

## PM's Mann Ki Baat: Tribal Women to make Nicobar's GI-Tagged Virgin Coconut Oil Global Newsmaker

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's assertion came in his first 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme of 2025, which happened to be the 118<sup>th</sup> episode of his monthly address



New Delhi, Jan. 19

Addressing countrymen through his Mann Ki Baat radio programme, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on Sunday talked about the Virgin Coconut Oil of Nicobar district that recently got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag and the steps being taken thereafter.

But before that, the Prime Minister did not miss out to point out that his Radio address this time was being aired on the third Sunday of the month instead of the normal practice of being done on the last Sunday. This, he said, was because the last Sunday of this month happens to be the Republic Day.

"Friends, there is another piece of very good news from Andaman and Nicobar Islands too. Virgin coconut oil in Nicobar district has recently received the GI Tag. After the GI Tag, another new initiative has been undertaken for virgin coconut oil. Self-help groups are being formed by organizing the women associated with the production of this oil. They are also being imparted special training in marketing and branding. This is a big step towards economically empowering our tribal



The 7 Products From Nicobar That Got GI Tag

communities," the Prime Minister said.

"I am sure that in future, the virgin coconut oil of Andaman-Nicobar is going to be a newsmaker in the world and the biggest contribution in that will be of the women's self-help groups of Andaman and Nicobar," he added.

In a first, seven products of any Union Territory, in this case the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, have received the GI tags at one go. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), supported the Island's Administration, facilitated the process.

The tribal products are Nicobar Coconut, Nicobari Tavi-i-Ngaich (Virgin Coconut Oil), Andaman Karen Musley Rice, Nicobari Hodi (an outrigger canoe), Nicobari Mat (Chatrai-hileuoi), Nicobari Hut (To Chanvi Pati - Nyi hupul), Padauk Wood Craft.



Virgin Coconut Oil Of Nicobar At A Tribes India Outlet



Inverted Nicobari Hut That Got The GI Tag

The entire process was coordinated by the NGO Human Welfare Association, under the guidance of Padma Shri Rajani Kant, known as the 'GI Man of India' by virtue of his enabling as many as 155 products from 21 States and Union Territories of India get the coveted GI tag.

The Prime Minister also touched upon the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, 75 years of the Constitution and enabled listeners with speeches of luminaries like Dr. BR Ambedkar, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. He also spoke on National Voter's Day, Election Commission and elections, Maha Kumbh and Ganga Sagar Mela, Start-Ups including a private sector Space Tech company named Pixxel, Swami Vivekananda and Subhash Chandra Bose. (Source: Published by 'The Indian Tribal', a bilingual (English & Hindi) digital journalistic venture dedicated exclusively to the Scheduled Tribes in its issue dated January 19, 2025)

### Nicobar District Administration conducts cleanliness campaign titled 'Clean Nicobar, Green Nicobar'

Campaign reflects commitment of the district towards achieving the goals of Swachh Bharat Mission



Car Nicobar, Jan. 19

The Nicobar District Administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner (Nicobar), Shri Amit Kale, IAS, has launched a transformative cleanliness campaign named 'Clean Nicobar, Green Nicobar'. The drive, conducted under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> January and will continue till 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

This comprehensive initiative has brought together all the

stakeholders across the district in a collective effort to enhance sanitation and environmental sustainability. In collaboration with all Departments, Tribal Councils, Gram Sabhas, and private

vendors, the campaign seeks to reinforce the importance of cleanliness as a healthier and greener Nicobar.

All Government Departments have

actively participated in this drive, organizing cleanliness campaigns in their respective jurisdictions. Special focus has been placed on public spaces such as markets, where

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### NCC Cadets visit Naval Establishments as part of SNIC-2025

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 19  
On Day 6 of Special National Integration Camp (SNIC), NCC cadets toured key Naval establishments in Sri Vijaya Puram, accompanied by Lt Cdr Reyaz Farooq, Commanding Officer, 1(AN) Naval Unit



NCC. The visit included the Floating Dock Navy (FDN), where cadets learned about docking vessels

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### Island Cycling Team shines at 68<sup>th</sup> SGFI National School Track Cycling Championship

Clinches Gold Medal in Team Track Cycling event for U-17 Girls

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 19

The 68<sup>th</sup> SGFI National School Track Cycling Championship for Under-17 Boys and Girls is currently underway in Ranchi, Jharkhand. The event has brought together talented young cyclists from across the nation, competing to showcase their skills and bring glory to their teams.

