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Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.2  
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## President graces commemoration of 75 years of Adoption of the Constitution Our Constitution is the strong foundation stone of our democratic Republic: President

New Delhi, Nov. 26 (PIB)

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu graced the commemoration of 75 years of adoption of the Constitution in the Central Hall of Parliament House today. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that 75 years ago, on this very day, in this very Central Hall of the 'Samvidhan Sadan', the Constituent Assembly accomplished the huge task of framing the Constitution for a newly independent country. On that day, through the Constituent Assembly, we, the people of India, adopted, enacted and gave to ourselves this Constitution.

The President said that our Constitution is the strong foundation stone of our democratic Republic. Our Constitution ensures our collective and individual dignity. The



President said that on completing the 75 years of Independence, all the citizens celebrated 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. On 26<sup>th</sup> January, next year, we will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Republic. Such celebrations provide us with opportunities to take stock of the journey

so far and plan better for the journey ahead. Such celebrations strengthen our unity and show that we are all together in our efforts to achieve the national goals.

The President said that in one sense, the Constitution of India was the outcome of nearly three years of deliberations by some

of the greatest minds. But, in the true sense, it was the outcome of our long freedom struggle. The ideals of that incomparable national movement came to be enshrined in the Constitution. Those ideals have been captured succinctly in the Preamble of the Constitution. They are

justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. These ideals have defined India since the ages. The ideals highlighted in the Preamble of the Constitution complement each other. Together, they create an environment in which every single citizen finds an opportunity to

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Maj. Gen. Zubin Bhatnagar, VSM, ADG, Recruiting, Directorate General of Recruiting-Indian Army during his visit to A&N Islands for the Army Recruitment Rally Agniveer at Sri Vijaya Puram called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. He apprised the Hon'ble Lt. Governor that the rally being conducted by Recruiting Office (HQ) Chennai from November 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> has witnessed increased participation compared to last year.



Surg Capt Anuj Singhal on taking over the command of INHS Dhanvantari, Sri Vijaya Puram called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas.

## Myanmarese Fishing boat with approx. 6000 kgs of prohibited drug 'Methamphetamine' apprehended in Andaman seas Seizure of huge quantity of drugs is a significant achievement in our nation's fight against drug trade: CINCAN

Staff Correspondent

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 26

It was a significant achievement in our nation's fight against the ongoing illegal drug trade with the seizure of the huge quantity of illegal drugs by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) of Andaman Nicobar Command in Andaman Seas creating history in the maritime domain in India. Based on an input, Andaman Nicobar Command took an operation on Nov. 25 and apprehended a Myanmar Fishing boat named "Soe Wai Yan Htoo" in Andaman seas which was carrying approx. 6000 kgs of prohibited drug Methamphetamine. The six crew members, who were identified as Myanmar nationals onboard the Fishing vessel were also apprehended, said the Commander-in-Chief ANC, Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, AVSM, VM while interacting with the mediapersons at HQ ANC here today. The press conference was also addressed by the DGP, A&N Islands, Shri Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal, IPS.

Addressing the press conference, the



CINCAN stated that this operation stands as the testament & unwavering commitment of ANC in safeguarding the sovereignty of our waters and protecting the youth and future generation of our nation from the scourge of drug trafficking. "Our forces have once again demonstrated exceptional vigilance, precisions and team work neutralising the serious threat of nation security and public health", the CINCAN remarked.

The CINCAN stated that the anticipated value of this drug is in thousands of Crores. The success of this operation is a result of meticulous surveillance of the likely areas and prompt response to the joint

operation by the ship crew. The CINCAN commended the bravery and dedication of the Commandant (JG) Ankit Sharma and his team for carrying out this challenging operation despite the unfavourable weather condition. The success

of these efforts reflects not only their skills and commitment but also the determination of the nation to uphold the rule of law.

The CINCAN said that the menace of drug trafficking can only be tackled by the collective efforts of all concerned

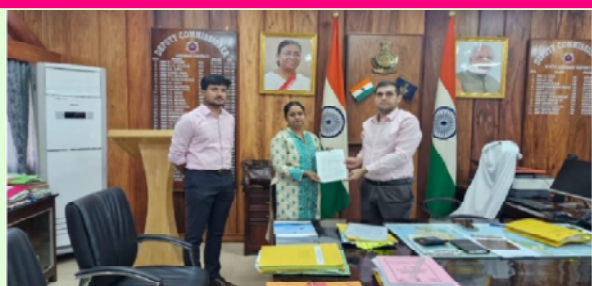
Departments. The ANC and the A&N Police have been actively collaborating across all spheres. Numerous operations against poachers, illegal trafficking and surveillance of outlying Islands have been jointly undertaken. The CINCAN also placed on record the invaluable support rendered by the Police team across all these spheres. The DGP and his team have also provided inputs across all operations in the past. He complimented the A&N Police in controlling the drug menace in A&N Islands.

