



Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas.

MESSAGE

On this solemn occasion of Armed Forces Veterans' Day, observed annually on the 14th of January, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to all the veterans of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

This day is a tribute to the selfless dedication and exemplary service of our veterans, whose sacrifices and unwavering commitment have been the bedrock of our nation's security and freedom. With unmatched courage and resilience, they have upheld the highest ideals of duty and honour, embodying the true spirit of patriotism. As we commemorate this day, let us reflect on the profound sacrifices made by our veterans and express our deepest appreciation for their invaluable contributions.

Each veteran carries a unique story of valour, perseverance, and dedication—a legacy that enriches our national fabric. It is our collective responsibility to ensure their sacrifices are honoured, their voices heard and their contributions are never forgotten.

The peace and liberty we enjoy today stand as a testament to their steadfast resolve and commitment. Our nation remains eternally grateful to those who have stood on the frontlines, safeguarding the values we cherish.

On behalf of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration and the people of these Islands, I extend my warmest regards to all veterans and their families. May they find success, happiness, and fulfilment in all their future endeavors.



(Admiral D K Joshi)
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
Lieutenant Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands
&
Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

GREETINGS

Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A & N Islands has greeted all Islanders on the auspicious festival of Pongal, Makar Sankranti and Magh Bihu.

Pongal/ Makar Sankranti, one of the most cherished harvest festivals of India is a celebration of gratitude towards nature for a bountiful harvest. Observed with great enthusiasm in the Islands, this festival marks the beginning of Uttarayan, the sun's journey northwards. From preparing sweet Pongal/ Khichdi to decorating homes with kolams, the festival is a perfect blend of tradition, joy, and togetherness, the MP said in his message.

"May this festival of Harvest bring new hopes and fresh beginnings. May it also light up new aspirations and usher in prosperity as well", the MP said in his message.



VKV Lamba Line celebrates 162nd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda & National Youth Day

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13

The 162nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was commemorated with great zeal and reverence at Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lamba Line, Sri Vijaya Puram. The celebrations, observed in conjunction with National Youth Day, aimed to honour Swami Vivekananda's timeless teachings and his vision for the empowerment of youth and society.

The morning program was held at VKV, Lamba Line, Sri Vijaya Puram where Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Inspector, A & N Police Department graced the occasion as the



chief guest. He paid homage by garlanding Swami Vivekananda's statue and offering floral tributes.

The main event unfolded in the evening at the Ambedkar Auditorium. Smt. Jaya Sivasankaran, Principal, VKV, Lamba Line welcomed the gathering. Shri Devender Yadav ,

Airport Director, Veer Savarkar International Airport, inaugurated the program by lighting the traditional lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment Swami Vivekananda brought to countless lives. Addressing the audience, the chief guest, highlighted the enduring

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Group of 19 IAS Probationers (2024 Batch) from Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, on Winter Study tour to Andaman and Nicobar Islands called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas.

GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' and 'Pongal', I extend my heartiest greetings and warm wishes to all the residents of A & N Islands.

The celebration of 'Makar Sankranti' and 'Pongal' marks the arrival of spring and signifies agricultural prosperity, is observed with great joy and enthusiasm by people across the region. These festivals hold immense cultural and social significance and inspire us to strengthen the spirit of mutual brotherhood and harmony.

On this joyous occasion, I sincerely hope that these festivals bring prosperity, happiness and success into the lives of all Islanders. May our Islands continue to progress on the path of development and unity.



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ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram granted Trade Mark for 'Dweep'

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13

ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute has been granted a Trade Mark for the word 'Dweep' (Reg.no: 6350543; J.No: 2171) on 10.01.2025. The word 'Dweep' will be tagged with all scientific and technological research and development services related to agricultural technologies, Engineering services for evaluations, estimates, and reports in scientific and technological fields, particularly focusing on agricultural research but

not limited to it, technological consultancy services providing expert guidance and advice on agricultural technologies specific to Island ecosystems, agricultural research services specializing in developing technologies for tropical island ecosystems, research services focused on technological advancements and innovations in the agricultural sector, particularly for Island nations, a press release from CIARI said.