The Island Cycling Team has achieved a remarkable milestone by clinching the Gold Medal in the Team Track Cycling event for Under-17 Girls. This victory highlights the dedication, teamwork, and perseverance of the young athletes of A&N Islands. This is the first time, the Island team has won a Gold Medal in the Event. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration has shown a keen interest in promoting cycling, recognizing its significance in fostering athletic excellence and healthy lifestyles.

The gold-medal-winning team comprised of Ms. Namita Violet, Ms. I. S. Bridney, Ms. Britney, and Ms. Queendaline. Their exceptional performance on the track was a testament to their rigorous training and determination. Most of the Cyclists were trained under the SAI Centre and SAI



officials.

Meanwhile, the spotlight now shifts to the Individual Track Cycling events for Under-19 Boys and Girls, scheduled to take place tomorrow (Jan. 20). Athletes are expected to deliver thrilling performances as they compete for individual honors, a press release from Director, Education said.

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Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule of Foreshore Sector vessels from 20th January, 2025 onwards is being issued to the general public from 17.01.2025 (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 20th January, 2025 onwards is being issued from 17.01.2025.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Jolly Buoy	20.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	21.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
2.	MV Baratang	22.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	23.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder
3.	MV Sentinel	24.01.2025 1900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Diglipur via Mayabunder	25.01.2025 1400 Hrs	Diglipur	Sri Vijaya Puram via Mayabunder

**SRI VIJAYA PURAM - LITTLE ANDAMAN**  
Passenger tickets for the sailing schedule from 21st January, 2025 onwards is being issued from 17.01.2025.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	Sindhu	21.01.2025 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	21.01.2025 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
2.	Sindhu	24.01.2025 2100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	25.01.2025 1000 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	Sindhu	26.01.2025 0800 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Little Andaman	26.01.2025 2100 Hrs	Little Andaman	Sri Vijaya Puram

**SRI VIJAYA PURAM - CAR NICOBAR & LITTLE ANDAMAN**  
Passenger tickets for the following sailing schedule is being issued from 17.01.2025 onwards.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Sentinel	21.01.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Car Nicobar via Little Andaman	22.01.2025 1600 Hrs	Car Nicobar	Sri Vijaya Puram via Little Andaman

**SRI VIJAYA PURAM - NANCOWRY via LITTLE ANDAMAN, CAR NICOBAR, CHOWRA, TERESSA & KATCHAL**  
Passenger tickets for the following sailing schedule is being issued from 17.01.2025 onwards.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Sentinel	28.01.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Nancowry via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa & Katchal	31.01.2025 0500 Hrs	Nancowry	Sri Vijaya Puram via Katchal, Teressa, Chowra, Car Nicobar & Little Andaman

**SRI VIJAYA PURAM - CAMPBELL BAY & NANCOWRY**

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	Nalanda (Sailing revised)	21.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry & Katchal	23.01.2025 0800 Hrs	Campbell Bay	Sri Vijaya Puram via Nancowry
2.	Sindhu (Sailing revised)	28.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Campbell Bay via Nancowry	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:**

**20.01.2025 (MONDAY)**

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Bambooka	20.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	20.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Hut Bay	20.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	20.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Strait Island	20.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	20.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Baratang	20.01.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	20.01.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
					20.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	MV Strait Island	20.01.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	20.01.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
					20.01.2025 1530 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	MV Hut Bay	20.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	14.01.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

**21.01.2025 (TUESDAY)**

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Baratang	21.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	21.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Strait Island	21.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	21.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Bambooka	21.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	21.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Hut Bay	21.01.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	21.01.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
					21.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	MV Bambooka	21.01.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	21.01.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
					21.01.2025 1530 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	MV Strait Island	21.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	22.01.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

**22.01.2025 (WEDNESDAY)**

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Bambooka	22.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	22.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Pilomillow	22.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	22.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Jolly Buoy	22.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	22.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Hut Bay	22.01.2025 0700 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island, Kadamtala & Long Island	23.01.2025 0700 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island, Kadamtala, Strait Island, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep
5.	MV Strait Island	22.01.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	22.01.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
					22.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	MV Jolly Buoy	22.01.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	22.01.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
					22.01.2025 1530 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
7.	MV Pilomillow	22.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	23.01.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