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## DC (SA) sanctions ex-gratia relief to resident of School Line for damage of house due to fire incident

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 26

In order to provide financial relief and revive the family from distress, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has sanctioned an ex-gratia relief amounting to Rs 1,25,000/- to Smt. Sunaina Soni whose house was damaged due to fire incident at School Line village on 22.03.2024. This



financial assistance is part of the support provided under the norms of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National

Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to help individuals affected by natural disasters, a press release from DC (SA) said.



The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS administered oath of allegiance to the Constitution of India to the senior Officers of A&N Administration in the conference hall of Secretariat on 26.11.2024.

## Retail market value of approx. 6000 kgs of Methamphetamine seized from Myanmar vessel is worth Rs 36000 crores: DGP, A&N Police Six Myanmar nationals arrested



Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 26

In a major breakthrough, the Crime & Economic Offence Police Station (C&EO), Andaman & Nicobar Police in coordination with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), seized approximately 6000 kilograms of Methamphetamine (Narcotic drug) from a Myanmar vessel in Andaman Sea. The

operation was the result of heightened surveillance and joint efforts from A&N Police and ICG to combat the narcotics and poaching menace in the region.

In recent times, the Andaman & Nicobar Police and the ICG have been conducting joint operations, which include interrogations of Myanmar and poachers and

heightened vigilance following an increase in sighting of Rohingya boats and Myanmar vessels in the area. These proactive measures culminated in the "Biggest one time seizure" of narcotics & psychotropic substance- Methamphetamine whose market value in retail market is more than Rs. 36,000 crores.

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flourish, contribute to society, and help fellow citizens.

The President said that our Constitutional ideals get strength from the active participation of the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary as well as all the citizens. The Fundamental Duties of every citizen have been clearly mentioned in our Constitution. Protecting the unity and integrity of India, promoting harmony in the society, ensuring the dignity of women, protecting the environment, developing a scientific temper, safeguarding public property and taking the nation to higher levels of achievement are included among the Fundamental Duties of the citizens.

The President said that in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution, it is the responsibility of the Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary to work together to make the lives of common people better. She noted that the aspirations of the people have found expression in the many legislations enacted by the Parliament. She said that during the last few years, the Government has taken many steps for the development of all sections of the society, especially the weaker sections. Such decisions have improved the lives of the people and are providing them new opportunities for development. She was happy to note that with the efforts of the Supreme Court, the judiciary of the country is making efforts to make our judicial system more effective.

The President said that our Constitution is a living and progressive document. Our farsighted Constitution-makers had provided for a system of adopting new ideas, according to the needs of the changing times. We have achieved many ambitious goals related to social justice and inclusive development through the Constitution. With a new approach, we are earning for India a new identity in the comity of nations. Our Constitution-makers had given a Directive for India to play an important role in promotion of international peace and security. Today, besides being a leading economy, our country is playing this role very well as the 'Vishwa-Bandhu'.

The President said that in the Constitutional journey of nearly three-quarters of a century, the nation has succeeded to a remarkable extent in showing those capacities and developing those conventions. She emphasised that the lessons we have learnt should be passed on to the next generations. She noted that the celebrations of 'Samvidhan Divas' every year since 2015 have helped in increasing awareness among our youth about our founding document, the Constitution. She urged all the fellow citizens to inculcate the Constitutional ideals in their conduct; follow the Fundamental Duties and move forward with dedication towards the national goal of building a 'Viksit Bharat' by the year 2047.

Retail market value of approx. 6000 kgs of Methamphetamine...

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Nicobar Police, in coordination with multiple security and intelligence agencies, has implemented robust measures to safeguard the region's coastal security. Joint interrogations involving the Navy, Coast Guard, Army, CID, Special Branch, Immigration and sister agencies are routinely conducted to collect intelligence and understand the modus operandi of foreign intruders, which includes, Exercise 'Sagar Kavach'. The latest exercise was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. Similarly, Sea Vigil Exercise- a nationwide coastal security drill aimed at ensuring coordinated efforts across India's coastline, held on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November, 2024 & Operation 'Sajag' - a monthly operation led by the Police Marine Force and Indian Coast Guard to verify credentials of fishing vessels and fishermen. The last operation was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

Additionally, Joint Coastal Patrolling (JCP) is conducted monthly, where police personnel undergo practical training aboard Coast Guard vessels in navigation, engine maintenance, patrolling, and surveillance procedures.

On 25/11/2024, the Regional Headquarters of the Indian Coast Guard informed the Police Station Crime & Economic Offence via landline (03192-232586) about the interception of a suspected trawler by ICG Ship Aruna Asaf Ali. The vessel, suspected of carrying a large consignment of narcotic substances, was manned by six Myanmarese nationals, who were subsequently detained and brought to Sri Vijaya Puram for further investigation and legal action.

