bulbul, Andaman Drongo, Andaman Coucal, Andaman Serpent Eagle, Andaman Crane, Andaman Flowerpecker, Andaman Treepie, Andaman Shama, Andaman Cuckooshrike, Andaman Green Pigeon, and the striking Andaman Teal-the true icon of island endemism. Along with these, delegates also enjoyed sightings of many other birds, such as White-bellied Sea Eagle, Black Winged Stilt, Common Snipe, Grey-Headed Lapwing, Oriental Skylark, Eyebrowed Thrush and a variety of winter migrants and shorebirds seen around wetlands and coastal areas, adding richness and variety to every trail.

Dr. Dhananjay Mohan spoke on "Developing bird-based ecotourism: Lessons from Uttarakhand," offering practical insights on how conservation and tourism can support each other when managed responsibly. Wildlife filmmaker Shri Dhritiman Mukherjee shared "My Experience with Birds," inspiring participants with stories of patience, field craft, and seeing nature through a storyteller's lens.

Dr. Rajah Jayapal delivered a deeply informative session on "Population Monitoring of Island Birds: Principles & Methods," building understanding on how science supports long-term protection.

Shri Shashank Dalvi spoke on the migratory patterns of birds to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, linking the Islands to global flyways and seasonal movement. Dr. P. Pramod added two powerful sessions-one on endemic birds; the unique avifauna of A&N Islands, and another on "Acoustic Communication in Birds: the science of bird sound," helping delegates interpret calls and understand how sound shapes bird behaviour and survival.

Along with terrestrial birding, pelagic birding was introduced which offers an opportunity to observe seabirds and ocean-going species in their natural marine environment-an experience that very few places in India can offer. In addition star gazing session was organized, connecting participants not only to wildlife but also to the larger wonders of nature-helping us appreciate these Islands as an ecosystem of land, sea and sky, and in day and night.

The festival concluded on February 17 with a valedictory function presided over by chief guest, Dr. Dhananjai Mohan. Participants shared heartfelt experiences, and prizes and certificates were distributed to participants and team leaders to celebrate their contribution to the event.

The festival successfully linked the Islands' rich cultural heritage with the urgent need for habitat preservation. By fostering a shared commitment among locals and visitors, the event has set a new benchmark for eco-tourism in the region, a press release from DCF (Wildlife) said.

All India Civil Services Badminton Tournament

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration Badminton Team continues to shine at the prestigious All India Civil Services Badminton Tournament being held in Goa, delivering an impressive performance today as all Doubles teams advanced to the Pre-Quarter Finals.

Yousuf & Zanpear showcased remarkable resilience against Manoj & Sandeep of Haryana, bouncing back to win 9-15, 15-13, 15-12 in a thrilling contest. In Men's Doubles (Third Match), Yousuf & Prabha received a walkover against Haryana, securing their place in the Pre-Quarter Finals.

In Women's 40+ Doubles, Prabha & Om Prakash & Nakul of Andaman defeated the Manish & Susheel of Gujarat Secretariat convincingly with a score of 15-10, 15-6 while here said.

Unclaimed dead body kept at GB Pant Hospital

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 19

On 17/02/2026 at 0400 hrs, an information was received that a person committed suicide by hanging in the Garacharma Junction. As per medical records, the name of the deceased is found to be Shiva Raj. The name of his father and his permanent address could not be ascertained. On enquiry with local people, it was learnt that the said person had been residing in this area for the last ten years, living here and there with no permanent residence, house, or known family members in the area of Garacharma. Some local residents have also stated that the deceased had a resident at Kalighat area.



Later on, an UD FIR No. 13/26 dated 17/02/2026 U/s 194 Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 has been registered at PS Pahargaon. The identity and family details of the deceased have not been ascertained so far. His descriptive particular are Name: Shiva Raj, Age: 42 (approx), Height: 5'6", Build: Thin, Colour: Swallow, Wearing apperals: White green black lined colour T-shirt and Light Blue Colour full pant (Jeans) and ID Mark: One black mole on the left side of neck.

