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Generally cloudy sky and light to moderate rain is likely to occur over Sri Vijaya Puram. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 29.5°C and 24.0°C respectively on Sunday 02/11/2025.  
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 28.8  
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.2  
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 084  
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 093  
Sunrise time on 02/11/2025 (in IST): 0512  
Sunset time on 02/11/2025 (in IST): 1654  
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.7  
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.2  
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 3362.1

Weather Report

Day-long Workshop on Vigilance Awareness organized as part of Vigilance Campaign & Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

Chief Secretary underscores need for adherence to rules and procedures to ensure transparency and accountability in governance

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) adopts several strategies for the effective implementation of its mandate to fight corruption. Vigilance Awareness Week is one of the key tools of preventive vigilance, focusing on building awareness and reaffirming the commitment of all stakeholders to uphold integrity.

This year, Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2025, with the theme "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility". The observance aims to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability in public administration.

As part of the Vigilance Awareness Week observance, a day-long Workshop was organized today by the Vigilance Department at the Secretariat, Sri Vijaya Puram. The workshop was attended by senior officers, including Office Superintendents and Deputy Secretaries from various Departments of the A&N Administration, for orientation, capacity building, and awareness on vigilance matters and other components of preventive vigilance.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration. Addressing the participants, the Chief Secretary emphasized the importance of maintaining discipline and adhering to effective time management-not only in handling vigilance matters but also in performing day-to-day administrative tasks-as integral aspects of good

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'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat': Foundation Day of States/ UTs celebrated

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

As part of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative and as per directives of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, the Foundation Day of States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territories of Delhi, Lakshadweep, Puducherry and A & N Islands participated in the function. During the event, an interaction and experience sharing session was also conducted. The function ended with high tea, group photograph and presentation of mementos to invitees.

The participants thanked MHA, Govt. of India and Raj Niwas for the initiative and in providing them opportunities and platform for interaction, a press release from Secretary to Lt. Governor said.

Hon'ble MP urges re-survey and issuance of Islander Cards to left-out genuine residents

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov.1

Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, has written to the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah and the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, urging the Government to conduct a re-survey and issue Islander Cards to all left-out genuine islanders.

In his representation, Shri Ray highlighted that a large number of genuine islanders including settlers and long-term residents are in need of Islander Cards. The Islander Card serves as a crucial document to establish the identity and entitlement of permanent residents of the Islands, a press release from MP Office said.

Inter State Mock Exercise-2025 on Earthquake & Tsunami in A&N Islands to be conducted on Nov. 4

Exercise aims to test Incident Response System of A&N Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India, New Delhi in collaboration with Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), MoES, GoI, Hyderabad will conduct the Inter State Mock Exercise (ISME) - 2025 on Earthquake and Tsunami in the A&N Islands on 04<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

This exercise aims to test the Incident Response System (IRS) of ANI, evaluate the readiness and coordination of emergency response mechanisms, and strengthen disaster preparedness across the A&N Islands by involving all Emergency Support Functionaries (ESFs), Incident Response Teams (IRTs), and local communities. The exercise forms a vital component of the Administration's continuous efforts to enhance preparedness, coordination, and resilience of all response agencies.

The Director (Disaster Management), A&N Administration has requested the general public to extend their full cooperation during the forthcoming mock exercise on earthquake and tsunami preparedness. He has advised all residents to remain calm and continue with their normal routine activities, as the exercise is a scheduled preparedness drill and poses no real threat to public safety.

**Key Activities during the Exercise**

- Increased Emergency Presence: Citizens may notice increased movement of emergency vehicles such as PCR vans, Fire Tenders, Ambulances, and other specialized units across the Islands. These are part of the planned exercise and are not responding to an actual emergency.
- Simulated Scenarios:

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Table Top Exercise conducted for Inter State Mock Exercise -2025

Exercise provides an excellent opportunity for all stakeholders to review their SOPs: CS

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

A Table Top Exercise (TTEX) was conducted yesterday under the chairmanship of Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration in coordination with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi. The exercise was attended by all line Departments of the A&N Administration, District Administrations (South Andaman, N&M Andaman, and Nicobar) representatives from the Armed Forces, NDRF, Police, and other stakeholders of the A&N Islands. The event was held in the Conference Hall of the Secretariat, Sri Vijaya Puram, to finalize the scenario and activities for the upcoming Inter State Mock Exercise (ISME) - 2025 on Earthquake & Tsunami, scheduled to be conducted in the A&N Islands on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

The Chief Secretary extended a warm welcome to Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.), Hon'ble Member, NDMA (who joined via VC mode). In his opening address, the Chief Secretary highlighted that the Table Top Exercise provides an excellent opportunity for all stakeholders, including District Administrations, Defence Forces, Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Health, Power, Communication, and Transport Departments, to review their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), communication protocols, and resource mobilization plans. He emphasized that the exercise is not merely a theoretical activity but a practical simulation of coordination and decision-making processes required during real-time disaster situations. He urged all participants to actively engage in discussions, identify gaps in inter departmental coordination, communication flow, and resource sharing, ensuring that the upcoming Inter State Mock Exercise on 4<sup>th</sup> November is conducted effectively and realistically in the Islands.

