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Sri Vijaya Puram will be partly cloudy with possibility of light rain at one or two places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Thursday 16/01/2025.

Weather Report

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.2
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.9
 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 057
 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 070
 Sunrise time on 16.01.2025 (in IST) : 0544
 Sunset time on 16.01.2025 (in IST) : 1715
 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: 073.7 mm

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Prime Minister dedicates frontline naval combatants INS Surat, INS Nilgiri & INS Vaghsheer to the nation

Commissioning of three frontline naval combatants underscores India's unwavering commitment to building a robust and self-reliant defence sector: PM

New Delhi, Jan. 15 (PIB)

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today dedicated three frontline naval combatants INS Surat, INS Nilgiri and INS Vaghsheer to the nation on their commissioning at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Addressing the gathering, Shri Modi said that 15th January is commemorated as Army Day and saluted every brave warrior who sacrificed his life for the safety and security of the nation. He congratulated all the brave warriors on this occasion.

Remarking that today was a big day for India's maritime heritage, the glorious



history of the Navy and the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Prime Minister said that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj gave a new strength and vision to the Navy in India. He added that today the Government had taken a major step towards empowering the 21st century Navy of India in the land of Shivaji Maharaj. "It is

for the first time that the tri-commissioning of a destroyer, frigate and submarine was being done", highlighted the Prime Minister. He emphasized that it was also a matter of pride that all the three frontline platforms were made in India. He congratulated the Indian Navy, all the stakeholders involved in the

construction work and the citizens of India for the achievement.

"Today's program links our glorious heritage with our future aspirations", exclaimed Shri Modi. He added that India has a rich history related to long sea voyages, commerce, naval defence and ship industry. Taking cue from this rich

history, he remarked that today's India is emerging as a major maritime power in the world. He added that the platforms launched today displayed a glimpse of the same. The Prime Minister noted the launch of new platforms, including the INS Nilgiri, dedicated to the maritime prowess of the Chola dynasty, and the Surat warship, reminiscent of the era when Gujarat's ports connected India to West Asia. He also mentioned the commissioning of the Vaghsheer submarine, the sixth in the P75

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MESSAGE

On the occasion of Police Raising Day, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and warm greetings to all ranks of the Andaman & Nicobar Police. Your tireless dedication in maintaining law and order, preventing-crime and ensuring the safety of both residents and tourists is truly commendable.

This day mark 73 years of distinguish service since Mr. Naushirwan Feroz Sauntook, IPS, assumed the role of Superintendent of Police for the A & N Islands on January 16, 1953. I commend the ongoing efforts to strengthen police-

public partnerships, including awareness programs and engaging cultural events that involve police families and the broader community.

The swift and effective implementation of the new legal frameworks- Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bhartiya Suraksha Adhinyam, 2023- will undoubtedly enhance justice delivery and further modernize the justice system. The remarkable success in anti-narcotics operations, including the recent seizure of 6016 kg of Methamphetamine, stands as a powerful testament to your unwavering commitment to safeguarding these islands.

Efforts to combat cybercrime through proactive measures and advanced training for Cyber Commandos, as well as specialized coastal security training for PMF personnel reflect your readiness to meet emerging security challenges.

I am confident that the Andaman & Nicobar Police will continue to exemplify professionalism, integrity, and compassion in serving the community. My best wishes to all police personnel and their families. May you continue to uphold justice with pride and dedication.



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

IMD celebrates 150 Years: A Milestone of Meteorological Excellence

Series of community-centric activities conducted by Meteorological Centre Sri Vijaya Puram

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 15

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) celebrated its 150th Foundation Day with grand events held at its Headquarters and Regional Centres across the country. The inaugural ceremony at the Headquarters in New Delhi, held on 14th January, 2025, marked a significant milestone in the journey of IMD. The event was graced by the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, as the chief guest, along



with other distinguished dignitaries, including Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Earth Sciences, and Prof. Celeste Saulo, Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization. This momentous occasion reflected the IMD's long-standing

commitment to advancing meteorological science and serving the nation.

At the Meteorological Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram, under the leadership of its Head, Shri Surendra Pratap Singh, the celebration of this historic event extended to a series of

community-centric activities. The staff at Meteorological Centre Sri Vijaya Puram organized a range of events aimed at engaging the public and raising awareness about meteorological science and environmental conservation.

The activities included Beach Cleaning Drive at Wandoor, Yoga Session, Plantation Drive, Blood Donation Camp and Painting Competition.

On 14th January, 2025, the staff of

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Chief Secretary inaugurates three-day 'PM Vishwakarma Exhibition-cum-Trade Fair' at ITF Ground

PM Vishwakarma Scheme aims to provide end-to-end support to artisans & craftspersons of 18 trades: CS

Staff Correspondent

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 15

A 3-day 'PM Vishwakarma Exhibition-cum-Trade Fair' got underway at ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram here today with an objective to provide recognition and marketing support to the Traditional Artisans and Craftspeople of 18 Trades working with their hands and tools who are covered under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.