The general public have been requested to share any information through Phone No.03192- 250525, 9474219215 & 112 that may help trace his family members so that the unclaimed dead body may be handed over to them, a press release from SF (SA) said.

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IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION TO THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF THE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE STORES LTD., SRI VIJAYA PURAM

PRESS NOTE
The election to the Managing Committee of the Consumers Cooperative Stores Ltd., Sri Vijaya Puram will be held on **22.02.2026** from 9:00 AM to 05:00 PM at the following Polling Stations for the members the Revenue villages/areas, allocated for each Polling Booths, as detailed below:

Place/ Polling Stations	Booth No.	Revenue Village/ area covered
Govt. Primary School, Subash Gram, Diglipur	I	Radhanagar, Shyamnagar, Swarajgram, Milangram, Laxmipur, Madhupur, Rabidrapalli, Deshbandhugram, Sitanagar, Krishnapuri, Subhasgram, Diglipur, Khudiramapur, Ramakrishnagram, Keralapuram, Vidhyasagar Pally, Aerial Bay, Sagar Dweep, Shibpur, Kalipur, Durgapur, Ganeshnagar, Shantinagar, Gandhinagar, PaschimSagar.
Panchayat Ghar, Kalighat	II	Krishorinagar, Parangara, Mohanpur, Ram Nagar, Nabagram, Nischintapur, Madhyamgram, Kalighat, Jagannathdera.
Panchayat Hall, Mayabunder	III	Mayabunder, Pokadera, Danapur, Webi, Karmatang, Lucknow, Latau, Deopur, Rampur, West of Karmatang-IX, South West of Karmatang-X, East of Karmatang-X, Pahalgao, Tugapur, West of Webi (Bamboo Nallah), Adjoining Rest Camp (BudhaNallah), South West of Tugapur (Bira Nagar), Chainpur, North of Chainpur, Hanspuri, Pudumadurai, East of Bajota, Avis Island.
Panchayat Ghar, Billiground	IV	Paresh Nagar, Prafulla Nagar, Govindapur, Basnatipur, Harinagar, Pinakinagar, Jaipur, Kamalapur, Swadeshnagar, Shantipur, Duke Nagar, Lokhinalah, Shivapuram, Dharmapuram, R.C.Nagar, T.V.Kulam, Padmanabhanpuram, Panchawati.
Panchayat Samity Hall, Rangat	V	Amkunji, Nimbutala, Rangat, Pamasala, Rampur, Mithila, Sitapur, Dasrathpur, Janakpur, Sabari, Bharathpur, Vishnupur, Bakuntala, Shaymkund, Bangoon, Laxmanpur, Kalsi, Umlapur, Kaushalyanagar, Saktigarh, Long Island.
Panchayat Ghar Nilambur, Baratang	VI	Yerataljig, Kadamtala, Uttara, Santanu, Sundergarh, Vijayaraj, Adajig, Udaygarh, Nilambur, Abhaygarh, Roglachang, Nayagarh, Kanchangarh, Rajatgarh, Wrafter's Creek, Kattachari.
Govt Sr. Sec. School, Wimberligunj	VII	Shoal Bay, Mannarghat, Wrightmyo, Malapuram, Wimberligunj, Kanyapuram, Brindaban, Mathura, Ferrargunj, Mile Tilak, Jirkatang
PM SHRI Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Bambooflat	VIII	Stewartgunj, Govindapuram, Bambooflat, Alipur, Kadakachang, Shore Point, Hope Town, North Bay, Mount Harriet, Madhuban, Viper Island.
Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Tushnabad	IX	Aniket, Caddlegunj, Hobdipur, Tushnabad, Manpur, Balughat, Mahuadera, Collinpur, Herbertabad, Tirur, Templemyo, Muslimbasti, Ograbraj, Mithakhari, Namunagar, Dundaspoint, Port Mout.
Govt. Primary School, Garacharama	X & XI	Badmaspahar, Chouldari, Loharbarik, Flat Bay, Humphrygunj, Hasmatnabad, Wandoor, Maymyo, Manjeri, Guptapara, Manglutan, Indira Nagar, Nayashahar, Dhanikari, Garacharama, Prathapur, Beadonabad, Rangachang, Chidiatapu, Rutland, Brichgunj, Austinabad, Calicut, Kamrajnagar, Sippighat, Bimblitan, Telerabad.
Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Sri Vijaya Puram	XII	Havelock (Govindanagar, Vijay Nagar, Krishnanagar, Shyamnagar, Radhanagar), Neil Island (Laxmanpur, Neil Kendra, Ram Nagar, Bharatpur, Sitapur), Aberdeen village, Aberdeen Bazar, Sisty Nagar, Dugnabad, Mohanpura, Atlanta Point, Phoenix Bay, Round Basti, Supply Line, Gurudwara Lane, Marine Hill, Babulane, RGT Road, Netaji Stadium, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar A/B, Raj Niwas A/B, Bengali Club, Biggie Lane, Indira Bhavan A/B
-do-	XIII	Shadipur, South Point, Goodwill Estate, Nayagaon, Dudhline, Subash Nagar, Mazar Pahad, Machi Line, Dudh Line, Corbynscove, Brookshabad, Police Line, Chakkar Gaon, Chandini Chowk, Middle Point, Goalghar.
-do-	XIV	Buniyadabad, Delanipur, Prem Nagar, Anarkali Basti, Phongy Chaung.
-do-	XV	Junglighat, Dairy Farm
-do-	XVI	Haddo, Chatam Island, Lillypur, MES Colony, VIP Road, Ranchi Basti, Lambaline, School Line, Minnie bay, Dollygunj, Pahargaon, New Pahargaon, Attam Pahad.
Panchayat Ghar, Netaji Nagar, Hut Bay	XVI	Ramakrishnapur, Vivekanandapur, Rabindranagar, Netajinagar, Hut Bay
Panchayat Ghar, Campbell Bay	XVII	Joginder Nagar, Vijay Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Campbellbay, Govind Nagar.