HDPE floating jetty at RGWSC repaired; service to resume from today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13

The Directorate of Tourism has informed that the HDPE floating jetty at RGWSC, which was damaged, has been repaired and is ready to resume its services with effect from 14th January, 2025. All water sports

activities and small inland vessel operations with a passenger capacity of up to 29 will be relocated from Junglighat Jetty to Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports Complex, a press release from Directorate of IP&T said.

"ANIMAL WELFARE FORTNIGHT-2025"

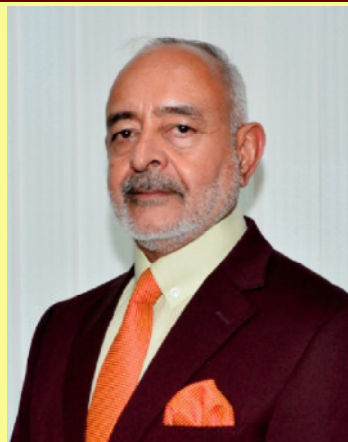
I am delighted to learn that Andaman and Nicobar Islands is observing "Animal Welfare Fortnight 2025" along with rest of the country from January 14 to 30, 2025. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the importance of treating all animals with kindness, respect and compassion.

Throughout history, animals have made immeasurable contributions to human well-being. As human beings, it is our responsibility to ensure that we do not exploit or mistreat them for personal gain. In today's world, it is more crucial than ever that we strive to live harmoniously with animals, fulfilling our moral duty to treat them with care and empathy. Awareness campaigns and educational efforts play a key role in promoting the prevention of cruelty to animals.

The core mission of this initiative is to foster respect, kindness and compassion for all animals.

As Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, once said, "the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." For centuries, the principle of Ahimsa has guided our actions and set an example of animal welfare. During this Animal Welfare Fortnight, let us unite in our efforts to create a kinder and more compassionate world.

On this occasion, I extend my best wishes for the success of "Animal Welfare Fortnight 2025" celebrations.



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2nd Edition of Startup Mahakumbh to be held from April 4 to 6

Interested Startups urged to contact Directorate of Industries

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13

The 2nd Edition of Startup Mahakumbh is scheduled to take place from 4th to 6th April, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on the theme 'Startup India@2047- unfolding the Bharat Story'.

The event is designed to celebrate and showcase the achievement of India's

Startup ecosystem. Startup Mahakumbh 2025 will include sessions, exhibitors and capacity-building workshops tailored to foster innovation and entrepreneurship at the grassroots. The platform will also provide a unique opportunity for startup from the State/ UT to engage with investors, policymakers

and global players, driving inclusive growth and innovation.

Interested Startups have been requested to contact the Directorate of Industries, A&N Administration for further details on any working day between 9 am & 5 pm latest by 16th January, 2025, a press release from Directorate of Industries said.

Traffic arrangement for rehearsals in connection with Republic Day Function

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13

The general public have been informed that the following Traffic arrangements have been made for all Rehearsal days in connection with Republic Day Function starting from 15th Jan. 2025 (Wednesday) onwards.

♦ The movement of all vehicular traffic shall be closed from R. K. Mission to Dharamshala Junction

and from Scout Hut Junction to Girls School Crossing from 0700 hrs onwards till dispersal of contingents.
♦ The vehicles intending to proceed to Aberdeen Bazaar from South Point and vice versa may opt the route i.e., South Point — Govt. Press — RK Mission — RGT Road — Murugan Temple towards Aberdeen Bazaar.

♦ The vehicles carrying parade contingents shall drop the contingents in front of Girls School and proceed towards parking area by the side of Swimming Pool and will remain stationed there.
♦ After culmination of rehearsals, the vehicles shall collect the contingents in front of Girls School. The vehicles shall opt the

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Comments/ suggestions invited for Draft Notification for A&N Islands Marine Fishing (Amendment) Rules, 2024

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13
A Draft Notification for A&N Islands Marine Fishing (Amendment) Rules, 2024 has been prepared by the Directorate of Fisheries, A&N Administration and uploaded in the official website of A&N Administration <https://www.andaman.gov.in>, seeking suggestions/comments/inputs from General Public, Fisheries Stakeholders, Fisheries Institutes, various Departments of A&N Administration etc.