Br. MSME-Development & Facilitation Office (Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India), Sri Vijaya Puram is organizing the event in coordination with UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Chief



Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhusan Kumar, IAS, inaugurated the Fair by cutting the ribbon as the chief guest.

In his address, the Chief Secretary said that PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Prime

Minister in the year 2023 which aims to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople of 18 trades who work with their hands and tools. He said, this scheme was of paramount importance and there is great enthusiasm about this scheme among people.

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District Administration, SA holds meeting for implementing Swachhata Green Leaf Rating for Hospitality Sector

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 15

The District Administration, South Andaman plans to implement Swachhata Green Leaf Rating System, devised by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism under Travel for LIFE Campaign, a pioneering initiative aimed at promoting



'Safely Managed Sanitation' practices among hotels, resorts, guest houses, and home stays located in Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep. The Green Leaf

Rating system will sensitize the hospitality sector to follow safe sanitation practices, thereby adopting this rating system. It is envisaged

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A&NI KVIB to organize Skill Development Training in Poultry and Dairy Farming Applicants urged to report to nearest Training Centre on Jan.20

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 15

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Khadi and Village Industries Board (A&NI KVIB), in collaboration with the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Sciences, A&N Administration is set to launch a one-month Skill Development Training Programme in Poultry

and Dairy Farming. The training will commence on 20th January, 2025 and will be held at Veterinary Hospitals in Dollygunj, Port Mout, Hutbay and Diglipur. Candidates who have already submitted their applications to the A&NI KVIB and Department of Industries have been

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Assessment of VAT for the period 2017-2018 to 2020-2021 initiated by UT Tax Department

Penalty imposed under relevant provisions of A&N Islands Value Added Tax Regulation against defaulters

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 15

The UT Tax Department has issued Notice of Default Assessment of Tax, Interest and Penalty to the Dealers registered under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Value Added Tax Regulation, 2017, on account of violation of provisions of the

Regulation, Rules and other directives issued thereunder. The assessment of Value Added Tax for the period 2017-2018 to 2020-2021 were initiated and so far, assessment of 138 such Dealers have been completed. During the course of assessment, several violation including

default in payment of tax, default in submission of quarterly returns and tax deficiencies were observed leading to imposition of penalty under relevant provisions of the Regulation. Upon completion of these assessment, the tax deficiency

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Prime Minister dedicates frontline naval...

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class, following the commissioning of the first submarine, Kalvari, a few years ago. These new frontier platforms, the Prime Minister stated, will enhance both India's security and progress.

"India is today recognized as a reliable and responsible partner globally, especially in the Global South", exclaimed the Prime Minister. He emphasized that India operates with a spirit of development, not expansionism. He remarked that India has always supported an open, secure, inclusive, and prosperous Indo-Pacific Region. He noted that when it came to the development of coastal nations, India introduced the mantra of SAGAR (Security And Growth for All in the Region) and advanced with this vision. Highlighting India's leadership during its G20 presidency, promoting the mantra of "One Earth, One Family, One Future", Shri Modi also mentioned India's vision of "One Earth, One Health" during the global fight against COVID-19, underscoring India's belief in treating the world as one family and its commitment to inclusive development. He stated that India considers the defense and security of the entire region as its responsibility.

Emphasising the significant role of maritime nations like India in shaping global security, economics, and geopolitical dynamics, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of protecting territorial waters, ensuring freedom of navigation, and securing trade supply lines and sea routes for economic progress and energy security. He stressed on the need to safeguard the region from terrorism, arms, and drug trafficking. Shri Modi stressed the importance of becoming global partners in making the seas safe and prosperous, enhancing logistics efficiency, and supporting the shipping industry. He also highlighted the need to prevent the misuse of ocean resources like rare minerals and fish stocks and to develop the capacity to manage them. Noting the importance of investing in new shipping routes and sea lanes of communication and expressing satisfaction that India is continuously taking steps in this direction, the Prime Minister remarked "India has emerged as the first responder in the Indian Ocean Region".

"The Make in India initiative is not only enhancing the capabilities of India's armed forces but also opening new avenues for economic progress", said Shri Modi. He cited the shipbuilding ecosystem as an example, noting that experts say every rupee invested in shipbuilding has a positive impact of nearly double on the economy. The Prime Minister remarked that currently, 60 large ships are under construction in the country, valued at approximately Rs. 1.5 lakh crore. He emphasized that this investment would result in an economic circulation of around Rs.3 lakh crore and a six-fold multiplier effect in terms of employment. Noting that most of the ship parts come from domestic MSMEs, Shri Modi remarked that if 2,000 workers are involved in building a ship, it creates around 12,000 jobs in other industries, particularly in the MSME sector.