The member shall be allowed to cast votes on production of CCS ID card or admission number for identifying his/her name in the voters list alongwith any one of the following Photo Identity Card prescribed by the Election Commission of India during last General Election for establishing their identity and present address before casting their votes:

- (i) Passport, (ii) Driving License, (iii) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies (iv). Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office (v) PAN Card (vi) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR (vii) MNREGA Job Card (viii) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour (ix) Pension document with photograph (x) Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and (xi.) Aadhar Card.

The Revenue villages/areas, as detailed above, are allocated for each Polling Booths and the members will be allowed to cast their votes only in the Polling Booth allocated to the area as per the address mentioned in the membership register/voters list of CCS on production of any photo identity card mentioned above. In case the present address of the member differs from the address mentioned in the membership register/voters list of CCS, the members will be allowed to cast his/her vote in the respective booth as per his/her present address on production of any proof of present address in any photo identity card mentioned above. The authorised representative of affiliated societies shall cast their votes at Polling Booth No. XII (Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Sri Vijaya Puram). where a person is an individual member of CCS Ltd and is also an authorised representative of an affiliated society, such person shall be entitled to cast his vote in only one capacity either as an individual member or as an authorised representative, as the case may be. The responsibility of producing the Admission Number for identifying his/her name in the membership register/voters list shall lie with the member.

Composition of Board of Directors to be elected under the bye laws:

Sl. No.	Category	No. of Seats	Contesting Candidates	Ballot Paper Colour
1.	Individual South Andaman	06	21	White
2.	Women Reserve	02	05	Pink
3.	Middle Andaman	01	03	Blue
4.	North Andaman	01	02	Green
5.	Affiliated Societies	01	03	Light Green
6.	Employees	01	04	Yellow

All contesting candidates, members and authorised representatives are earnestly requested to uphold the highest standards of fairness, discipline, and mutual respect throughout the election process for smooth conduct of election.