**23.01.2025 (THURSDAY)**

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Strait Island	23.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	23.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Jolly Buoy	23.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	23.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Bambooka	23.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	23.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Pilomillow	23.01.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	23.01.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
					23.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	MV Bambooka	23.01.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	23.01.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
					23.01.2025 1530 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	MV Jolly Buoy	23.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	24.01.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

**24.01.2025 (FRIDAY)**

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV North Passage	24.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	24.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Hut Bay	24.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	24.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV Pilomillow	24.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	24.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
4.	MV Jolly Buoy	24.01.2025 1100 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	24.01.2025 1300 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Swaraj Dweep
					24.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
5.	MV Strait Island	24.01.2025 1130 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	24.01.2025 1400 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Shaheed Dweep
					24.01.2025 1530 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
6.	MV Baratang	24.01.2025 1430 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep	25.01.2025 0530 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram via Shaheed Dweep

**25.01.2025 (SATURDAY)**

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Date & Time of Sailing	From	To	Date & Time of Return Sailing	From	To
1.	MV Hut Bay	25.01.2025 0600 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island	25.01.2025 1200 Hrs	Rangat	Sri Vijaya Puram via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep
2.	MV Strait Island	25.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Swaraj Dweep	25.01.2025 0900 Hrs	Swaraj Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram
3.	MV North Passage	25.01.2025 0630 Hrs	Sri Vijaya Puram	Shaheed Dweep	25.01.2025 0845 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	Sri Vijaya Puram

**EPFO simplifies PF transfer process to enhance service delivery and ensure ease of living for members**

New Delhi, Jan. 19 (PIB) To ensure ease of doing for its members, EPFO has simplified the process for transfer of PF account on change of jobs wherein the requirement to route online transfer claims through either the previous or current employer has been removed in majority of cases. With the introduction of the revised process, it is expected that in the future over 1.20 crore out of 1.30 crore total transfer claims i.e. 94% of the total claims would be directly forwarded to EPFO without requiring the employer's intervention.

Presently, transfer claims in certain situations do not require any approval from the employer when a member leaves

an employment and joins another establishment. From 1st April 2024 till date, around 1.30 crore transfer claims have been received by EPFO in the online mode out of which approx. 45 lakh claims are auto-generated transfer claims which account for 34.5% of the total transfer claims. This simplified process will result in a considerable reduction of the turnaround time as the claim on submission by members. It will also greatly reduce the member grievances considerably (presently 17% of the total grievances pertain to transfer related issues) along with the corresponding rejections. Large employers who have a large workload of

approving such cases will have significant improvement in the ease of doing business. After implementation to this revised procedure, transfer claims will be processed directly by EPFO, speeding up the service for members. These reforms will not only streamline processes but also help build greater trust and confidence in EPFO services. These initiatives reflect Government's commitment to simplifying processes and improving efficiency of EPFO for Ease of Living for members. By leveraging technology and introducing member-friendly policies, EPFO aims to deliver seamless and secure services to its members.

**Eviction Drive conducted at Mohanpura Market and JNRM area**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 19 Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVP), in coordination with local Police personnel and the District Administration of South Andaman, conducted a large-scale eviction drive yesterday to remove illegal encroachments and unauthorized structures. The operation targeted Mohanpura Market and the JNRM area, aiming to reclaim public spaces that had been encroached upon by shopkeepers, thereby obstructing pedestrian movement. The drive resulted in the removal of approximately 27 illegal carts and structures. Conducted efficiently and with minimal disruption,



the initiative ensured public convenience was prioritized while enforcing municipal regulations. The Secretary of SVP has emphasized the importance of public cooperation in maintaining a clean and orderly city. The Secretary reiterated that strict action will be taken against individuals involved in illegal encroachments or unauthorized constructions. SVP has urged citizens to respect public spaces and support the authorities in their efforts to uphold cleanliness and accessibility, a press release from SVP said.