Acting swiftly, Shri Vishesh Dhatteval, Dy.SP (CID) and a team comprising members of the FSL, Crime & Economic Offence Police Station, Anti-Narcotics Police Station and CID, arrived at the ICGS Haddo Jetty along with other senior officers of A&N Police, equipped with drug detection kits, weighing machines and other essential tools. The team received a detailed report on the apprehension of the Myanmarese Fishing Boat and relevant documents from Shri Ankit Awasthi, Deputy Commandant of ICGS Aruna Asaf Ali.

A thorough inspection of the boat revealed several gunny bags containing suspected contraband. Random samples from 10 out of 222 gunny bags were tested on-site by the FSL team using a drug detection kit, which confirmed the substance to be methamphetamine. The total consignment was weighed and found to be approximately 6,016 kilograms.

The six detained Myanmarese nationals were held at the ICGS Jetty, Haddo, for further interrogation. Subsequently, FIR No. 111/2024, dated 26 November, 2024, was registered under Sections 8(c), 22(c), 23(c), and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985, read with Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946, at PS C&EO, Sri Vijaya Puram.

The Andaman & Nicobar Police is investigating the case from multiple angles, including the possibility of transshipment and the logistical implications of transporting such a large quantity of narcotics within India's territorial waters and for the involvement of any local/foreign syndicate in the whole network.

Speaking on this, Shri Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal, DGP, Andaman & Nicobar Islands said, "This historic seizure reflects the unwavering commitment of the Andaman & Nicobar Police for safeguarding our maritime borders and combating the drug menace. The operation underscores the synergy between multiple agencies and our resolve to protect the nation's integrity. Such seizures are not just about enforcement but also a testament to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of a 'Nasha Mukh Bharat'. We remain steadfast in our mission to secure the Andaman & Nicobar Islands from all illicit activities and urge the public to support our efforts by providing any information related to narcotics."

This operation highlights the strong coordination between the Andaman & Nicobar Police and the Indian Coast Guard in addressing threats to national security and the integrity of Indian waters.

During the last five years, Andaman and Nicobar Police have seized approximately 1100 kgs of contraband narcotics with the arrest of 640 persons. Additionally, 423 foreign poachers of various nationalities have been arrested in the last five years with a total seizure of 5187 kgs of marine wealth comprising Sea Cucumber & Turbo shells.

Notable operations include an August 2024 raid where the K-9 Squad (Narcotics Dog) was deployed at Campbell Bay, leading to the seizure of 780 grams of heroin during subsequent investigations in Kolkata. Similarly, on September 22, 2023, during routine patrolling near Tillongchong Island, a black packet containing 1.1 kg of cocaine valued at Rs. 16 crore was discovered ashore. The packet bore the image of Mexican drug lord El Mencho, leader of the Jalisco cartel, carrying a reward of \$10 Million in US & Mexico.

The Andaman & Nicobar Police is committed to eradicate the menace of drugs and to enforce strict legal provisions against drug peddlers. General public have been requested to share any information related to drugs in the Islands to the following numbers: 233307, 232586, 100 & 9474290250 or by email at spcid.and@nic.in. The informer will be suitably rewarded and his/her identity will be kept secret, a press release from A&N Police said.

Myanmarese Fishing boat with approx. 6000 kgs ...

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Briefing the media persons, the DGP said, this operation was a very coordinated efforts from all the Units who are proactively guarding Seas of Andaman. There has been absolute coordination between ANC and A&N Police and in last 5 years there has been more than 414 cases and total seizure of this particular contraband was 637 kgs of Meth. He said this single seizure was of approx. 6000 kgs of meth and 6 Myanmarese have been arrested. There has been very high number of poachers who have mainly originated from Myanmar and in last 5 years, 640 nationals of different countries have been arrested, the DGP said adding that the A&N Police is getting all types of help from ANC in anti -poaching operations. Alongwith the ANC and ICG, the A&N Police is also committed to keep Islands safe from menace of drugs, the DGP said adding that as per the initial interrogation it came to light that this particular contraband was meant for International destination only and not targeted for A&N Islands.

Constitution Day befittingly celebrated in Higher Education Institutions and Schools in Isles

Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 26

The 75<sup>th</sup> year of the Indian Constitution Day also known as Samvidhan Divas, was celebrated in all the Govt. / Govt. Aided / Private schools, Higher educational institutions namely JNRM, ANCOL, DBRAIT, Law College, TGCE, ITI, DIET and office establishments under the Directorate of Education, A&N Administration today to commemorate the contribution of all the architects of the Constitution, including Baba Saheb Dr. B R Ambedkar and to create awareness about the basic principles of the Indian Constitution among the students and staff. Constitution Day reinforces democratic ideals and encourages active civic participation and responsibility. It also reflects the vision of a progressive and inclusive India, safeguarding the rights of its citizens while emphasizing their duties.

The celebration of Constitution Day commenced with the reading of the Preamble in the



morning assembly followed by a brief introduction about making of the constitution and its salient features. The main objective of the celebration was to inculcate constitutional obligations among the students, to create awareness about Constitution and to sensitize the students about importance of Constitution Day. The strength of a huge country like India is its Constitution. It gives us the mantra for national unity and integrity by ensuring justice and equal rights to every citizen. The Constitution binds our vivid cultural, linguistic, geographic and religious diversities into one cohesive and powerful nation.