Emphasizing India's rapid progress towards becoming the world's third-largest economy, the Prime Minister remarked that there was continuous growth in manufacturing and export capacity, noting the future need for hundreds of new ships and containers. He added that the port-led development model will accelerate the entire economy and create thousands of new job opportunities. Citing an example of the increasing employment in the seafaring sector, mentioning that the number of seafarers in India has more than doubled from less than 1,25,000 in 2014 to nearly 3,00,000 today, the Prime Minister noted that India now ranks among the top five countries globally in terms of the number of seafarers.

The Prime Minister stressed that the third term of his Government has begun with several major decisions and remarked on the rapid formulation of new policies and the initiation of new projects to meet the country's needs. He added that the goal was to ensure development in every corner and sector of the country, with the expansion of the port sector being a part of this vision. Shri Modi noted that one of the first major decisions in the third term was the approval of the VadHAVAN Port in Maharashtra. He added that the construction of this modern port, with an investment of Rs. 75,000 crore, has already begun, creating thousands of new job opportunities in Maharashtra.

Work for development of School Playground in Kakana Village under MGNREGA commences

Kamorta, Jan. 15

As a commitment towards development and upliftment of the people of the villages under Nancowry Block and with the aim to provide suitable assets for holistic community well-being, a new work for 'Development of School Playground' has commenced at Kakana Village under Nancowry Block in the Nicobar District on 15th January, 2025 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, a flagship programme of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

The work commenced in the presence of Shri Mohammed Yunus M, Block Development Officer (BDO) of Nancowry Block and is being led by Shri Frazer James, 1st Captain Kakana Village with the support of officials from MGNREGA unit. The School



Playground work will provide 422 person-days of work and will provide employment to more than 20 members of the community. This work will not only provide livelihood generation for the people of Kakana but will also give a boost to the healthy living and prevention of various lifestyle diseases by engaging in sports and games among the locals.

Earlier, the Block Development Officer, Nancowry held a brief discussion with all the workers of Mahatma

National Employment Generation Scheme and appealed to avail the benefits of the various schemes of Government of India provided by the Department. He also encouraged them to identify local needs and collectively work towards attaining them through community efforts under the scheme, thereby providing employment opportunities and resultantly development of the village, a press release from BDO, Nancowry said.

Heavy rain forecast

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan.15
Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Nicobar Islands on Jan. 16, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

Chief Secretary inaugurates three-day 'PM Vishwakarma ...

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they get good price in the market. He expressed happiness that those who are associated with this Scheme has put up their stalls in this 'Exhibition-cum-Fair'.

The Chief Secretary stated that artisans' skills are matchless because they are preparing art & crafts since ages. Their products are not a factory product but crafted through their skills utilizing their brain with utmost patience, the Chief Secretary said. He desired that such type of Fair should also be organized in Car Nicobar, Mayabunder and Diglipur.

The inaugural function was also attended by Additional Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME, GoI, Dr. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, IES, Secretary, Industry, Dr. Satyendra Singh Dursawat, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, N&M Andaman, Ms. Nandini Maharaj, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars, Shri Amit Kale and senior officials of MSME from mainland and Sri Vijaya Puram.

In her keynote address, Additional Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME, GoI, Dr. Ishita Tripathy, IES, at the outset, thanked the UT Administration for helping MSME branch Sri Vijaya Puram in organizing this Fair.



Under this Scheme, the target was given to cover 30 lakh beneficiaries in five years. Till, January 15th morning, a total of 26.4 lakh beneficiaries have been covered, she added.

In her address, the GM, NABARD, A&N Regional Office as the guest of honour, stated that NABARD through its skill development programme has provided training to near about 9000 ladies.

Earlier, the Joint Director & HoD, IEDS, MSME-DFO, Kolkata, Shri Pradip Kumar Das welcomed the chief guest and others present on the occasion while the inaugural session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Assistant Director, In-Charge, Br. MSME-DFO, Sri Vijaya Puram, Shri GK Sinha.

About 90 stalls have been set up at the Fair, of which, the number of PM Vishwakarma stall is 50, MSMEs/Artisans stall is 20 and Govt. Department stall is 20. The Exhibition which was inaugurated today is open to general public from 9.30 am to 9 .30 pm till Jan. 17. Cultural event will be organized tomorrow (Jan. 16) as part of the fair during which, song and dance performance will be put up by Kalapani Band from 5 to 9.30 pm. The other attraction of the Fair are handicrafts stall, food stalls, and free amusement for children. Activities scheduled for Jan. 16 include drawing, quiz and dance competitions for which, Programme Coordinator, Ms Soni can be contacted over phone no. 09933276189.

During the 3-day event, sessions on various topics like Financial Assistance Schemes, Marketing Support Schemes, Technology Upgradation Schemes for Prospective/Existing Entrepreneurs/MSMEs/ Startups; Public Procurement Policy 2012; e-Commerce Platform; Bar Code Registration; Intellectual Property Rights; Import-Export Policy and Procedures; GeM Portal; etc. have also been planned for the technical session.