**Historic participation from A & N Islands at 13th National School Chess Championship**



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 19 The 13th National Schools Chess Championship 2025 is currently underway at Sri Prakash Synergy School, Peddapuram, Andhra Pradesh from 17th to 21st January, 2025. Organized by the Andhra Chess Association under the aegis of All India Chess Federation (AICF), the championship has attracted 1214 young chess players across

the country, competing in twelve categories viz. Under-7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 for both boys and girls. For the first time in history, players from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are representing in all twelve categories of the National Schools Chess Championship. A total of 31 young chess players from various schools of the Islands are participating with

great enthusiasm. The championship offers an excellent opportunity for young players from across the country to showcase their skills and compete for top honours. The remarkable participation from A&N schools is a proud moment for the chess community, highlighting the Islands' rising chess talent and potential, a press release from ANCA said.

**Nicobar District Administration conducts ...**



(Contd. from page 1) private vendors have joined hands with the Administration to ensure garbage-free zones. Speaking on the initiative, Shri Amit Kale, IAS emphasized, "Cleanliness is not just about maintaining hygiene but also about fostering a sense of pride and responsibility in our communities. With the involvement of all stakeholders, we are creating a sustainable model of community-driven cleanliness."

The participation of various stakeholders has turned this drive into a movement, highlighting the collective determination of the people of Nicobar to protect their unique environment.

The 'Clean Nicobar, Green Nicobar' campaign reflects the commitment of the district towards achieving the goals of the Swachh Bharat Mission, leaving a lasting impact on the health, well-being, and natural beauty of Nicobar, a press release from DC (Nicobars) said.

**ICAR-CIARI licensed 'Dweep Leaf Separator'**



Sri Vijaya Puram, Jan. 19 Technology License Agreement was signed on 17th January, 2025 for the technology 'Dweep Leaf Separator' at ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram among ICAR-Central Island Agriculture Research Institute (CIARI) and Jai Sankar Industries, Pvt Ltd, Sri Vijaya Puram.

This is an efficient, labour saving, hand-held tool for removing the mid rib from the coconut leaflets. A person can separate 500 midribs/hour through

this tool in comparison to 380 midribs/hour through traditional method. Moreover, the mid ribs obtained through this tool were cleaner than those obtained through traditional method. This is a patented technology which has good potential to be a part of Agricultural Market. Scientific team consisted of Dr. I. Jaisankar, Dr. B. Augustiner Jerard, Dr. T. Subramani and Dr.E.B. Chakurkar, a press release from CIARI said.

**Cricket: Squad for ICC championship & England series announced**

New Delhi, Jan.19

The BCCI has announced the 15-man squad for the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy 2025 and the ODI series against England. Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami have been named in India's squad. India will play three bilateral ODIs against England on February 6, 9, and 12 before the team flies to Dubai for the Champions Trophy, which begins on February 19. India are in Group A in the Champions Trophy and begin their campaign against Bangladesh on February 20, after which they play Pakistan on February 23 and New



Zealand on March 2. India will play all their matches in Dubai. The India squad for Champions Trophy 2025 includes: Rohit Sharma (Capt), Shubman Gill (VC), Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja.

**NCC Cadets visit Naval Establishments ...**

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Lt Cdr Reyaz Farooq shared his firsthand experience, enriching their understanding of naval operations. The experience inspired cadets to explore careers in the Armed Forces and strengthened their appreciation for National Security, a press release from NU NCC said.

# Empowering Rural India with Legal Land Ownership

## 65 Lakh SVAMITVA Property Cards Distributed

Launched by the Prime Minister on National Panchayati Raj Day, April 24, 2020, the SVAMITVA Scheme aims to drive the economic transformation of rural India by providing property owners in village Abadi areas with a "Record of Rights." Utilizing advanced drone and GIS technology for land demarcation, the scheme fosters property monetization, facilitates access to bank loans, minimizes property disputes, and promotes comprehensive village-level planning. As a step towards achieving true Gram Swaraj, the initiative is instrumental in empowering rural India and making it Atmanirbhar!

On 18th January 2025, as a reflection of the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi e-distributed 65 lakh SVAMITVA property cards across more than 50,000 villages in 10 states and 2 Union Territories in the presence of Union Minister, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh. During the ceremony, he addressed the nation and interacted with beneficiaries, with dignitaries from across the country joining virtually. This event marks a landmark achievement in the SVAMITVA scheme, furthering the vision of empowering rural India with legal land ownership.