Addressing the participants virtually,

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'Consultation on Safeguarding the Girl Child: Towards a safer & enabling environment for Her' held

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court at Calcutta in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare organized a 'Consultation on Safeguarding the Girl Child: Towards a Safer & Enabling Environment for Her' in DBRAIT auditorium today. The program aimed to sensitize children and stakeholders about their rights, safety measures and various government schemes available for their empowerment.

The Hon'ble Justice Shampa Sarkar mentioned that the safety and empowerment of girl child is not the responsibility of one Department or Institution alone, it is a collective duty of society as a whole. Every citizen plays an essential role in ensuring that every girl grows up in a secure, respectful and enabling environment.

During the program, Hon'ble Justice Ananya Bandyopadhyay also addressed the gathering by encouraging all to have empathy towards the children who are in conflict with the Law.

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Land norms eased for Island farmers for availing assistance for purchase of Carbon Fibre Telescopic Harvester subsidy

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov.1

The Department of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration has relaxed the eligibility norms for availing subsidy on the purchase of Carbon Fibre Telescopic Harvester under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY). This shall empower the small and marginal farmers engaged in Coconut and Arecanut cultivation, making harvesting operations safer, faster and more efficient.

Under this scheme, farmers can avail 50% subsidy to a maximum of Rs. 30,000/- per set of the modern Carbon Fibre Telescopic Harvester, a lightweight and durable tool designed to ease the challenges of harvesting tall trees, thus minimizes the need for climbing, reducing the risk of accidents and saving labour.

Recognising that many of the farmers have fragmented or limited landholdings, the Department have reduced the minimum land requirement from 1.0 hectare to 0.10 hectare, enabling large number of small and marginal farmers to benefit from the scheme.

Interested farmers can directly purchase the harvesters and apply for financial assistance at their nearest Zonal Agricultural Office or Agriculture Sub-Depot. Application forms for the subsidy are available at all Agricultural Sub Depot and Zonal Agricultural offices in the Islands, a press release from Agriculture Department said.

Process of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls commences in A&N Islands

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The process of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls has commenced across the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands from 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2025. The last such revision was conducted in the year 2002. The schedule of SIR is as under:

| Sl. No. | Description                           | Date                                                               |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.      | House to House Enumeration Phase      | 04 <sup>th</sup> November, 2025 to 04 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025 |
| 2.      | Publication of Draft Electoral Rolls  | 09 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025                                    |
| 3.      | Claims & Objection Period             | 09 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025 to 08 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026  |
| 4.      | Notice Phase (Hearing & Verification) | 09 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2026  |
| 5.      | Publication Final Electoral Rolls     | 07 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026                                    |

It is reiterated that before every election, revision of the Electoral Roll is mandatory as per Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Rule 25 of the

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Training of Trainers on 'Championing Change: empowering women leaders in local governance' concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The four-day Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on 'Championing Change: Empowering Women Leaders in Local Governance for District-Level Master Trainers' under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) concluded yesterday at the State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC), Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, Marine Hill under the guidance of Secretary (RD/P).

In his address, Shri Rajesh Chopra, IAS, Secretary (RD/P)

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Secretary (DM) reviews SEOC Preparedness for Inter-State Mock Exercise -2025

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

In connection with the conduct of Inter-State Mock exercise on earthquake and tsunami on 04.11.2025 from 0800-1600 hrs in A&N Island organised by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and A&N Administration in collaboration with INCOIS, a training programme to strengthen the functioning and works of State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) was imparted on 01.11.2025 in the Aapda

Prabhandan Bhawan. Three teams who are trained officials from various departments (Industries, Education, APWD, IT, Economics & Statistics, PMB) are deployed 24 x 7 in the SEOC, imparted the training. The training was provided in the Aapda Prabandhan Bhawan that encompasses SEOC, other Control Rooms of ERSS

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Day-long Workshop on Vigilance Awareness organized .....

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governance. He highlighted the need for strict adherence to rules and procedures to ensure transparency, fairness, accountability, and efficiency in governance.

The Chief Secretary also underscored the critical role of continuous learning. He encouraged participants to make regular use of the iGOT platform for learning and understanding vigilance matters, as well as other topics of interest, to empower themselves with the knowledge and skills necessary for effective discharge of their duties.

On the occasion, Dr. Sachin Shinde, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Vigilance), highlighted the relevance and role of participants in promoting preventive vigilance, noting that they operate at the cutting edge of Administration and are actively involved in the decision-making process.