A number of activities such as, organizing talks by eminent scholars, conducting of

painting/poster making competition, declamation on the significance of the constitution and community awareness activities were organized to highlight and reiterate the values and principles enshrined in the constitution as part of the celebrations.

An oath was also administered by Head of Schools / Head of Offices in all the institution and establishments. As a mark of respect, a fitting tribute was paid to Dr. B R Ambedkar, in recognition of his pivotal role in drafting the constitution. Students and teachers from 408 schools comprising of 67703 students and 5757 teachers and other staff participated in the celebration, a press release from Education Department said.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT

ORDER No. 1351 Dated 26.11.2024

Whereas, Order No. 1340 dated 25/11/2024 was issued vide F. No. 2-25/2023-R/TSD/DC (SA), concerning the prevention of unlawful acts by anti-national elements in South Andaman District and the safety of persons and property.

And whereas, certain revisions and updates are required in the previously issued order to ensure more effective implementation and compliance of the prescribed measures.

And Whereas, inputs have been received that Anti-national elements might carry out unlawful acts in South Andaman District which might endanger both, persons and property.

And whereas, these Anti-national elements may stay in Hotels, Guest houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. while doing preparation, reconnaissance, and actual execution of these unlawful acts.

And whereas, it is necessary to take speedy measures in this behalf, to protect property and prevent danger to human life and safety, thwart/prevent terrorist activities, which may affect and disturb Public Order and Tranquility in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Now, therefore, I Arjun Sharma, District Magistrate, South Andaman, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by virtue of Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)-2023 do hereby make the written order for strict compliance of following Conditions by the Owners of all such establishments in the jurisdiction of South Andaman District, of Andaman & Nicobar Islands:-

1. Only those Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. which possess valid licences, shall be allowed to function.
2. All such establishments shall have sufficient number of CCTV cameras which shall cover the entry and exit of persons and selected critical locations of the premises. All the cameras installed at all the entry and exit locations shall be in working condition and their coverage shall be preserved for not less than 30 days.
3. All such Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. shall maintain a Register-having complete details of persons staying in the said premise. A copy of the valid ID proof of such persons shall be kept for record.
4. All such Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. shall ensure that details relating to Form-C (Arrival Report of Foreigners in Hotel) are submitted to the Registering Authorities within the prescribed period. All procedures/ guidelines shall be followed in respect of any Foreign National staying in the said premise.

All such Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. which contravene this order, shall be liable to be punished in accordance with the provision of Section 208 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)-2023.

As this order cannot be served individually upon all concerned, this order is hereby passed Ex-Parte. It shall be published for the information of the general public through the press and by affixing copies on the Notice Boards in the offices of all SsP, DySPs, Tehsildars, Patwaries and all Police Stations.

Given under my hands and seal this court on today the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT  
F. No. 2-25/2023-R/TSD/DC (SA/)

District Administration, SA evicts encroachments on public roads



Sri Vijaya Puram, Nov. 26

In a bold and decisive operation, the District Administration of South Andaman has struck a significant blow against unauthorized encroachments by removing the unauthorized encroachment committed in the shape of a gumti on the Govt. Road and an area of 50 sqmtrs restored to Govt. Khaata.

This resolute action is a testament to the District Administration's uncompromising commitment to protect public resources. By restoring encroached land to its rightful status, the Administration has sent a powerful message-public land is a collective asset and will not be compromised under any circumstances. The District Administration calls upon the residents of South Andaman to

stand united in the fight against land encroachments. By adhering to lawful land-use practices and discouraging illegal activities, citizens can play an integral role in preserving the region's resources for future generations.

To empower the public in this endeavor, the District Administration has introduced user-friendly mechanisms for reporting illegal encroachments and constructions. Citizens can now report such activities to the District Control Room at 03192-240127/238881/1070 or share information discreetly through WhatsApp at 9531888844. The District Administration guarantees complete confidentiality, ensuring the safety and anonymity of informants, a press release from DC (SA) said.

Nicobar District Police felicitates local Cyclists for outstanding achievement in the National Championship



Car Nicobar, Nov. 26

A felicitation ceremony was held yesterday in the Office of the Superintendent of Police, Nicobar District, to honor the winners and participants from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Unit of Car Nicobar who showcased exceptional performances at the 76<sup>th</sup> Senior and 53<sup>rd</sup> Junior National Track Cycling Championships held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, from November 15 to 19, 2024, and brought glory to A&N Islands through their commendable performances.