### Need for SVAMITVA

For decades, the survey and settlement of rural land in India had remained incomplete, with many states failing to map or document the Abadi (inhabited) areas of villages. This lack of legal records left property owners in these areas without formal records effectively barring them from accessing institutional credit to upgrade their homes or use their property as a financial asset for loans and other financial assistance. The absence of such documentation persisted for over seven decades, posing a significant barrier to the economic progress of rural India. Recognizing the critical importance of legally recognized property records for economic empowerment, a modern solution was necessary. Consequently, the SVAMITVA Scheme was conceptualized to leverage advanced drone technology for the survey and mapping of village Abadi areas. In a short span of time PM SVAMITVA has already achieved exemplary milestones.

❖ States like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have achieved 100% drone surveys, with substantial progress in property card preparation at 73.57% and 68.93%, respectively.

❖ Haryana and Uttarakhand stand out with 100% completion in both drone surveys and property card preparation. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Rajasthan have made commendable progress in drone surveys, with Maharashtra and Gujarat achieving over 98%, though further acceleration is needed in property card preparation.

❖ A total of 67,000 sq.km of rural Abadi land has been surveyed, valued at Rs.132 lakh crore, emphasizing the economic significance of the initiative.

❖ A centralized online monitoring and reporting dashboard enables real-time tracking of implementation progress. Property cards are seamlessly accessible to beneficiaries through the DigiLocker app, allowing them to view and download their cards digitally.

❖ The scheme also employs survey-grade drones coupled with the Continuous Operating Referencing System (CORS) network to produce high-resolution maps swiftly and accurately, revolutionizing the process of rural land demarcation.

Hamirpur Tehsil, Himachal Pradesh, finally secured ownership of her ancestral land through the SVAMITVA Scheme. With her property card, she resolved a long-standing dispute with her neighbor, bringing much-needed peace and stability to her family's future. The SVAMITVA initiative provided clear legal ownership, significantly improving her situation.

❖ **Women Empowerment:** Smt. Sawarn Kantra, a refugee from the 1947 partition, had never had official ownership papers for the land she's lived on for years. For the first time, she received a property card, granting her legal ownership and securing her family's future. This ownership provides her not only with financial security but also dignity and peace of mind. Through the SVAMITVA Scheme, Smt. Kantra gained legal rights to her land, ensuring empowerment and stability for her family in Dhoop Sari village, Ramgarh Tehsil, Samba District, Jammu and Kashmir.

❖ **Financial Inclusion:** Sh. Sukhlal Pargi from Falated village, Sagwada Tehsil, Dungarpur District, Rajasthan, received a Patta and Property Card under the SVAMITVA Scheme. This official documentation enabled him to access formal financial services. Using the property card, he successfully availed a bank loan of Rs 3 lakh, which was disbursed in a streamlined manner. The SVAMITVA Scheme has provided him with not only legal ownership but also the opportunity for economic growth and stability.

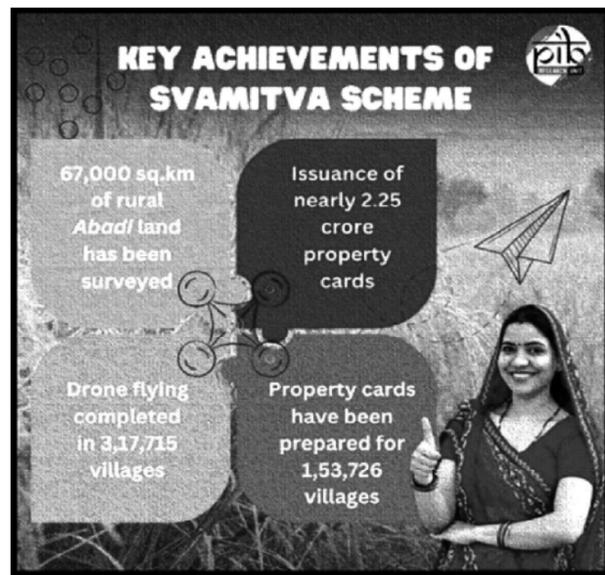
❖ **Increased Own Source of Revenue:** The SVAMITVA Scheme in Ekhatpur-Munjvadi, led by Smt. Shital Kiran Tilekdar, Sarpanch, successfully provided property cards to households, reducing land disputes and improving public space management. It helped resolve encroachments and road issues, enabling better village planning. The scheme boosted the Gram Panchayat's Own Source Revenue (OSR) with updated property records and gave residents access to bank loans for construction, driving economic growth. This initiative enhanced governance, transparency, and financial sustainability, creating a model for rural development in India.