Format for sending the comments and suggestions

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the organisation/person, contact number and Email	Relevant section in the Draft Notification on which comments are being provided	Comments/ Suggestion	Rationale	Remarks

All valuable comments/suggestions/inputs may be submitted in writing to the Directorate of Fisheries, A&N Administration, Sri Vijaya Puram or through email to dirfish.and@nic.in within a period of 30 days from the date of publication, a press release from Fisheries Deptt. said.



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Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule of Foreshore Sector vessels from 13th January, 2025 onwards is being issued to the general public from 10.01.2025 (Friday).
Passengers may book their tickets from DSS e-ticketing portal (<https://dss.andaman.gov.in/eticketing>) on all days from 09.00 AM to 04.00 PM and from STARS Ticketing Counter in all working days from 9.00 AM to 04.00 PM, except on Saturday from 09.00 AM to 12.00 PM.

SRI VIJAYA PURAM – MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule from 14 th January, 2025 onwards is being issued from 10.01.2025.							
Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Baratang	14.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	15.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Strait Island	16.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	17.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Hut Bay	18.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	19.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
SRI VIJAYA PURAM – LITTLE ANDAMAN							
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule from 15 th January, 2025 onwards is being issued from 10.01.2025.							
1.	MV Campbell Bay	15.01.2025 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	15.01.2025 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	Nalanda	17.01.2025 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	18.01.2025 1000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	Sindhu	19.01.2025 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	19.01.2025 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
SRI VIJAYA PURAM - CAMPBELL BAY & NANCOWRY							
1.	Sindhu	14.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry & Katchal	16.01.2025 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
2.	Nalanda	21.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	23.01.2025 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
3.	Sindhu	28.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry & Katchal	30.01.2025 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
Note: Embarkation of passengers will commence 02 Hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the vessel and boarding will be closed 30 Minutes before departure time. Passengers arriving late will not be allowed to board the vessel. The vessel will sail only after completion of survey procedure which will commence on completion of embarkation of passengers for issuance of 'B' Certificate as per MS Act. Further, with regard to cargo all the consigners are hereby advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.							
FORESHORE SECTOR:							
14.01.2025 (TUESDAY)							
1.	MV Bambooka	14.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	14.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Jolly Buoy	14.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	14.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Pilomillow	14.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	14.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Hut Bay	14.01.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	14.01.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
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5.	MV North Passage	14.01.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	14.01.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
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6.	MV Pilomillow	14.01.2025 1300 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	14.01.2025 1500 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
7.	MV Jolly Buoy	14.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	15.01.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep
15.01.2025 (WEDNESDAY)							
1.	MV North Passage	15.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	15.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Hut Bay	15.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	15.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Bambooka	15.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	15.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Pilomillow	15.01.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island, Kadamtala & Long Island	16.01.2025 0700 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island, Kadamtala, Strait Island, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep
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6.	MV Strait Island	15.01.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	15.01.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
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7.	MV Bambooka	15.01.2025 1300 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	15.01.2025 1500 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
8.	MV Hut Bay	15.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	16.01.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep
16.01.2025 (THURSDAY)							
1.	MV Bambooka	16.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	16.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Jolly Buoy	16.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	16.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Baratang	16.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	16.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
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'Pariksha Pe Charcha' organized by DCPU, SA for CCI Children

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13
The District Child Protection Unit under the District Administration, South Andaman organized a two days program on 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' on Jan.10 & 11, 2025 at Balika Niketan, Attam Pahar and Seva Niketan, Dairy Farm for the children of various Child Care Institutions of South Andaman studying in class 10th and 12th and appearing for the Board exams during the current academic year.