The Workshop included interactive sessions on various topics related to preventive vigilance, including digital initiatives undertaken by the A&N Administration for delivering citizen-centric services, cyber hygiene and precautionary measures for enhancing cybersecurity and preventing security breaches, as well as sessions on departmental proceedings, conducting inquiries under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018, and the rights and responsibilities of vigilant citizens and employees.

The Workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation and active interaction among stakeholders, reflecting a strong willingness to associate with such thematic workshops that enhance and empower officials with knowledge and skills for promoting good governance, a press release from the Assistant Secretary (Vigilance) said.

Table Top Exercise conducted for Inter State..... (Contd. from page 1)

Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd.), Hon'ble Member, NDMA expressed his gratitude to the Chief Secretary and the A&N Administration for organizing the Table Top Exercise as part of the preparations for the Inter State Mock Exercise. He emphasized that the purpose of such exercises is not only to rehearse procedures but also to think, plan, and act collectively. He stated that the Inter State Mock Exercise on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 will serve as an important milestone in assessing the readiness of the A&N Administration to respond to major disasters, particularly those of tsunami and earthquake origin. It will also help strengthen coordination among agencies, enhance the operational readiness of the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC), District Emergency Operation Centres (DEOCs), and EOCs, and test the early warning dissemination systems.

Comdt. Aditya Kumar (Retd.), Mock Exercise Coordinator, NDMA, New Delhi, briefed the participants on the mock exercise scenario and the objectives of the Table Top Exercise. Various earthquake and tsunami scenarios were presented to review the preparedness and response mechanisms of the A&N Islands, which will be tested during ISME - 2025. He also emphasized the importance of active participation by the community, volunteers, schools, and colleges, and the need for regular training and capacity-building to enhance disaster management capabilities during the critical "golden hours."

Dy. Commissioners and Officers from the District Administrations, A&N Command, Police, Fire Services, Health, NDRF and other Emergency Support Departments presented their preparedness measures and response strategies to ensure the smooth conduct of ISME - 2025 and to strengthen the overall disaster response framework in the A&N Islands.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Purva Garg, IAS, Secretary (Disaster Management), expressed her gratitude to the Hon'ble Member, NDMA, and the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration for their valuable guidance and insightful observations. She also conveyed her sincere appreciation to the senior officers of the Administration, representatives of the A&N Command, Police, Health, and other line departments as well as the District Administrations for their active participation and cooperation in this important preparatory event for ISME - 2025, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

Inter State Mock Exercise-2025 on Earthquake..... (Contd. from page 1)

The mock exercise will simulate earthquake and tsunami-related incidents, including mock fires, medical emergencies, and evacuation drills, along with testing of sirens, public announcements, and SMS alerts. All activities will be conducted safely under the supervision of trained officials from NDMA, A&N Administration, and other stakeholders.

♦ Location and Timing: The exercise will be conducted across various locations in South Andaman, North & Middle Andaman, and Nicobar Districts on Nov. 4, from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Public Advisory

- ♦ The public have been requested not to panic due to the movement of emergency vehicles, sounds of sirens, or other exercise-related activities.
- ♦ This is a controlled simulation supervised by professional trainers and disaster management officials.
- ♦ Citizens are encouraged to continue their daily activities as usual; no special precautions or changes to routine are required.
- ♦ To minimize inconvenience, residents are advised to avoid designated mock drill areas, as minor traffic diversions or delays may occur. Kindly cooperate with police and traffic authorities at all locations.
- ♦ Any updates or changes related to the exercise will be communicated through local media, social media platforms, and official communication channels.

Public Cooperation

This Inter State Mock Exercise is a significant step towards strengthening community-based disaster preparedness in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The cooperation and understanding of the public are greatly appreciated as we collectively strive to enhance the safety and resilience of our Islands against natural disasters.

For more information or queries, please contact Emergency Helpline Numbers of the State Emergency Operation Centre (1070), District Emergency Operation Centre (1077) and Emergency Response Support System (112), a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

Secretary (DM) reviews SEOC Preparedness..... (Contd. from page 1)

(112)/Police Control Room, SVPMC, Transport and Electricity/Power. These are planned to be assimilated into Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC) which is being setup in Aapda Prabandhan Bhawan, Link Road, Goalghar, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Comdt. Aditya Kumar (Retd.), Mock Exercise Coordinator, NDMA, New Delhi imparted training about Structure, Role, and Functioning of SEOC, SOPs for Message Handling and Logging in SEOC, Documentation and Record-Keeping during Emergencies etc.. Ms. Purva Garg, IAS, Secretary (Disaster Management), A & N Administration reviewed the preparedness of the SEOC. There was an interaction with the Officials and asked about their preparedness. Shri Janik Ram, Assistant Director (Admn.), DDM also explained in details about the pre-designated roles and responsibilities in the SEOC to ensure effective coordination and response during the exercise, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

Training of Trainers on 'Championing Change:..... (Contd. from page 1)

underlined the importance of women's leadership at the grassroot level. He encouraged the Master Trainers to act as catalysts for change by transferring their learning to the field and promoting gender-responsive governance. He also distributed certificates and training kits to the participants.