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(PRIYANKA KUMARI)
Returning Officer,
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<p>COSMETOLOGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemical Peeling Microdermabrasion Hydra Facial Skin Lightening Botox & Fillers Anti-Aging Vampire Facelift 	<p>LASER & DERMATOSURGERY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair Removal Laser Toning Carbon Peel Mole, Wart & Skin Tag Removal Derma Needling / Mesotherapy Corrective Surgeries (Vitiligo, Cyst, Lipoma)

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20th & 21st February 2026
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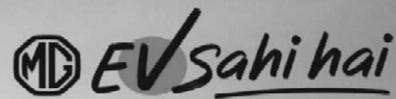
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Working Place - Neil Island (Shaheed Dweep)
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SHRADH CEREMONY
With profound grief and reverence. We inform you of the Shradh Ceremony of our beloved departed soul



LATE SUDHIR KUMAR HALDER
(Rtd. Joint Secretary District Industries Centre. A&N Islands)
(1st Sep. 1954 - 10th Feb. 2026)

We humbly request your gracious presence to join us in offering prayers for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Date - 22nd February 2026
Time-12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM
Venue- Bengali Club (Atul Smriti Samity), Middle Point, Shri Vijaya Puram

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY
Mrs. Sushila Halder (Wife) and Family Members

SHRADH CEREMONY

With profound grief and loving memories, we invite you to the Shradh Ceremony of our beloved mother **Late C.K. Sarojiniamma**, W/o Late N.G.K. Nair who left for her heavenly abode on 05.02.2026.

We cherish the wisdom, grace, and warmth she shared with us all. Your presence, as we pray for her eternal peace, would mean a lot to the family on 22.02.2026 from 12 noon to 03:00 PM at the residence of her elder daughter at Dollygunj besides Swasthya Hospital.

We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all family members, relatives, friends, and well-wishers for your unwavering support, prayers, and strength during our time of loss.

Inserted by: Son, Daughters, Son-in-Laws, Daughter-in-Law and Grandchildren



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



Late Dr. V. Damodaran
Sr. Scientist-cum-Head, ICAR KVK
30.06.1968 - 06.02.2026
(He was a cherished son, husband, father, brother and friend and will be missed by all who knew him)
Date: [Friday, 20th Feb., 2026]
Time: [12 pm to 3 pm]
Venue: [CARI Residential Campus, near Police Radio Office, Marine Hill, Sri Vijaya Puram]

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.

AFFIDAVIT

I, "Swati Rajput" Wife of "Utsav Singh" aged about 42 years, presently residing at P-347/2, Ranjit Vihar, Brichgunj Military Station, Sri Vijaya Puram, Distt. - South Andaman, PIN-744103, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:-

- That I am the deponent herein and my present name is "Swati Rajput" which appears in my old expired passport (Passport No. H 1665736 issued on 08/11/2008 at Passport Office, Pune).
- That I got married to "Utsav Singh" on 02 Dec., 2009 (date of marriage) and as per the Indian custom, I have adopted my husband's surname. Therefore, I have changed my name from "Swati Rajput" to "Swati Singh" and the same may be recorded in my new passport.
- That in my old expired passport, my father's name is recorded as "Rajput Dilip Singh Shankar Singh" which is incorrect. The correct name of my father as per my PAN Card (PAN No. AJKPR3741C) is "Dilip Singh Rajput". I undertake to use this corrected name "Dilip Singh Rajput" in all my official documents, including the new passport.
- That the facts stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.
- That this affidavit is executed by me for the purpose of applying for a new passport with the corrected name "Swati Singh" (Wife of Utsav Singh) and father's name "Dilip Singh Rajput" and for submission to the Passport Office, Sri Vijaya Puram (Regional Passport Office / PSK).
- That the contents stated in Paras 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 are true to the best of my knowledge. Solemnly affirmed at Sri Vijaya Puram on the 3rd day of February, 2026.

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