The aim of the program was to help the children to overcome their stress for examination and to provide guidance on effective preparation and to celebrate the examination.

The program began with a welcome note by the District Child Protection Officer, South Andaman. The Resource Person for the Program was Smti. Rita Banerjee, Rtd Principal and ex-Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, presently serve as the

Principal, RGT Vidyalaya and Shri Raja Ram, Resource Person from the Department of Education, Shiksha Sadan.

Smti Rita Banerjee in her session provided tips on effective way of preparation and skilful writing of the examination focusing on pre, during and post examination. She also encouraged the children to do meditation to improve concentration and to avoid distraction.

Shri Raja Ram took a session through power point presentation and interacted with the students through a question box activity by inviting anonymous question from children related to their physical, mental and social health.

He recommended the students with various solutions and options to choose career opportunities in the various streams. He focused his discussion on the Board Exam Challenges especially

before and during examination, management of time and to regulate study schedules and daily routine.

Shri Sujit Thankachen, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee and Shri P Rama Chandra, Member, Child Welfare Committee encouraged the children and boosted their morale by sharing their life experience and to cope with the stress of examination. The Committee also encouraged the children to focus in their studies and thereby accomplishing all their dreams and goals.

Altogether, 55 children from various Child Care Institutions participated in the program.

The District Administration ensures to conduct such significant programs and event to do every best possible thing for the children of Child Care Institutions, a press release from DC, SA said.

Para Athletics National Technical Officials Seminar-cum-Examination 2025

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13
The Para Sports Association Andaman Nicobar Islands has informed that the Paralympic Committee of India will be conducting National Level Para Athletics Technical Officials Seminar-cum-Examination 2025 from 17th to 19th February, 2025. The Examination objective is to educate and create awareness on the Competition and

Technical Rule. The qualified Technical Officials in this examination will be selected as Technical Official for the forthcoming National and New Delhi 2025 World Para Athletic Grand Prix from 8th to 13th March, 2025 and 2025 World Para Athletic Championships, New Delhi from 26th September to 5th October, 2025. The candidate age limit is

below 50 years for Men & Women.

Interested persons who have knowledge of Athletics Sport have been asked to contact the Secretary, Para Sports Association Andaman Nicobar Islands at State Olympic Association Office, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram on any Office working day before 25th January, 2025 for more details, a press release from PSAANI said.

SBI- Andaman Badminton Premier League 2025 concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13
The SBI- Andaman Badminton Premier League 2025 concluded in the Multipurpose Hall of Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram yesterday. The championship tournament commenced on 9th January. In a scintillating final match played between TSG Smashers and SDJ Golden Racquets, the former won by 3-2. Team ABC was the First Runner up. A cash award of Rs. 1,00,000/-, Rs. 70,000/- and Rs. 40,000/- were presented to the winners, runners up and the first runners up respectively in addition to trophies and certificates. Master Harshit



Antony (11 yrs) was awarded as the Youngest Player, Master Ajay as the Emerging Player and Shri Bhaskaran as the Player of the Tournament.

Shri Kumar Abhishek, DANIPS was the chief guest of the valedictory function. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Kumar

Abhishek appreciated the players and the teams for displaying high level of professionalism and sportsmanship. A large crowd thronged the Multipurpose Hall to witness the final match. Many veteran players of the Islands also witnessed the match, a press release from BAANI said.

ZPVKV, Shore Point celebrates 162nd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda & National Youth Day

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13
Zilla Parishad Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya (ZPVKV), Shore Point, marked the 162nd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and National Youth Day 2025 on 12th January with great enthusiasm and reverence. The event, held in the school premises, saw active participation from dignitaries, students, and members of the local community.

The celebration was

graced by the esteemed presence of Pujya Swamiji Shuddhananda Saraswati, Acharya, Chinmaya Mission, Sri Vijaya Puram as the chief guest. Smti Padmavati, Samiti Pramukh, Ferrargunj, Shri K. Bala Krishna, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Shore Point and Smti Naseema Bibi, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Bambooflat -2 were the special guests.