NCC Cadets explore Chidiyatapu & Munda Pahad as part of SNIC-2025

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 15

As part of Day- 2 of the Special National Integration Camp (SNIC-2025) activities at Sri Vijaya Puram, NCC cadets embarked on a memorable visit to Chidiyatapu Biological Park. This lush ecological sanctuary, rich in diverse flora and fauna, including the iconic Padauk trees, offered cadets a chance to observe wildlife in its natural habitat and enjoy the vibrant birdlife.



The day continued with an exciting exploration of the scenic Munda Pahad Beach, where cadets, guided by seasoned instructors from the Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) NCC Units, discovered the pristine beauty of the Islands. Led by Col. T. Hariteja, Group Commander of NCC Chennai 'A', the cadets also gained valuable insights into the region's unique biodiversity while soaking in stunning views of the Andaman Sea, a press release from NU NCC said.

A&NI KVIB to organize Skill Development ...

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requested to report to their nearest Training Centre on 20th January, 2025 at 9.30 am.

For those who have not yet applied but are interested in participating, applications can still be submitted. Aspiring candidates are required to visit the A&NI KVIB Office at Udyog Parisar Complex, Middle Point, Sri Vijaya Puram or nearest Extension Office of the Industries Department by 17th January, 2025. Applicants should bring copies of their Aadhaar Card and Educational Qualification Certificates.

For additional information, candidates may contact the Technical Assistant of the Board at 03192-233301 or 9933202797.

This initiative aims to enhance skills in poultry and dairy farming, empowering individuals with practical knowledge and fostering rural development across the Islands by providing finance under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP scheme), a press release from ANIKVIB said.

IMD celebrates 150 Years: A Milestone ...

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Meteorological Centre Sri Vijaya Puram organized an event where they live telecasted the Headquarters event featuring the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. The event at Meteorological Centre Sri Vijaya Puram was graced by the presence of Smt. Mangayakarasi, the Ward Councillor. She distributed certificates among the children and staff, recognizing their participation and contributions to the events. Retired staff were also felicitated during this event, acknowledging their years of dedicated service to the organization.

Additionally, there was a technical session with Associate Professor & Head, Dr. K. Sonamuthu from the Physics Department of JNRM, who discussed advancements in the field of Science, highlighting the latest developments in meteorological research and technology.

Similarly, on 15th January, 2025, the Office organized an open house for the public to visit the observatory. A large number of students from different schools participated in this open house, providing them with a unique opportunity to learn about meteorological instruments and the importance of weather forecasting in daily life.

These events reflected the IMD's dedication not only to its scientific mission but also to its role as a socially responsible organization. The celebration at Meteorological Centre Sri Vijaya Puram underscored the commitment of the Centre to foster community engagement and environmental stewardship. As the IMD stepped into its 150th year, these events at the Headquarters and Regional Centres symbolized a tribute to its rich legacy and a renewed pledge to continue serving the nation with excellence in meteorological services, a press release from Met Office, Sri Vijaya Puram said.

Assessment of VAT for the period ...

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assessed including interest amounted to Rs. 1, 47,50,535/-.

On account of the tax deficiencies and violation of other provisions of the Regulation and Rules, penalty under relevant sections amounting to Rs. 4,89,93,780/- has been imposed on the said Dealers.

The UT Tax Department is committed towards safeguarding the Govt. Exchequer. No violation of the Regulation, Rules and directives shall be tolerated and stringent action under relevant provisions shall be initiated.

Therefore, the registered dealers are once again advised to adhere to the provisions of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Value Added Tax Regulation 2017 and Rules 2020 and other directives issued thereunder, to avoid being penalized, a press release from DC (SA) said.

District Administration, SA holds meeting ...

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that the protocol will not only promote the zeal to achieve the ODF Plus Model status in the country but also help to build a positive image and branding of the tourist entity as promoters for achieving sustainable development goals.

An orientation program was held to introduce the Swachhata Green Leaf Rating System. The program was attended by the Block Level Verification Committee, headed by the Block Development Officer, Prothrapur and comprising of representatives from various Departments including Tourism, Revenue and Panchayats.

Shri Vasant Prasad Dabholkar, IAS (P), provided a detailed presentation on the importance of adopting sustainable practices within the hospitality sector and explained the various aspects of the Green Leaf Rating System under the scheme.

As part of this initiative, a meeting with hoteliers has been scheduled for January 16th, 2025, at 2.45 pm at Dolphin Conference Hall, Swaraj Dweep. Hoteliers from both Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep have been urged to positively attend this orientation program to learn more about the Green Leaf Rating System and its benefits, a press release from DC, SA said.

Nine Years of Startup India

With 1.59 lakh startups, India is now world's 3rd largest startup ecosystem

On January 16, 2025, India marks nine years of Startup India, a transformative journey that began in 2016. Designated as National Startup Day, this occasion celebrates the nation's strides in fostering a robust and inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem. Launched as a flagship initiative of the Government of India, Startup India aimed to nurture innovation and catalyse the growth of startups across the country.