Dr. Apurva Sharma, Director (RD/PRIs), in his address, emphasized the significance of empowering women representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions and how such trainings contribute to building inclusive and effective local governance systems. He appreciated the active participation and commitment of the trainees throughout the four days. Welcoming the chief guest and the participants, Shri Bijoy Kumar Das, State Nodal Officer (RGSA), highlighted the objectives of the training and the importance of capacity-building initiatives under the RGSA scheme, a press release from Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs said.

Taramandal, Science Magic & 3D Show at Science Centre

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The Science Centre at Goodwill Estate, Corbyn's Cove Road will be organizing Educational Programme tomorrow (Nov. 2 from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm for general visitors).

The Taramandal show will be organized at 5.30 pm which is an interactive journey through the night sky inside a portable planetarium dome. Visitor's will be able to learn about the constellations, stars and planets in an interactive way. Further, there shall be a Magic show at 6.15 pm and 3D show at 5.30 pm & 6.10 pm. The magic show is specially designed to unravel the mysteries behind each magic & its scientific value in a very simple & fun filled way for all age groups. The entry fee for the Taramandal show & Magic show will be 10/- each per head whereas 3D show will be Rs.20/- per head, a press release from Science Centre said.

District Disaster Management Authority (SA) conducts coordination meeting for upcoming State Level Mock Exercise on Disaster Preparedness

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), South Andaman, conducted a coordination meeting today in the Conference

Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, South Andaman. The meeting was chaired by Shri Kamleshwar Rao, S., IAS, Assistant Commissioner (R&DM), South Andaman, to sensitize all stakeholders regarding the upcoming State Level Mock Exercise on Disaster Preparedness, scheduled to be conducted across the entire A&N Islands on Nov. 4.

During the meeting, the Assistant Commissioner (R&DM) shared details of the identified locations, scenarios, and sequence of events for the mock exercise, and briefed all Emergency Support Functionaries (ESFs) about their specific roles and responsibilities.

All Nodal Officers of the ESFs, South Andaman District, attended the meeting and discussed their preparedness and action plans in detail. The Assistant Commissioner (R&DM) emphasized the importance of activating each ESF's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) during the exercise and ensuring proper coordination among all departments. He also directed officials to verify that basic facilities are available at all identified relief shelters prior to the exercise.

Shri Sunny Gupta, IPS, Nodal Officer, Police Department, discussed the deployment of police personnel and the installation of a communication system at all identified locations to ensure smooth coordination during the exercise.

Representatives from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) also briefed participants on their role in various locations and shared valuable inputs on effective emergency response and resource mobilization during the mock exercise.

The Assistant Commissioner (R&DM) informed that the District Administration will activate all communication systems and Early Warning Systems, including Tsunami Sirens, during the mock exercise. An advisory has been issued to the local community not to panic during the exercise and to cooperate fully with the authorities. The local Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) have been requested to spread awareness about the event among the public.

Through such exercises, the A&N Administration aims to identify and address any gaps in disaster preparedness and ensure an effective response mechanism in the event of a real emergency.

For any queries regarding the upcoming mock exercise, the public may contact the District Control Room at 1077 (24x7), a press release from Assistant Commissioner (R&DM), SA said.

Day long training on 'Ground Water Monitoring System in A&N Islands' held

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

A focused, tailor-made one-day training on 'Ground Water Monitoring System in Andaman & Nicobar Islands' brought together field engineers of the Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) in Sri Vijaya Puram on Oct. 29. The programme was organised by the Central Ground Water Board (Eastern Region), Kolkata under the mentorship of Dr. Anadi Gayen, Regional Director, who also delivered the keynote address. The day set out a clear, hands-on roadmap for measuring, verifying, and interpreting groundwater data for public supply and planning in the Islands.

The event opened with an inaugural session led by Er. T. K. Prijiith Rek, Chief Engineer, APWD as chief guest, and Dr. Arun Kumar, Superintending Engineer (Planning), in



the presence of senior CGWB officials. Technical sessions covered groundwater-level monitoring methods and water-quality monitoring protocols aligned with CGWB SOPs. A session on RTDAS instrumentation introduced practical aspects of installation, sensor care, and data handling. A geophysics module presented local case studies, showing how resistivity and related tools support source siting and the diagnosis of declining yields.

Closing discussions focused on implementation. Agencies agreed to adopt a

common workflow for field measurements and documentation and to explore options for collaborative work across departments. More than 100 engineers attended in person, with an additional 50 engineers joining online from distant islands. Senior scientists from CGWB, Kolkata viz. Shri Tarun Mishra, Shri Sujit Sarkar, Shri Atalanta Narayan Chowdhury, Dr. K. C. Mondal, Shri Bibhuti Bhusan Sahu, and Shri Rajesh Kumar Sahoo, served as domain experts and resource persons for the training, a press release received here said.