Smti Sita Das,

Headmistress of ZPVKV Shore Point, delivered the welcome address. A series of cultural performances by the students captivated the audience. The prize distribution ceremony celebrated the achievements of students in various competitions, inspiring them to strive for excellence, a press release from ZPVKV, Shore Point said.

SBM Ambassador visits GSS Delanipur



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13
To check cleanliness and sanitation under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Shri Naresh Chander Lal, Padmashri Awardee and Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission, A&N Islands, today visited Govt. Sec. School Delanipur and interacted with the students. Shri Lal urged them to maintain cleanliness in their school premises as well as in their respective

societies. He also requested the students to keep themselves away from harmful substances and encouraged them to be fit by indulging in sports and games. He also sensitized them on water conservation. Baby Nazrana, Vice Principal of the School along with Head Master accompanied the SBM Ambassador during the visit, a press release from Ambassador, SBM said.

SSC to conduct Combined Graduate Level (Tier-II) Exam from Jan.18 to 20

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13
The Staff Selection Commission will be conducting the Combined Graduate Level (Tier-II) Examination, 2024 from 18th to 20th January, 2025 at Sri Vijaya Puram Examination Centre(s). The e-Admit Card of the

candidates appearing for the examination will be made available 3-4 days prior to the scheduled examination date on the website of the Commission (<https://ssc.gov.in/> or <https://sscex.org/>), a press release from Deputy Secretary (R&E) said.

MV Sentinel to sail for Diglipur on Jan.15

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13
The vessel MV Sentinel will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on Jan.15, 2025 at 1900 hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Sri Vijaya Puram on Jan.16, 2025 at 1400 hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder.

Passengers may book their tickets for the sailings from DSS e-ticketing portal (<https://dss.andaman.gov.in/eticketing>) and STARS Ticketing Counter from 0900 hrs onwards from Jan.15, 2025, a press release from DSS said.

Isles Chess player shines in FIDE Rating Chess Festival 2025

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 13

It is a proud moment for the Islands as Chittiboina Mageswari, a budding chess player and a student of Class IX of Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School has excelled in the Bharatiya Naveena Kreedha Utsav 2nd International Below 1800 FIDE Rating Chess Festival-2025 held at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh from 10th to 12th January, 2025.

Around 440 chess players participated in the tournament, in which, Chittiboina Mageswari secured 4th position in the Best Govt. School Student Category by scoring 5 points out of 9 round including two wins and two draws against rated players. She was felicitated with a trophy, medal and a certificate for her achievement, a press release from ANCA said.



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route i.e., Netaji Stadium —Scout Hut Junction — Girls School and shall proceed to their respective places/units, a press release from DM (SA) said.

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significance of Swami Vivekananda's vision, particularly his emphasis on youth empowerment, spiritual growth, and nation-building.