With more than 1.59 lakh startups recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) as of January 15, 2025, India has firmly

established itself as the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world. This vibrant ecosystem, driven by over 100 unicorns, continues to redefine innovation and entrepreneurship on the global stage. Major hubs like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Delhi-NCR have led this transformation, while smaller cities have increasingly contributed to the nation's entrepreneurial momentum.

Startups in fintech, edtech, health-tech, and e-commerce have tackled local challenges and gained global recognition. Companies like Zomato, Nykaa, and Ola showcase India's shift from job seekers to job creators, driving economic progress.

Over the past nine years, the Startup India initiative has played a pivotal role in shaping a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country. By fostering innovation and inclusivity, it has achieved remarkable milestones that highlight its impact on India's economy and society.

i. The number of DPIIT-recognised startups has grown from around 500 in 2016 to 1,59,157 as of January 15, 2025.

ii. As of October 31, 2024, a total of 73,151 recognised startups include at least one woman director, showcasing the rise of women entrepreneurs in India.

iii. From 2016 to October 31, 2024, recognised startups have reportedly created over 16.6 lakh direct jobs, significantly contributing to employment generation.

i. Ease of Doing Business: Simplified compliance, self-certification, and single-window clearances streamline processes for startups.

ii. Tax Benefits: Eligible startups enjoy tax exemptions for three consecutive financial years.

iii. Funding Support: The Rs. 10,000 crore Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) supports early-stage funding.

iv. Sector-Specific Policies: Focused policies for sectors like biotechnology, agriculture, and renewable energy foster targeted growth.

As of October 31, 2024, DPIIT-recognised startups have created over 16.6 lakh

direct jobs across various sectors, significantly contributing to employment generation. The IT Services industry leads with 2.04 lakh jobs, followed by Healthcare & Lifesciences with 1.47 lakh jobs, and Professional & Commercial Services with around 94,000 jobs. These contributions highlight the role of startups in driving economic growth and creating diverse employment opportunities across industries. Click here to see the full list.

The Startup India initiative has launched various flagship schemes to provide comprehensive support to startups across different stages of their journey. These schemes aim to address critical areas such as funding, market access, and credit guarantees, ensuring the growth and sustainability of startups.

Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)

The Startup India initiative extends its support to startups through a range of initiatives aimed at fostering capacity building, promoting outreach, and facilitating ecosystem collaboration. These efforts ensure the development of a vibrant and inclusive entrepreneurial environment across India.

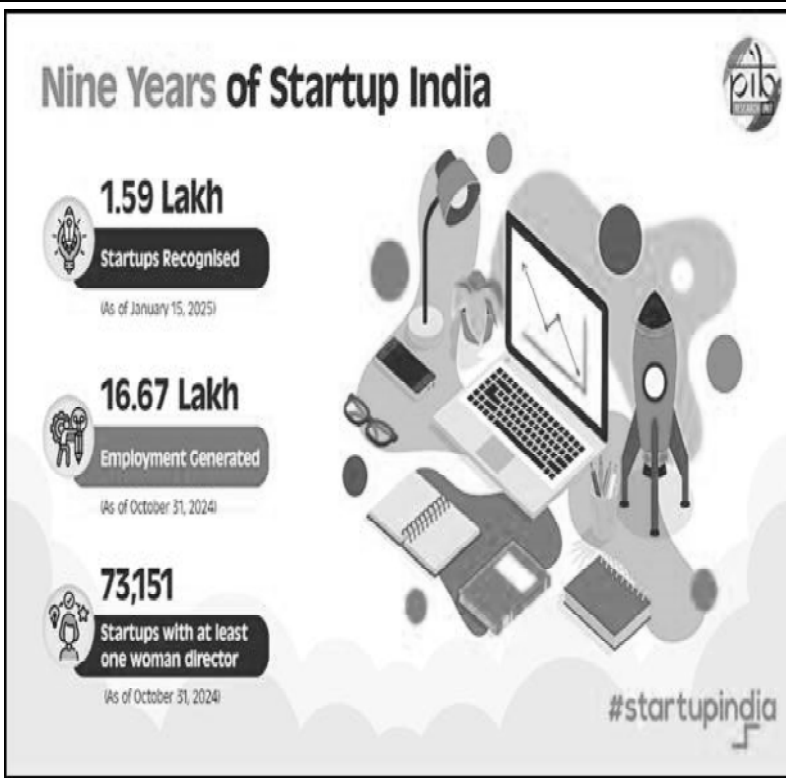
Here are the key measures:

Capacity Building and Handholding

To strengthen regional startup ecosystems, capacity-building workshops are conducted year-round, including in non-metro cities, under the States' Startup Ranking framework. These workshops aim to assist States and Union Territories in developing local ecosystems. Specialised handholding sessions are also organised for incubators in regions beyond metropolitan cities, ensuring equal access to guidance and resources.