❖ **Leveraging SVAMITVA maps for Panchayat Planning:** Before the SVAMITVA Scheme, Bilkisganj Gram Panchayat in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, relied on hand-drawn maps, making it challenging to determine accurate land dimensions and estimate service costs. With the introduction of SVAMITVA Maps and spatial planning, the Panchayat now has access to precise, data-driven insights. This innovation has improved land allocation for various activities and optimized development planning. Under the leadership of Smt. Priya Rajesh Jangde, the shift to spatially informed planning has streamlined decision-making, enabling more effective land use and better service delivery, empowering Bilkisganj for sustainable development.

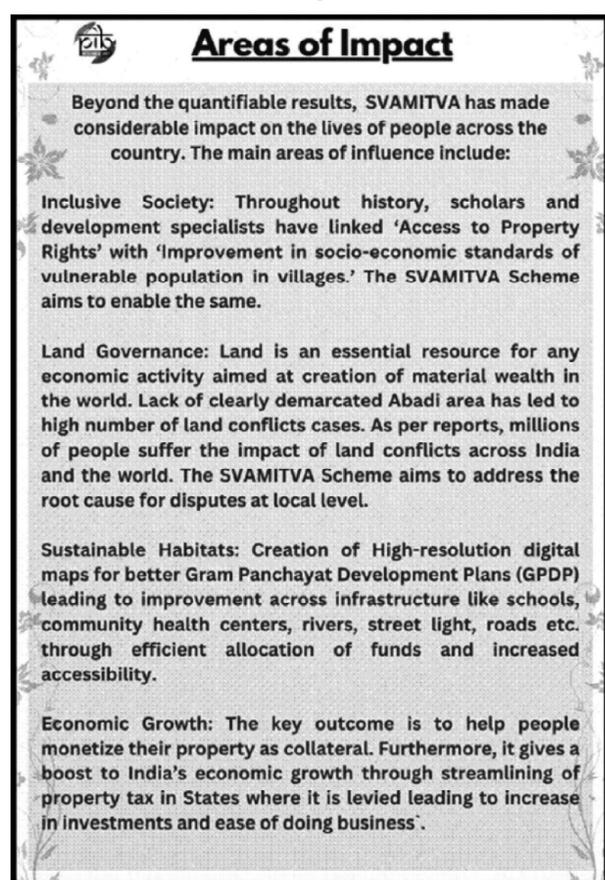
### International Outreach to Showcase India's Land Governance Model

Looking ahead, the Ministry plans to showcase the success of the SVAMITVA Scheme on global platforms. In March 2025, MoPR in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs, has planned to host an International Workshop on Land Governance in India, with participation from nearly 40 representatives from Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. This workshop aims to share best practices and advanced drone and GIS technologies, fostering collaboration for similar initiatives worldwide. In May 2025, the Ministry is also planning to participate in the World Bank Land Governance Conference in Washington to highlight India's achievements and encourage international adoption of the model.

The SVAMITVA Scheme is reshaping the story of rural India-transforming age-old land ownership challenges into opportunities for growth and empowerment. By marrying innovation with inclusivity, it breaks barriers, resolves disputes, and turns property into a powerful tool for economic progress. From high-tech drone surveys to digital property cards, the scheme isn't just about maps and boundaries; it's about dreams and possibilities. As villages embrace this change, SVAMITVA emerges as more than a government initiative-it's a catalyst for self-reliance, smarter planning, and a stronger, unified rural India. (Source: PIB)



### SVAMITVA's Wide-reaching Impact Success Stories



The SVAMITVA Scheme has emerged as a transformative initiative, reshaping rural governance and empowering communities through its innovative approach to property validation and land management. These examples underscore the scheme's role in driving rural progress and fostering self-reliance.

❖ **Dispute Resolution:** After 25 years of uncertainty, Smt. Sunita from Taropka village,

### SVAMITVA : Objectives

Creation of accurate Abadi area land records for rural planning and reducing property-related disputes.