Sirens to be blown during Inter State Mock Exercise - 2025 to be held on Nov. 4; general public urged to not to panic

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The general public have been informed that the Sirens have been installed in the premises of Secretariat, DBRAIT, DSS Marine, Chatham Saw Mill (Forest Dept), Police Station Aberdeen, Police Station Pahargaon, Police Station Chatham, JNRM, Fish Landing Centre, Junglighat, IOC, Forest Guest House Corbyn's Cove, Police Station Bambooflat, Police Station, Ograbraj, Police Station, Chouldari, Police Station, Humfreygunj, O.P Wimberlygunj, O.P Ferrargunj, Police Booth, Hathitapu, OP Tirur, Tirur Jarawa Protection Post, OP Radhanagar, Rajiv Gandhi Aquaculture, Kodyighat, Police Station, Shaheed Dweep, Police Station, Swaraj Dweep, Nimbutala, Rangat, OP 19 Km, R.K Pur, I/Andaman, Fire Station, Hut Bay (I/Andaman), EOC, Car Nicobar, A.E Office, APWD, Teresa, JE Office, APWD, Chowra, A.E Office, APWD, Katchal, EOC, Kamorta and EOC, Campbell Bay for use of issuance of alerts & warnings to the general public during any disaster/emergency through blowing of sirens at high pitch/volume.

The above Sirens will be blown in the following manner during Inter State Mock Exercise - 2025 schedule to be held on Nov. 4 from 08.15 am to 10.30 am for issuance of simulated alerts and warnings to start Mock Exercise, rescue and operations:

| Sl. No. | Threat Status | Earthquake & Wave amplitude Criteria                 | Blast of Siren to be blown at the time of threat | Advice/ Action                                                                                                  |
|---------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01.     |               | EQ> 6.5 M<br>Wave Amplitude below 0.5 Mtr.           | One Long Blast                                   | No immediate action is required. However watch to be kept on the change in magnitude and intensity of the event |
| 02.     |               | EQ> 6.5 M<br>Wave Amplitude between 0.50 to 2.0 Mtr. | Two Long Blast                                   | 1) People in sea beaches and vulnerable areas to move to higher ground<br>2) Vessel to move into deep ocean     |
| 03.     |               | EQ> 6.5 M<br>Wave Amplitude above 2.00 Mtr.          | Three Long Blast                                 | 1) People in affected areas to evacuate<br>2) Vessel to move into deep ocean                                    |

Sirens of Electronic Display Board installed at Police Control Room, State Control Room, Junglighat (Fisheries Deptt.), Met Office, MRCC, JOC, INS Jarawa, Fisheries Deptt. at Rangat, EOC at Mayabunder, MRCC at Diglipur, Fisheries Deptt. at Hut Bay, EOC at Kamorta, EOC at Car Nicobar, and MRCC & EOC at Campbell Bay will also be blown in a similar manner.

The general public have been requested to not to panic during blowing of sirens for Inter State Mock Exercise 2025 Nov. 4 from 08.15 am to 10.30 am. In case of any unexpected changes or updates, the public will be notified through local news, social media, etc. For any inquiry may contact (Helpline No. 112, 1070, 1077), a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

India to lock horns with South Africa in Women's ODI World Cup final today



Mumbai, Nov. 1

A new world champion will emerge as India takes on South Africa in the final of the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 at the Dr D. Y. Patil Sports Academy tomorrow (Nov. 2). The match will begin at 3 pm with the toss at 2.30 pm. Both teams have reached the summit for the first time, ensuring

a historic finish to the tournament.

India stormed into the final after Jemimah Rodrigues' unbeaten 127 powered a stunning semifinal win over Australia. South Africa, led by skipper Laura Wolvaardt, defeated England convincingly with Marizanne Kapp's five-wicket haul.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan

'Open Cycle Rally for Men & Women' witnessed enthusiastic participation



Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

As part of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, the Directorate of Sports organized 'Open Cycle Rally for Men & Women' today from Netaji Stadium. On this occasion, eminent sports person of A&N Islands, Ms. Deborah Herold, International Cyclist and ASI, A&N Police as chief guest, flagged off the Cycle Rally. As part of this event, altogether 50 participants from School, College and various organizations as well as general public participated in the 12 Km rally which started from Netaji Stadium's to Chatham Chowk and returned back to Netaji Stadium. The Directorate of Sports continuous its commitment to the Island community by regularly organizing such accessible sporting events, a press release from Directorate of Education said.