Outreach and Awareness

The initiative focuses on outreach and awareness activities to inspire entrepreneurs, particularly in non-metro areas. These activities include facilitating funding opportunities, incubation, mentorship, and business connections in collaboration with State and UT administrations. Startup showcases provide a platform for entrepreneurs to pitch their



ideas to investors, while the initiative's programmes are actively promoted on social media to reach a broader audience.

Ecosystem Development Events and Programmes

National-level events like the Startup Mahakumbh bring together stakeholders to foster innovation and entrepreneurship. Initiatives such as ASCEND workshops support budding entrepreneurs in North Eastern States, and the Startup India Innovation Week, held around National Startup Day on 16th January, celebrates entrepreneurship and innovation across the nation.

International Exposure and Linkages

India's G20 Presidency institutionalised the Startup20 Engagement Group to facilitate collaboration among global economies. Meetings across the country showcased India's regional startup ecosystems, enhancing international exposure. Additionally, Government-to-Government partnerships, participation in global forums, hosting international events, and building bridges with other nations have strengthened cross-border collaboration.

Encouraging Ecosystem Collaboration

The Startup India Hub portal serves as a comprehensive digital platform for entrepreneurial ecosystem stakeholders. It provides access to resources, information, and benefits under the initiative, ensuring inclusivity by improving accessibility for startups and entrepreneurs, especially those outside metropolitan regions.

BHASKAR: Empowering India's Startup Ecosystem

In addition to the initiatives mentioned above, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) launched the Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR) platform in September 2024. This cutting-edge initiative, part of the Startup India program, aims to centralize and streamline interactions within India's entrepreneurial ecosystem. By connecting startups, investors, mentors, service providers, and government bodies, BHASKAR aspires to foster innovation, collaboration, and growth, aligning with India's vision of becoming a global leader in entrepreneurship.

Key Features of BHASKAR are:

i. Seamless Networking: Connects startups, investors, mentors, and stakeholders for effective collaboration.

ii. Centralized Resources: Provides quick access to essential tools and knowledge for scaling startups.

iii. Unique Identification: Offers personalized BHASKAR IDs for streamlined interactions.

iv. Enhanced Discoverability: Advanced search for resources and opportunities.

v. Global Outreach: Promotes India as a global innovation hub, enabling international collaborations.

vi. Empowering Non-Metro Regions: Enables startups and entrepreneurs from non-metro cities and regions to connect with the larger startup ecosystem, fostering inclusivity and regional growth.

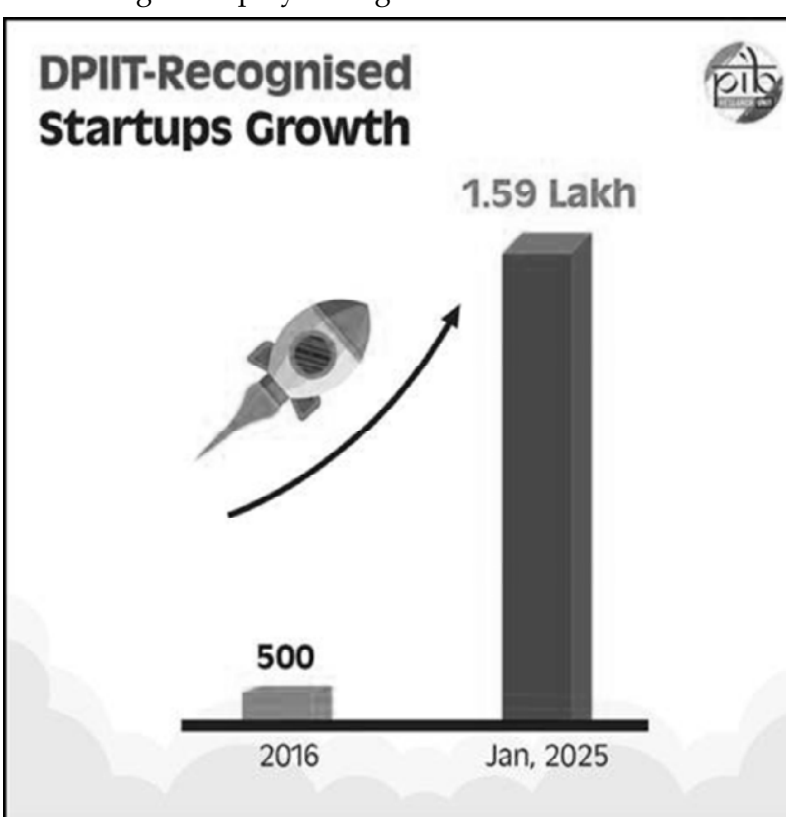
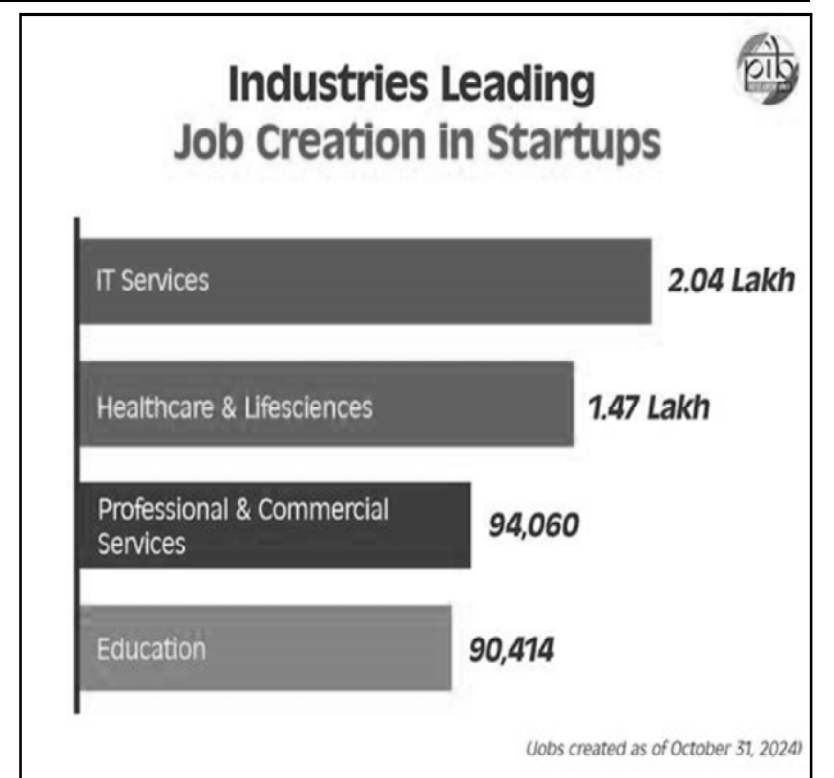
The Startup Mahakumbh stands as a flagship event, bringing together startups, unicorns, soonicorns, investors, industry leaders, and ecosystem stakeholders under one roof. It showcases India's entrepreneurial spirit and technological prowess while fostering dialogue to strengthen the nation's startup ecosystem.