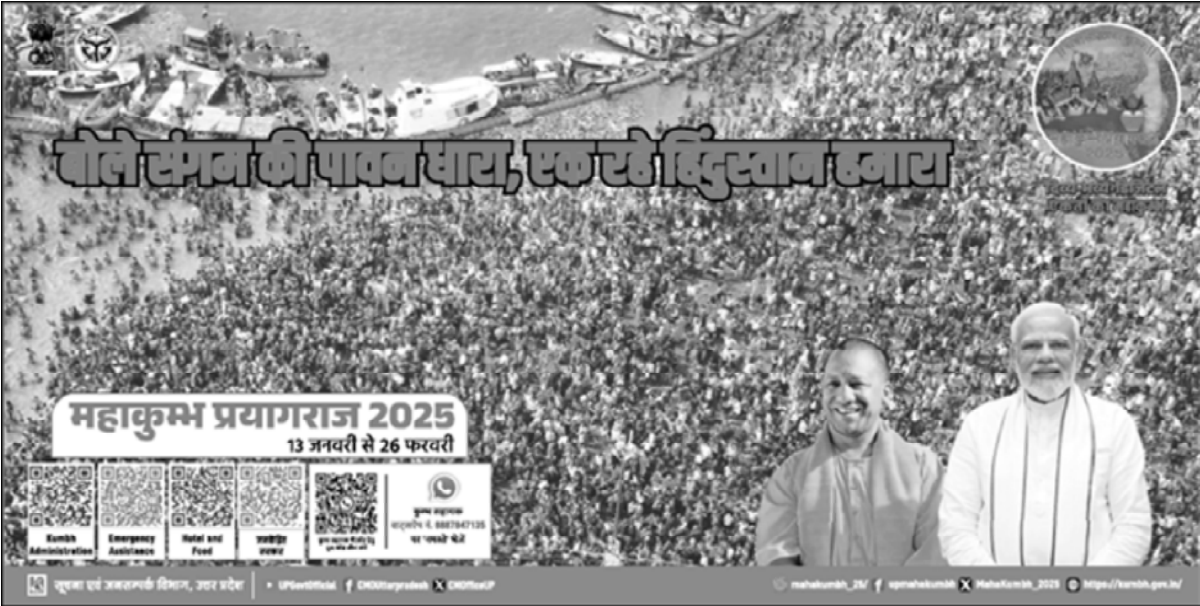
Pujya Swami Shuddhananda Saraswati, Acharya, Chinmaya Mission, who was the special guest, shed light on Swami Vivekananda's pivotal role as a social reformer. He elaborated on how Vivekananda inspired nationalism, unity, and purpose, especially among the youth, urging them to uphold his ideals of selfless service and dedication to the nation.

The program also featured a vibrant array of cultural performances by students, including devotional songs, dances, and skit which served as a fitting tribute to Swami Vivekananda.

Smti Shiny Mohan, Vice Principal, VKV, proposed the vote of thanks, a press release from VKV Lamba Line said.

Global Maha Kumbh 2025

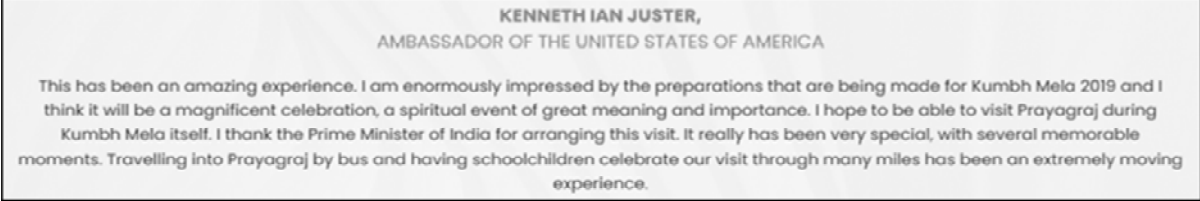
A Celebration of Spiritual Grandeur and Cultural Heritage



Prayagraj, the epicenter of Maha Kumbh, is a city steeped in history and spirituality. The city's significance as a pilgrimage site, aptly named 'Tirthraj' or the King of Pilgrimage Sites, is well documented in ancient texts and travelogues. The Chinese traveler Xuanzang, who visited India in the 7th century, described Prayagraj as a region of immense natural beauty, prosperity, and cultural depth. His observations about the Triveni Sangam and the rituals performed there resonate with the spiritual fervor of Maha Kumbh.

Xuanzang's writings highlight the Triveni Sangam as a meeting point of faith and community. He described the grand festivals held in Prayagraj, attended by over 5,00,000 people, including rulers and wealthy merchants, who bathed in the sacred waters and donated generously. This tradition continues to thrive, as millions gather at the Sangam to cleanse their souls and partake in an ancient ritual that transcends time.

Maha Kumbh 2025 is not just a religious event; it is a cultural ambassador for India. By aligning the event with the "Brand UP" vision, the Uttar Pradesh government is leveraging its heritage to attract foreign investment, foster cultural exchanges, and promote sustainable tourism. Discussions with key stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality sectors during the international fairs aim to create a global ecosystem of engagement around Maha Kumbh. This proactive approach is expected to enhance Uttar Pradesh's and further, India's reputation as a land of spirituality and innovation, inviting both pilgrims and investors to participate in its growth story.