Landmark judgments uphold justice in POCSO cases: 20 years imprisonment for two offenders

Mayabunder, Nov. 1

The North & Middle Andaman District Police continue to uphold their unwavering commitment to justice, ensuring swift and decisive action against perpetrators of sexual crimes. In two significant judgments delivered on 28/10/2025, the Hon'ble Special Judge (POCSO), Shri Subhajit Basu, sentenced accused Sonu Tigga to 20 years of Rigorous Imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 20,000/- in connection with Crime No. 11/2023 of PS Baratang, and accused Pritam Biswas to 20 years of Rigorous Imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 20,000/- in connection with Crime No. 12/2023 of PS Kadamtala, both registered under various sections of POCSO Act, 2012.

These convictions stand as a testament to the diligent and determined efforts of the investigating teams. The investigation in Crime No. 12/2023 of PS Kadamtala was conducted by Sub-Inspector Mariam under the leadership of the then SHO, Sub-Inspector Abdul Rehman, while the investigation in Crime No. 11/2023 of PS Baratang was led by Sub-Inspector Silpi Singha under the supervision of the then SHO, Sub-Inspector Surjit Bhattacharjee. Their professionalism, dedication, and relentless pursuit of justice played a crucial role in securing these convictions and delivering justice to the victims. This landmark judgment sends a strong and unequivocal message that crimes against children will invite the severest punishment. The Andaman & Nicobar Police reiterate their zero-tolerance policy toward such heinous offenses and remain steadfast in their mission to safeguard the rights and dignity of children, a press release from SP, N&MA said.

Process of Special Intensive Revision.....

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Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. The Election Commission of India has been conducting annual revisions-both intensive and summary-for the past 75 years. This exercise is essential, as the Electoral Roll is a dynamic list that undergoes continuous changes due to various reasons such as deaths, migration for occupation, education or marriage, and the addition of new voters who have attained the age of 18 years.

Further, Article 326 of the Constitution of India specifies the eligibility criteria to become an elector:

- ♦ Must be a citizen of India,
- ♦ Must be at least 18 years of age,
- ♦ Must be an ordinary resident in the constituency, and
- ♦ Must not be disqualified under any law.

In this connection, the Chief Electoral Officer, Andaman & Nicobar Islands has appealed to all electors to extend their full cooperation to the Booth Level Officers (BLOs). BLOs will visit house-to-house and distribute pre-printed Enumeration Forms in duplicate. Electors are requested to fill in the required details, sign the forms, paste a recent colour passport-size photograph in the specified column, and assist the BLOs in completing the enumeration process. BLOs will revisit households to collect the completed forms. The House-to-House Enumeration will be carried out from 04<sup>th</sup> November to 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. This exercise aims to ensure that the Electoral Roll remains accurate, up to date, and free from errors, in line with the motto of the Election Commission of India:

"No Eligible Voter to be Left Out, and No Ineligible person is Included in the Electoral Roll", a press release from CEO, A&N Islands said.

## Directorate of Disaster Management issues precautionary measures for Tsunami

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The A&N Islands are prone to Geological and Hydro-meteorological disasters and located in one of the most seismically active parts of the world and vulnerable to earthquake and tsunami disasters. Tsunamis are powerful and dangerous natural disasters that can cause devastating damage and loss of life. The Directorate of Disaster Management, A&N Administration requested to general public of A&N Islands to follow do's & don'ts of Tsunami, if occurs.

DO's:

- ◆ Pay attention to tsunami warnings: If you live in a coastal area or are visiting one, make sure to be aware of any tsunami warnings issued by the authorities.
- ◆ Move to higher ground: If a tsunami warning is issued, move to higher ground immediately. Do not wait for official instructions or for the wave to arrive.
- ◆ Follow evacuation orders: If authorities issue an evacuation order, follow it immediately. Do not delay or hesitate.
- ◆ Stay tuned to local news: Stay tuned



to local news and radio stations for updates on the situation.

- ◆ Be prepared: Have an emergency kit ready, including food, water, medications, and important documents.

DON'Ts:

- ◆ Don't stay in low-lying areas: If you are in a low-lying area and a tsunami warning is issued, do not stay there. Move to higher ground immediately.
- ◆ Don't go to the coast to watch the wave: Tsunamis are not a spectator sport. Stay away from the coast and do not go there to watch the wave.
- ◆ Don't use the beach as a shelter: Do not use the beach or shoreline as a

shelter during a tsunami. The wave can be much higher than the normal tide level and can quickly flood the area.

- ◆ Don't use elevators: If you are in a building during a tsunami, do not use the elevators. Use the stairs instead.
- ◆ Don't return to the area until it is safe: After a tsunami, do not return to the area until authorities declare it safe to do so.

Emergency Helpline Numbers: 112 (ERSS), 1070(SEOC), 1077(DEOC), 100 (Police), 101(Fire) & 102 (Ambulance).

(Source: Directorate of Disaster Management)

## Directorate of Disaster Management issues "Do's & Don'ts" on Earthquake

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The A&N Islands are prone to Geological disasters and located in one of the most seismically active parts (Zone -V) of the world and several great earthquakes have occurred in the past. The severe earthquake that occurred on December 26, 2004 caused horizontal and vertical shift of land mass in the A&N Islands, which caused the loss of lives and property of this UT. The Directorate of Disaster Management has urged the general public to adhere Do's & Don'ts of Earthquake to mitigate the impact of earthquake and save their precious lives.