The first edition, held in 2019, marked a milestone with over 500 startups, investors, and industry leaders in attendance. It featured workshops on emerging technologies, investor pitch sessions, and networking opportunities, setting the stage for future events.

Startup Mahakumbh 2024 witnessed remarkable participation, with 48,000 attendees, 1,300 exhibitors, and global delegations from 14 countries, underscoring its growing prominence in shaping India's entrepreneurial landscape.

The fifth edition of Startup Mahakumbh is all set to take place on March 7-8, 2025, in New Delhi, promising another extraordinary gathering to celebrate innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurial growth.

In conclusion, as India celebrates nine years of the Startup India initiative, the country has witnessed a remarkable transformation in its entrepreneurial landscape. With over 1.59 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups and a growing workforce, India has firmly established itself as a global hub for innovation and entrepreneurship. The initiative's support through flagship schemes, capacity-building efforts, platforms like BHASKAR, and events such as Startup Mahakumbh has empowered startups across sectors and regions, including non-metro cities. As India continues its journey towards becoming a global leader in innovation, the Startup India program remains a key driver of economic growth, fostering an inclusive and vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem. (Source:PIB)



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Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs

The prevailing wholesale and Retail Selling Price of Essential Commodities in the local market from 15.01.2025 to 19.01.2025 is as under :-