Shri Sunny Gupta, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Nicobar District, felicitated the athletes and the coach by presenting bouquets & shawls to them as tokens of appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

Among the medal winners, I S Bridnay shone brightly by securing a Gold medal in the Youth Individual Time Trial (Girls) category, while Namita Violet, Queendoline, and Britney secured Silver medals in the Sub-Junior Team Sprint (Girls) category at the national level. In the Youth Individual Time Trial (Boys) category, Messi Kastons clinched a Silver medal, demonstrating exceptional talent. Additionally, Michael, Ronnie, Lionel Backer, Saw Zachkhria, Derickson and

Agileswaran displayed commendable effort in Sub-Junior Team Sprint (Boys) category to achieve a fourth-place finish. The team was accompanied by Shri Vishwajeet Balkrishna Sutra, Assistant Cycling Coach and Incharge, SAI, Car Nicobar.

During the interaction, Shri. Sunny Gupta, lauded the cyclists for their remarkable performances at the national level and urged them to remain focused on their goals while also prioritizing their education. He emphasized the importance of striking a balance between academics and sports to build a bright future.

The coach and the cyclists expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the District Police for organizing the felicitation ceremony. They assured their commitment towards working harder and striving for greater success in future championships, both at the national and international levels.

Their achievement serve as a source of immense motivation, for all the aspiring sportspersons in the region. It underscores the importance of sports as a means of fostering discipline, teamwork, and personal growth while inspiring the next generation to excel in their chosen fields, a press release from SP (Nicobars) said.



# Zero Case: India's Polio Eradication Saga

India's achievement of polio-free status in 2014 represents one of the most significant successes in global public health. The eradication of polio was not a singular event, but the culmination of decades of dedicated efforts, starting with India's participation in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and complemented by the robust national immunization efforts under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The strategic integration of new vaccines, innovative surveillance systems, and government-led immunization campaigns played a crucial role in making India polio-free. This achievement was made possible through the tireless efforts of the Government of India in partnership with key global organizations, including UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary International, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Together, they mobilized resources, provided technical expertise, and created widespread public awareness about the critical need to vaccinate every child under five against polio.

### Immunization in India

India's immunization efforts can be traced back to 1978, when the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) was launched. This program aimed to provide vaccines to children against various diseases. In 1985, this program was renamed the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), broadening its reach to rural areas beyond urban centers. Over time, the UIP became an integral part of several national health initiatives, including the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), launched in 2005 to improve the health of rural populations.

Today, UIP is one of the world's largest public health programs, targeting over 2.67 crore newborns and 2.9 crore pregnant women annually, providing free vaccines for 12 vaccine-preventable diseases. Polio was one of the first diseases targeted under UIP, and its elimination became a key public health milestone.

### Key Milestones in Polio Eradication

#### ✓ Pulse Polio Programme Launch (1995)

India's fight against polio took a significant step forward in 1995 with the launch of the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme. The first large-scale vaccination campaign, held on 2nd October 1995 (Gandhi Jayanti) in Delhi, was the precursor to the national Pulse Polio campaign. The campaign used an Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) strategy, reaching over 1 million children and ensuring every child under five was vaccinated. This model was subsequently scaled up nationwide.

The campaign became iconic, with the slogan "Do Boond Zindagi Ki" (Two drops of life) becoming synonymous with India's efforts to eliminate polio.

#### ✓ Routine Immunization and System Strengthening

While Pulse Polio campaigns were essential for mass immunization, India also strengthened its routine immunization efforts under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The UIP provided free vaccines against polio, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, hepatitis B, and tuberculosis, ensuring that children received vaccinations as per the national immunization schedule. Through these routine efforts, India aimed to maintain high immunity levels and prevent the re-emergence of vaccine-preventable diseases.