The success of the Kumbh Mela 2019 in Prayagraj transcended its spiritual and cultural significance, garnering recognition, and accolades on various fronts. The event was not only a

testament to the devotion of millions but also a showcase of organizational excellence and global appreciation. Kumbh Mela 2019 was successful in attracting praises from governments and ambassadors of various countries.

Further, it set 3 Guinness World Records and won accolades by Heads of Missions of 70 countries.

Maha Kumbh 2025 is set to establish several world records this time around. The Fair authority has planned to achieve four different world records in various categories, with a strong possibility of setting a record for the largest gathering of devotees at a single event. Additionally, a world record for eye tests and spectacle distribution is also anticipated. This will be the first time that eye tests for 5 lakh people and the distribution of 3 lakh spectacles will take place at a single event. For this purpose, a grand "Netra Kumbh" (Eye Fair) has been set up in Sector 5 near Nagvasuki, spanning approximately 10 acres. The previous Netra Kumbh earned a place in

the Limca Book of Records for its achievements. This year's Netra Kumbh aims to secure a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records by setting even higher benchmarks.

With the aim of positioning Uttar Pradesh as a premier global tourism destination, the state government is showcasing Maha Kumbh 2025 at prestigious international tourism trade fairs in Madrid, Spain, and Berlin, Germany. The International Tourism Trade Fair (FITUR), scheduled for January 24-28, 2025, and the ITB Berlin Fair from March 4-6, 2025, will host thematic pavilions dedicated to Maha Kumbh and Uttar Pradesh's cultural legacy. These 40-square-meter pavilions will encapsulate the essence of the state's heritage and invite global tourists to witness the grandeur of the world's largest religious gathering. The inclusion of VVIP lounges for B2B and B2C sessions highlights the emphasis on strategic engagement with international stakeholders. The distribution of promotional materials in multiple languages ensures that Maha Kumbh's spiritual and cultural significance resonates with diverse audiences.

Maha Kumbh is more than an event; it is a living heritage that binds generations through shared beliefs and traditions. It is an experience that transforms not only the pilgrims but also the observers who witness the power of collective faith. For centuries, Prayagraj has drawn people from across the globe, including scholars, travelers, and spiritual seekers. Maha Kumbh 2025 aims to rekindle this historical connection, inviting the world to rediscover the universal values of peace, harmony, and coexistence.

In celebrating Maha Kumbh, we celebrate the essence of India—a land where the sacred and the secular harmoniously coexist, inspiring the world to embark on its own journey of discovery. **(Source:PIB)**



The Maha Kumbh: A Celebration Beyond Borders

Pinar's journey to the Maha Kumbh began with a dream. A Turkish citizen, deeply curious about India's rich cultural tapestry, she had long heard stories of the mystical confluence of faith, tradition, and humanity that defines the Maha Kumbh. In January 2025, her dream turned into reality as she stood on the sands of Sangam, the sacred meeting point of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the Saraswati rivers.

Clad in a traditional Indian attire, Pinar took the holy dip in the Ganges, an act of purification that holds profound significance in Sanatan Dharma. With a tilak on her forehead and the sacred waters embracing her, she immersed herself fully in the divinity of the moment. "The atmosphere here is divine and majestic," she shared, her voice brimming with awe. For Pinar, this was not just a journey across continents but a profound spiritual awakening.

Her admiration for the energy and sanctity of the event was palpable. Participating in rituals like meditation and the application of tilak, she felt a deeper connection to India's age-old traditions. "Walking on the sands of Sangam and taking the holy dip in the Ganga are experiences I will never forget," she said, reflecting on her newfound understanding and respect for Sanatan Dharma.