To bring financial stability to the citizens in rural India by enabling them to use their property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits.

Proper assessment of the property based on accurate area leading to increased own source of revenue for the determination of property tax, which would accrue to the GPs directly in States where it is devolved or else, add to the State exchequer.

Creation of survey infrastructure and GIS maps that can be leveraged by any department for their use.

### Achievements of the Scheme

To support the preparation of a better-quality Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GDP) by making use of GIS maps.

❖ Distribution of 65 lakh SVAMITVA property cards in more than 50,000 villages in 10 States (Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh) and 2 Union Territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) on 18th January 2025.

❖ Under the SVAMITVA Scheme with the objective to provide the 'Record of Rights' to village household owners possessing houses in inhabited rural areas in villages and issuance of Property cards to the Property owners, 31 States/UTs have on-boarded the Scheme.

❖ At the national level, a total of 3,46,187 villages have been notified under the scheme, with drone flying completed in 3,17,715 villages, marking 92% achievement.

❖ Maps have been handed over for State inquiries, and property cards have been prepared for 1,53,726 villages, resulting in the issuance of nearly 2.25 crore property cards.

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**PRESS NOTE**

In view of the Republic Day celebration on 26.01.2025, the movement of all Island Tourist Vessels operating from Aberdeen Jetty (RGWSC) to various tourist spot will be diverted as per details below:-

Date	Programme	Schedule
24.01.2025	Full Dress Rehearsal for Republic Day Programme on 26.01.2025	All vessel to be shifted to Junglighat on 23.01.2025 by 1700 Hrs. and operate from Junglighat to North Bay
26.01.2025	Republic Day celebration of 26.01.2025	All vessel to be shifted to Junglighat on 25.01.2025 by 1700 Hrs. and operate from Junglighat to North Bay
27.01.2025	Full Dress Rehearsal for Beating the Retreat	All vessel to be shifted to Junglighat on 25.01.2025 by 1700 Hrs. and operate from Junglighat to North Bay
29.01.2025	Beating the Retreat Programme	All vessel to be shifted to Junglighat on 25.01.2025 by 1700 Hrs. and operate from Junglighat to North Bay

However, operating of IV Tourist boats from Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports Complex to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Island and North Bay shall be permitted on 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> upto 1600hrs and thereafter normal operation will be restored from 30.01.2025.

All owners of Jetski are also directed to park their Jetski's at their designated place on the above date and time as no water sports activity will be permitted from RGWSC as per schedule above due to security consideration.

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**AFFIDAVIT**

By this deed I, the undersigned AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU (New Name) previously called AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU ANKUR (Old Name), doing STUDENT (give profession or vocation) and resident of 3<sup>rd</sup> HOUSE, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, FRIEND COLONY, MINNIE BAY, under SRI VIJAYA PURAM Tehsil in the District of SOUTH ANDAMAN (address) solemnly declare:

1. That for and on behalf of myself and my remitter issue wholly renounced / relinquish and abandon the use of my former name / surname of AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU ANKUR and in place thereof I do hereby assume from this date the name / surname AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU and so that I and remitter issue may hereafter be called, known and distinguished not by my former name / surname, but assumed name / surname AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU.

2. That for the purpose of evidencing such my determination declare that I shall at all times hereafter in all records, deeds and writings and in all proceedings, dealings and transactions, private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever use and sign the name of AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU as my name / surname in place and in substitution of my former name / surname.

3. That I expressly authorize and request all persons in general and relatives and friends in particular at all times hereafter to designate and address me, remitter issue by such assumed name / surname of AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU accordingly.

4. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my former and adopted name / surname AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU ANKUR and AKSHAT MARODIA, S/o Smti. INDU and affix my signature and seal, if any, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

Deponent

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The following announcement is brought to the notice of the General Public that the indenters who have placed indents for Category -I (A) Padauk w.e.f 06/01/2022 to 30/12/2022 may collect the sawn timber on and before 28/02/2025. The 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Seniority list for Category I (A) General Public is displayed in the Notice Board at Govt. Saw Mill, Chatham. Interested indenters may approach the Forest Ranger (Yard) on any working day between 07 am to 3 pm for purchase of Sawn timber which will be issued as per seniority list and if failed to collect the indent will be treated as cancelled.

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