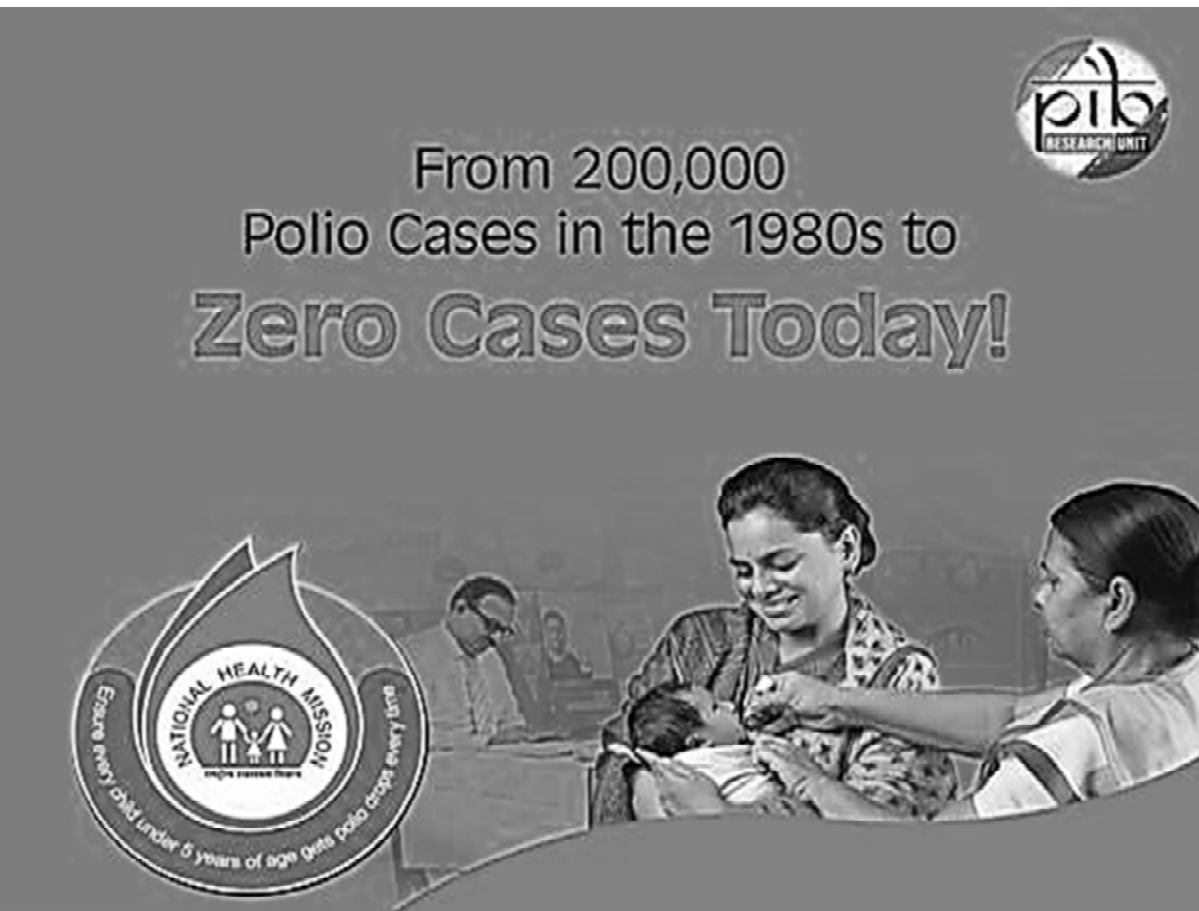
India also made significant strides in cold chain management, ensuring that vaccines were stored and transported at the correct temperatures. The establishment of the National Cold Chain Training Centre (NCCTE) and the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) played crucial roles in improving vaccine storage and distribution logistics.

#### ✓ Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) Introduction (2015)

In line with the Global Polio Endgame Strategy, India introduced the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in 2015 as part of its commitment to polio eradication. IPV provides additional protection against polio, especially against type 2 poliovirus, and was gradually introduced in six states before being expanded nationwide by 2016. This switch was essential after the global shift from trivalent OPV (tOPV) to bivalent OPV (bOPV), which excludes the type 2 strain, and IPV ensured continued protection.

#### ✓ Surveillance and Monitoring

India's success in polio eradication was largely due to its rigorous surveillance systems, including Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) Surveillance and Environmental Surveillance. The focus on surveillance helped India detect and respond to any potential outbreaks quickly.



✓ **AFP Surveillance:** This system involves monitoring cases of unexplained paralysis in children under 15, as this is a common symptom of polio.

✓ **Environmental Surveillance:** Monitoring sewage water to detect poliovirus strains also helped identify pockets where the virus may still be circulating.

By maintaining a high level of sensitivity in surveillance, India could track and control any residual poliovirus transmission.

#### ✓ Political Will and Community Engagement

One key factor behind India's polio eradication success was the unwavering political will demonstrated by the Central and State Governments. Political leaders at all levels provided consistent support, ensuring that resources were allocated and the program received the needed attention.

Additionally, community engagement played a pivotal role. Health workers, volunteers, and local leaders helped raise awareness, provided information on the importance of vaccination, and ensured that children in even the most remote areas were immunized. The Pulse Polio campaigns also relied heavily on door-to-door efforts, reaching children in difficult-to-reach areas.

### Certification and Final Leap

In 2011, India saw the last case of wild poliovirus in Howrah, West Bengal. Following that, the country ramped up its surveillance efforts, and no further wild poliovirus cases were reported.

For India to be certified as polio-free by the World Health Organization (WHO), the country had to meet stringent criteria. These included three years of no wild poliovirus transmission, robust surveillance systems, and the destruction of any remaining stocks of the virus. The certification process was rigorous, involving comprehensive checks and evaluations by the Regional Polio Certification Commission.

On 27th March 2014, India was officially declared polio-free, a milestone celebrated not just within the country but globally as an example of successful public health intervention.

### Beyond Certification: Staying Alert & Safe!

**Even after being declared polio-free, India continues to take several preventive measures to maintain its polio-free status:**

✓ **Annual Polio Campaigns:** India continues to conduct National Immunization Days (NID) and Sub-National Immunization Days (SNID) annually to keep immunity levels high and ensure that no child is missed.

✓ **Surveillance and Border Vaccination:** Continuous surveillance through AFP and environmental monitoring remains critical. Vaccination at international borders continues to mitigate the risk of polio re-importation from endemic regions.