The Maha Kumbh 2025 has cemented its place as not just India's largest spiritual gathering but a global cultural event that attracts millions. Designated as an intangible heritage of humanity, the Maha Kumbh represents the essence of Sanatan culture and has sparked worldwide curiosity. This year, the event's global appeal is evident in the surge of interest from international visitors and online users alike. People from across continents are actively seeking information about the grand event, eager to understand its significance and partake in its spiritual vibrancy.

To cater to this global curiosity, the Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh has embraced digital transformation, presenting the Maha Kumbh 2025 as a "Digital Maha Kumbh." The centerpiece of this initiative is the official website <https://kumbh.gov.in/>, which offers comprehensive information on all aspects of the Maha Kumbh. From the traditions and spiritual



significance to travel guidelines and accommodation options, the portal is a one-stop destination for devotees and tourists. Major attractions, key bathing festivals, dos and don'ts, and media galleries are meticulously detailed to ensure an immersive experience.

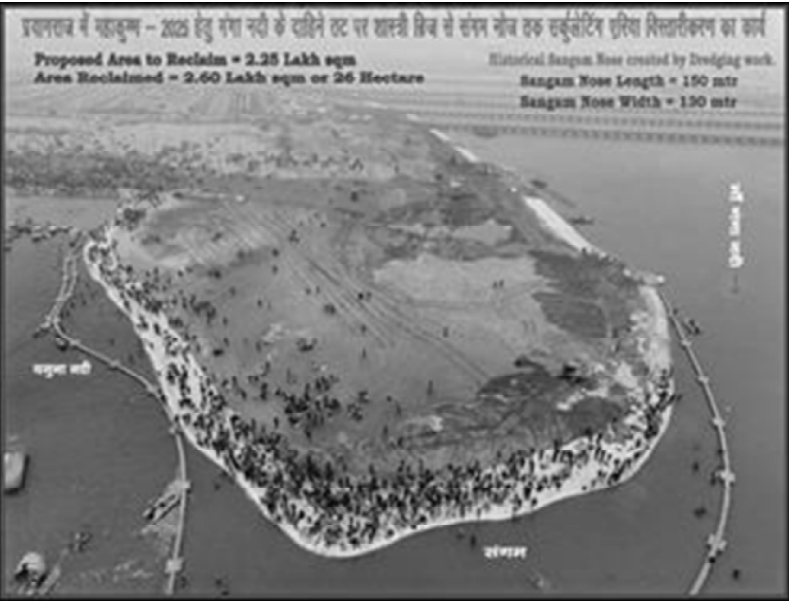
This digital initiative has seen remarkable engagement. In the first week of January alone, over 33 lakh visitors from 183 countries have accessed the website, with users hailing from as many as 6,206 cities worldwide. India

leads the traffic, followed by the United States, Britain, Canada, and Germany. The platform's reach highlights the event's universal appeal, transcending geographical and cultural boundaries.

The technical team managing the website reported a substantial surge in traffic since its launch, with daily users reaching millions as the event approaches. Visitors not only access the site but spend considerable time exploring its content, delving into the rich history and spiritual essence of the Maha Kumbh. The Digital Maha Kumbh initiative underscores the seamless blending of ancient traditions with modern technology. By providing easy access to reliable information, the Uttar Pradesh government ensures that devotees and tourists can focus on the spiritual aspects of the Maha Kumbh without logistical challenges.

As the Maha Kumbh 2025 unfolds, it continues to inspire awe and reverence among those who witness its magnificence. For visitors like Pinar, it is more than a festival; it is a transformative journey that bridges cultures and deepens spiritual connections. The grandeur of the Maha Kumbh reminds us of the enduring power of faith to unite humanity. In its rivers, sands, and sacred rituals, it offers a timeless message of purity, devotion, and the shared human quest for meaning. With its global reach and digital innovations, the Maha Kumbh is not just preserving its traditions but also carrying them forward into a connected world.

This year, as millions gather at the Sangam, the Maha Kumbh reaffirms its place as a spiritual epicenter, where ancient rituals and modern aspirations come together in a celebration of life and divinity. **(Source:PIB)**





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