Sl. No.	ITEM	BRAND & VARIETY	RETAIL PRICE (RS.Per KG)	WHOLESALE PRICE (RS.Per KG)
1.	Rice	Andhra Ponni Cycle Brand	55.00	50.00
2.	-	Raw Rice Tajmahal/Apple	50.00	45.00
3.	-	Ponni Raw Rice VKR Shivaji Brand	96.00	87.00
4.	-	Ponni Boiled Rice VKR Shivaji Brand	94.00	85.00
5.	Wheat Loose	-	49.00	45.00
6.	Atta	Ashirvaad	As per MRP	63.00
7.	Atta Local	KVR	As per MRP	60.00
8.	Atta	Fortune	As per MRP	56.00
9.	Gram Dhal (01 kg)	Loose	105.00	95.00
10.	Tur Dhal (01 kg)	Special	193.00	175.00
11.	Tur Dhal (01 kg)	Chennai	158.00	144.00
12.	Moong (01 kg)	Quality 1	125.00	113.00
13.	Urad Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 1	153.00	139.00
14.	Urad Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 2	150.00	136.00
15.	Masur Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 1	96.00	88.00
16.	White Mutter	-	58.00	53.00
17.	Sugar (1 kg)	-	52.00	47.00
18.	Mustard Oil 1 ltrs	Netaji	As per MRP	185.00
19.	Mustard Oil (500 ml)	Mashal	As per MRP	96.00
20.	Mustard Oil (01 Ltrs)	Mashal	As per MRP	188.00
21.	Mustard Oil (02 Ltrs)	Mashal	As per MRP	338.00
22.	Mustard Oil (05 Ltrs)	Mashal	As per MRP	940.00
23.	Vanaspoti Per Ltr	Dalda	As per MRP	170.00
24.	Sun flower Oil Per Ltr	Dalda	As per MRP	153.00
25.	Sun Flower Oil Per Ltr	Sunland	As per MRP	151.00
26.	Palm Oil Per Ltr	Roobini	As per MRP	149.00
27.	Tea	BBT 1 kg Packet	As per MRP	535.00
28.	Milk	Everyday Powder	As per MRP	600.00
29.	-	Amul Taaza ltr	As per MRP	72.00
30.	-	Amul Spray Powder	As per MRP	450.00
31.	-	Good Life ltr	As per MRP	72.00
32.	Potato	Chennai	70.00	50.00
33.	Onion	Nasik	70.00	55.00
34.	Tomato	Chennai	60.00	50.00
35.	Salt (pack)	1 flo 1 Kg	As per MRP	18.50
36.	-	Saffolo 1 Kg	As per MRP	31.85
37.	Milk	Go Milk 1 ltr	As per MRP	74.00
38.	-	Go Milk 200 ml	As per MRP	15.00
39.	Jaggery	Loose	76.00	70.00
40.	Egg	-	8.00	7.50
41.	Bajra (Whole) ½ Kg	Loose	As per MRP	-
42.	Jowar (Whole) ½ Kg	Loose	As per MRP	-
43.	Ragi (Whole) ½ Kg	Loose	As per MRP	-
44.	Suji (Whole) ½ Kg	Silver coin	As per MRP	-
45.	Maida (Wheat) ½ Kg	Silver coin	As per MRP	-
46.	Besan ½ Kg Pkt	Number One	As per MRP	-
47.	Cow Ghee	Amul	As per MRP	-
48.	Butter (pasteurised)	-	As per MRP	-
49.	Black Pepper (powder)	Sakthi	As per MRP	-
50.	Coriander (powder)	Sakthi	As per MRP	-
51.	Red Chillies (powder)	Sakthi	As per MRP	-
52.	CuminSeed (powder)	Sakthi	As per MRP	-
53.	Turmeric (powder)	Sakthi	As per MRP	-

Assistant Director (CS&CA)

AFFIDAVIT

I, K ABDUL MANAF, S/o Sri LATE KINDAMKARAM KAMMAD, R/o House No. 125, Mazar Pahad, PO Shadipur under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby undertake and solemnly affirm that:-
1. That I am a permanent inhabitant of these Islands and Residing at above mentioned Address.
2. That Self name & Father's name is erroneously recorded in my Passport bearing No. M4596009 as KINDAMKARAM KAMMED ABDULMANAF (Self) KINDAMKARAM KAMMAD (Father) instead of K ABDUL MANAF (Self) & KINDAMKARAM KAMMAD (Father) which recorded in my Aadhaar Card bearing No.8183 7258 7387, PAN Card bearing No. AOTPM7159M which is available with me.
3. That Self & Father actual and correct name is K ABDUL MANAF (Self) & KINDAMKARAM KAMMAD (Father).
4. That the KINDAMKARAM KAMMED ABDULMANAF (Self) KINDAMKARAM KAMMAD (Father) and K ABDUL MANAF (Self) & KINDAMKARAM KAMMAD (Father) are the same and one identical person.
5. That I am swearing this affidavit to declare that the aforesaid names are belong to same person and it belongs to me and my father, also declare as that the aforesaid Identity Cards are genuine and correct, hence which are applicable for all official purposes.
That the above said statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Date: 09/01/2025 DEPONENT

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6th HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On 16-01-2025



N. LAKSHITA

(D/o K. Nachiyappan & N. Lavanya)
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Best Wishes from:
Dadi, Nani and all family members.

25th Year of Togetherness

On 16-01-2025



B.SUDESH & LISSY SUDESH

Wishing you both a grand 25th Wedding Anniversary. Many more years to come, may find more joy in the journey and excitement in the adventures that still lie ahead.
Congratulations by:
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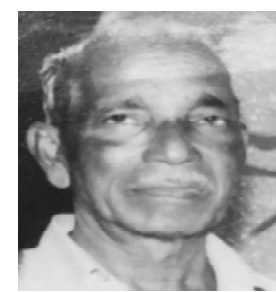
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On 16.01.2025



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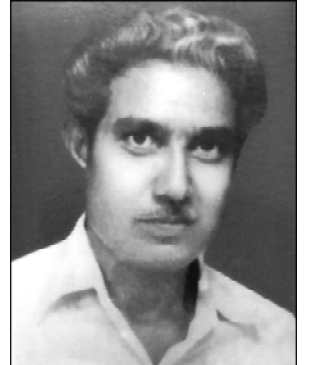
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