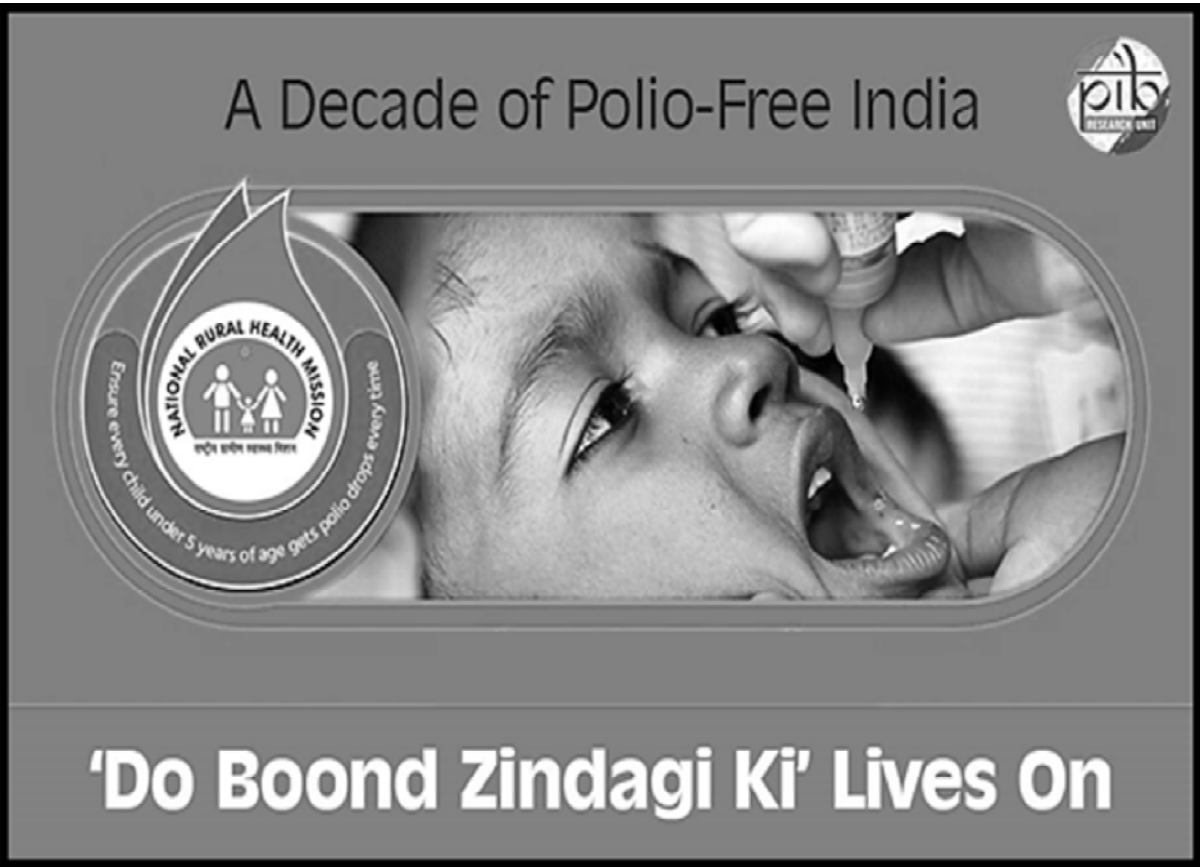
✓ **New Vaccines and Expansion:** In addition to IPV, India has introduced several new vaccines under its immunization program, including Rotavirus, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV), and Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine, as part of broader efforts to prevent other vaccine-preventable diseases.

✓ **Mission Indradhanush:** Launched in 2014, Mission Indradhanush (MI) aims to increase immunization coverage to 90%. Special attention is given to hard-to-reach areas with low immunization rates. In its Intensified Mission Indradhanush phase, the program has significantly increased immunization coverage, further reinforcing India's commitment to child health.

### Conclusion

India's journey to becoming polio-free is a remarkable story of determination, collaboration, and innovation. The country's achievement was the result of an integrated approach combining mass immunization campaigns, strong political leadership, effective surveillance systems, and community mobilization efforts. With continued vigilance and sustained immunization efforts, India remains committed to maintaining its polio-free status and contributing to the global goal of eradicating polio once and for all.

The success of the Pulse Polio Programme and the Universal Immunization Programme serves as an inspiration for other nations and highlights the transformative power of public health interventions when supported by effective systems, robust policy, and community involvement. (Source:PIB)





VACANCY NOTICE (2<sup>nd</sup> Attempt)

Applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for engagement of 02 two PILOT OFFICERS on contractual basis in the Port Management Board, A & N Administration, Sri Vijaya Puram on a consolidated salary of **Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)** per month as per the Terms and Conditions stipulated in the Vacancy Notice.