BEFORE EARTHQUAKE

- ◆ Consult a structural engineer to make your house earthquake resilient.
- ◆ Fasten shelves securely to walls; place heavy/ large objects on lower shelves. Provide strong support to power and gas appliances
- ◆ Prepare an emergency kit with essential items for safety and survival.
- ◆ Develop an emergency communication and evacuation plan for your family and community.
- ◆ Learn the technique of 'Duck-Cover-Hold.
- ◆ Educate yourself and family members about earthquake risk by participating in earthquake safety programmes.



DURING EARTHQUAKE

- ◆ Stay calm Do Not Panic. If you're indoors, stay inside. If you're outside, stay outside.
- ◆ Don't use matches, candles, or any flame. Broken gas lines and fire don't mix.
- ◆ If you're in a car, stop the car and stay inside until the earthquake stops.
- ◆ Duck under a table; Cover your head with one hand and Hold the table till the tremors last.
- ◆ Stay away from mirrors and windows. Do not exit the building while the earth is still shaking.
- ◆ Move outside as soon as the tremors stop. Do not use a lift.
- ◆ When outside, move away from buildings, trees, walls and poles/ electric lines.
- ◆ When inside a vehicle, pull over in an open place and remain inside, avoid bridges.

AFTER EARTHQUAKE

- ◆ Do not enter damaged buildings.
- ◆ If trapped in rubble:
  - ✓ Do not light a matchstick
  - ✓ Cover your mouth with a cloth.
  - ✓ Tap on a pipe or a wall.
  - ✓ Sound a whistle
- ◆ Use stairs and not lifts or elevators.
- ◆ Move cautiously, and check for unstable objects and other hazards above and around you. Check yourself for injuries.
- ◆ Stay away from beaches. Tsunamis and beaches sometimes hit after the ground has stopped shaking.
- ◆ Do not spread and/ or believe in rumours.

Emergency Helpline Numbers: 112 (ERSS), 1070(SEOC), 1077(DEOC), 100 (Police), 101(Fire) & 102 (Ambulance).

"Be aware, Be Prepared, Be Safe"  
(Source: Directorate of Disaster Management)

### Consultation on Safeguarding the Girl Child: Towards..... (Cont. from Page 1)

The event witnessed the participation of representatives from various departments of Andaman & Nicobar Administration. Each Department shared valuable insights about their respective roles and initiatives in ensuring the safety and well-being of the girl child.

During the first session, Dr. Nitu Sindhu (State Mission Coordinator, SHEW, Directorate of Social Welfare) presented ongoing initiatives under Mission Vatsalya and Mission Shakti. SI Jyoti Chatwal, Women Cell, A&N Police emphasized on the misuse of Social media by teenagers and problems faced by them in long run. Smti. Shweta Kishan (GTT Education) underlined the need for creating a safe and inclusive school environment through regular sensitization programs. Dr. Neena Alex (DHS) spoke about adolescent health programs, menstrual hygiene management, counseling services & availability of adolescent friendly-YUVA clinics in our Islands.

During the second session, Shri Samrat Roy (Member Secretary, DLSA), elaborated the legal provisions under the POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act, and the availability of free legal aid for victims. Smt. Meghna Pal Govind (DCPU), briefed the audience regarding the roles and responsibilities of District Child Protection Unit in providing safe environment in child care institutions.

During the final session, Dr. Shweta (Probation Officer, DSW) conducted an interactive session with children and encouraged them to give suggestions for the department and judiciary for enabling us in creating a safer and nourishing environment.

Smti. Uma Devi (CDPO, Urban Project) expressed her gratitude towards all the delegates and participants for attending this event for great societal impact. The program was successfully conducted by R. Shegar (Project Coordinator, HEW, South Andaman) under the guidance of Shri. L. Kumar (Secretary, Social Welfare) and Shri.

Rashid Alam (Registrar, High Court).

Earlier, welcoming the gathering, Shri. Ravinder Kumar (Director, Directorate of Social Welfare) greeted all the guests and thanked the committee for organizing this event in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

## ANCOL to prepare panel of Guest faculties

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The Andaman College (ANCOL) proposes to prepare a panel of Guest faculties for Telugu Foundation Subject on as and when required basis for the Academic Session 2025-2026.

The Guest Lecturers/Resource Persons shall be paid honorarium @ Rs. 1500 per lecture subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/- per month as per the UGC norms. The appointment will be purely on a temporary basis depending upon the

requirement of the teaching workload in the concerned subject. The detailed Notice and Application Format and self-marking proforma shall be downloaded from the college's official website <https://ancol.andaman.gov.in>. The duly filled in application form, self-marking proforma along with self-attested relevant documents and testimonials should be submitted on or before 10.11.2025 at 3.30 pm in the Andaman College Office, a press release from ANCOL said.

## TGCE celebrates National Unity Day

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

TGCE commemorated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) with a comprehensive program marking the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The day's proceedings commenced with a formal tribute to Iron Man of India and the administration of the National Unity Pledge by the Principal to all participating students and staff.

The ceremony featured a keynote address emphasizing the enduring relevance of national integration and a series of expert lectures by faculty members. Winners of various competitions, including Poem Recitation, Slogan Writing, and Poster Painting, conducted since last week were felicitated, a press release from TGCE said.

## Lecture on stress management & better mental health facilitated by Andaman & Nicobar Command

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

A lecture on stress management and achievement of better mental health was facilitated by Andaman & Nicobar Command for Ex-Servicemen and their dependents. The session was conducted by the faculty of Rajyoga Education and Research Foundation (RERF) at Dweepika Auditorium, INS Jarawa yesterday.

RERF, with its extensive experience in conducting programmes on Eradication of Stress and Enhancing Inner Strength for Military, Paramilitary and Police Forces across India since 2001, has in recent years extended its outreach to Defence Civilians



and Veterans as well. A total of 130 Veterans alongwith their dependents from Sri Vijaya Puram actively participated in the event, a press release from ANC said.

## Orientation Prog. for teachers on safety and security held

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

An orientation programme on safety and security for teachers was organized on Oct. 30 at Government Senior Secondary School, Wimberlygunj. Dr. Manoharan, DEO (Wimberlygunj) addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of safety awareness in schools.

The programme featured expert sessions by key resource persons including Shri A. Bawali (In-charge, Fire Station, Bambooflat) spoke on fire safety and prevention. Ms. Kavita (PHN) discussed health and hygiene in the school environment. Ms. Sanjana Srinivas (Disaster Management Officer) shared insights on disaster preparedness.



Shri Sudheer (SI, Out Post Wimberlygunj) elaborated on school safety and coordination with law enforcement, a press release from DEO, Wimberlygunj said.

## Run for Unity - Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observed at Little Andaman

Hutbay, Nov. 1

The 'Run for Unity' was organized yesterday by Panchayat Samiti in association with line Departments, Pradhans of Hut Bay & Netaji Nagar, Little Andaman, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, celebrated nationwide as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day).

The run which started from Zero Point and concluded at Chidambaram Park, witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 150 participants, including school students, teachers, the Pramukh and staff of Panchayat Samiti, Coast Guard, Police Department, and the Pradhans of Hut Bay and Netaji Nagar Gram Panchayats and general public. In



his concluding address, Shri S. Paramanathan, Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Little Andaman, while extending heartfelt thanks to all participants, also highlighted the significance of the day, recalling the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel towards National

Integration and unity, and urged everyone to uphold the spirit of oneness and collective progress. The event concluded with a pledge to strengthen the bonds of unity and integrity among the people of Little Andaman, a press release from Panchayat Samiti said.

## Sensitization-cum-Awareness Programme on Obtaining Consent to Operate (CTO) from ANPCC

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

The Andaman and Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC), Department of Science and Technology, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, organized a Sensitization-cum-Awareness Programme on obtaining Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The programme was conducted at the Branch Development and Facilitation Office of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Dollygunj Industrial Estate, Dollygunj, in collaboration with Laghu Udyog Bharati, Andaman and Nicobar Chapter, and the MSME Branch, Sri Vijaya Puram, ANI. Around 30 stakeholders from various industries participated in the event and were sensitized about the procedures and importance of obtaining CTE and CTO.

Shri B. Raj Babu, Technician, ANPCC, delivered a presentation providing an overview of the consent management system. He explained the significance of obtaining Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate to ensure compliance with pollution control regulations and to safeguard the environment of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



Shri Sitaram Sharma, President and Shri Abhijit Agarwal, Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Andaman and Nicobar Chapter, also urged all stakeholders present at the programme to apply for and

obtain CTE and CTO from ANPCC to avoid any penalties and to contribute towards maintaining a cleaner and greener environment in the islands, a press release from ANPCC said.

## SVPMC conducts Special Tax collection drive

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 1

In a continued effort to enhance municipal revenue generation and encourage civic participation, the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipality conducted a Special Tax Collection campaign today at the Community Halls of Haddo and Ratri Niwas in Ward No. 01. The initiative aimed to make it easier for citizens to pay their Municipal Taxes and foster greater

community engagement.

A significant number of people coming forward to contribute the Special Tax Collection drive, which resulted in the revenue collection of Rs. 2,52,078/- as Municipal Taxes.

SVPMC to conduct Special Tax Collection campaign on Nov. 8 in Community Hall of Haddo and Ratri Niwas in Ward No. 02 to collect all Municipal Taxes, a press release from SVPMC said.