Eligible Interested candidates are advised to submit their resume on or before **16/12/2024** up to 5.00 P.M, address to the Chief Port Administrator, Port Management Board, A & N Administration, Sri Vijaya Puram-744101 or through e-mail id **adpmb2021@gmail.com**. The candidate's are also advised to submit one set of self-attested copies of Certificates of Educational qualification, experience certificates and other relevant testimonials, along with proforma in the prescribed format attached at **Annexure-A** in the vacancy notice.

Eligible and interested candidates may download the vacancy notice from official website [www.andaman.gov.in](http://www.andaman.gov.in) for further eligibility criteria under Vacancy/Announcement Section respectively.

Sd/-  
Chief Port Administrator  
Port Management Board

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AFFIDAVIT

I, G. Mangamma, W/o Kaligithi Srinivas Rao, R/o Dhani Khari Village under Ferrargunj Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm, declare as follows.

1. That my marriage was solemnized with Kaligithi Srinivas Rao on dated 06.05.2009, since then we are living together as husband and wife.

2. That as a result of my marriage with Shri Kaligithi Srinivas Rao, I want to change my name and also adopt the name & initial of my husband from **G. Mangamma** to **Smti Kaligithi Manga Srinivas**.

3. That I shall use my adopted name as **Smti Kaligithi Manga Srinivas** everywhere from this date forever and from the date of execution of this affidavit I shall be known as **Smti Kaligithi Manga Srinivas** for all purposes. That the statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deponent

AFFIDAVIT

I, Kaligithi Srinivas Rao, S/o late K. Venkat Rathnam, R/o Dhani Khari village under Ferrargunj Tehsil, S. Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That my daughter's actual and correct name is **Kaligithi Eshani Srinivas** which is mentioned in her Birth Certificate.

2. That my daughter's AADHAAR Card the name has been wrongly / shortly mentioned as **K. Eshani Srinivas**, D/o K. Srinivas Rao instead of **Kaligithi Eshani Srinivas**, D/o **Kaligithi Srinivas Rao**.

3. By this Affidavit I want to correct my daughter's name as **Kaligithi Eshani Srinivas** instead of **K. Eshani Srinivas**. That the above paras 1 to 3 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deponent

Best Wishes

All Staff members of  
Cooperative Bank Convey their  
best wishes to the  
newly wed Couples

Dr. V. Rajesh & Dr. M. Aishwarya  
(D/o Shri K. Murugan, Managing  
Director, Cooperative Bank)

"May today be the  
beginning of a love,  
happy life together".



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5<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

On 27-11-2024

Late V.R. PRABHAKARAN

R/o Mithila House Site, Rangat

"We miss your presence in  
everyday of our life may  
your soul rest in peace"

Inserted by:

Jagadamma (Wife), Sudha, Ramani, Yamuna  
(Daughters) & all family members.



20<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 27-11-2024

8<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 13-12-2024



Late K. P. GEORGE

DOD: 27-11-2004



LATE ALEYAMMA GEORGE

DOD: 13-12-2016

Inserted by: All family members

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8<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 27-11-2024



Late SHYAMAL KUMAR SAHA

(Ex Employee of Air India Limited)

Sri Vijaya Puram

DoD: 27-11-2016

R/o Prem Nagar

"I always keep thinking about you  
papa even though it hurts I remember  
all those golden memories we had.  
The loss of you makes me sad always  
your love, support, care and guidance  
will always be with me papa.  
Now everything I do in any life I do  
everything I m your honour."

I miss you Infinity Papa".  
Inserted by: G R Saha (Mother), Shilpa Saha  
(Daughter) & all family members

OBITUARY



With profound grief and sorrow, we express our heartfelt & deepest condolences on the sad and untimely demise of **K.M. Prakash**, Head Clerk, 52 Yrs to be left for heavenly abode on 24.11.2024.

He served 28 years in A&N Administration. May god give peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

Officers & Staffs of E&M Division, APWD, Prothrapur.

19<sup>th</sup> Death  
Anniversary  
On 27-11-2024



T. C. VASU

R/o Calicut (Now New Bimblitan)  
South Andaman

Inserted by: Bhargavi (Wife), A.C. Manoja  
(Mini), A.C. Meeja (Ani) (Daughters)  
and all family members.

7<sup>th</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY

On 27.11.2024



Late Chandrawati

W/o Late Jot Singh, R/o Bambooflat  
(15.06.1926 - 27.11.2017)

"We remember and feel your presence everyday and every time  
we pray Almighty to rest your soul in peace"

Fondly Remembered by: All family members & well wishers

10<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
ON -27.11.2024



Late V.Vellakannu

(ANJCC, Vice President,

Ex. Pradhan, Bhatu Basti)

D.O.B. 01.01.1946

D.O.D. 27.11.2014

Fondly remembered by: V. Vetrivelu (Son),  
V. Sakthivelu (Son), & all family members

32<sup>nd</sup> Death  
Anniversary  
On 27-11-2024



LATE R. M. KRISHNAN

R/o Garacharma

D.O.D.: 27-11-1992

Inserted by: Wife, Sons, Daughter and all  
family members, C/o Aruna Giri Store

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