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Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 29.5
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 089
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 086
Sunrise time on 25/10/2025 (in IST): 0510
Sunset time on 25/10/2025 (in IST): 1656
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)-in mm: 009.3
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: Trace
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 3229.7

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Adventure Beckons: Vessel Sindhu sails to Barren Island with 439 passengers including 125 students

Chief Secretary flags off the Special Cruise from Haddo Wharf Passengers share excitement ahead of journey to India's only active volcano

Staff Correspondent

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24

In a significant boost to adventure and eco-tourism, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, flagged off the passenger vessel Sindhu from Haddo Wharf for its special cruise to Barren Island, the only active volcano in India at around 8.50 pm tonight. Senior officers of the Administration were present at the brief but spirited ceremony.

The vessel, with a full capacity of 439 passengers including 125 Govt. School students drawn from different parts of the Islands, boarded the vessel for the much-awaited journey. Even before embarkation began, the atmosphere at Haddo Wharf was filled with excitement and enthusiasm. Families and adventure seekers with cameras in hand were eager to be part of this memorable voyage.

Speaking on the sidelines of the flag-off ceremony, the Chief Secretary expressed his delight that, with meticulous planning, the A&N Administration has been able to launch the cruise to Barren Island, India's only active volcano. He said, passengers onboard the vessel will have a fascinating and mesmerizing experience witnessing this natural phenomenon.

The Chief Secretary added that there will be two trips to Barren Island every month, providing tourists an opportunity to explore another attraction during their stay in the A&N Islands,



which would certainly boost local tourism.

Highlighting the educational aspect, he said that 125 students from different Govt. Schools have been given the opportunity to visit Barren Island free of cost. He expressed hope that such trips will contribute to the students' overall development and help them become responsible citizens of the



country.

The Chief Secretary also emphasized the immense potential for cruise tourism in the A&N Islands and noted that the Administration has initiated several measures to encourage private entrepreneurs to take advantage of this opportunity.

The exclusive voyage, organized by the Directorate of Shipping Services (DSS) under the aegis of the A&N Administration, aims to offer islanders and tourists a once-in-a-lifetime experience to witness one of nature's most spectacular phenomena amid the scenic waters of the Andaman Sea.

Shri Shitanshu, a tourist from Uttar Pradesh, said, "he is thrilled to join the Barren Island cruise. Having only read about India's lone active volcano in books, he expressed excitement at the chance to witness it firsthand". He added that it was a fortunate coincidence to learn about the special trip during his family vacation to the Islands and immediately booked tickets to seize the rare opportunity.

Shri Thangaraj, a resident of Middle Point, shared that though he had often heard about volcanic eruptions at Barren Island, this is his first chance to witness it in person. Excited for the experience, he said, "his family of six is eagerly looking forward to the trip".

Ms. Jiya Tirkey, a student of PM SHRI GSSS Rangat, said, "while she had long known about the Barren Volcano, she is thrilled to finally get the rare opportunity to witness the phenomenon in person".

With adventure, leisure, and learning seamlessly woven together, the Barren Island cruise marks another milestone in the Andaman & Nicobar Administration's commitment to showcasing the Islands as a world-class, eco-friendly tourism destination.

Hon'ble MP urges for local tie-up of private hospitals under Ayushman Bharat Scheme to avoid mainland referrals

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24

Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, has written to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A&N Islands urging for local tie-ups between private hospitals in the Islands and the Administration under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya

Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The initiative aims to facilitate cashless treatment for patients within the Islands and avoid unnecessary referrals to mainland hospitals, particularly in cases where treatment facilities are already available locally.

In his communication, the Hon'ble MP

emphasized that several private hospitals and diagnostic centres in Sri Vijaya Puram are equipped to provide many of these specialized services, often with the assistance of visiting super-specialists from the mainland. The Hon'ble MP concluded that this initiative, if

implemented, will mark a significant step towards achieving affordable, accessible, and inclusive healthcare for the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, in true spirit of the Ayushman Bharat mission envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, a press release from MP Office said.

Beach Sports Festival 2025 gets off to a vibrant start at Wandoor Beach Volleyball (Men), Tug of War (Women) & Arm Wrestling competitions held



Staff Correspondent

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24

The two-day Beach Sports Festival-2025 got off to a colorful start at sprawling Wandoor Beach. The Directorate of Tourism is organizing the event, in collaboration with the Pramukh Panchayat Samiti, Ferrargunj Tehsil, Ms Padma Wathi, PRIs of the Ferrargunj Tehsil, villagers of the Wandoor and its adjoining areas.

In his address, the Adhyaksh, ZPSA,

Shri Prakash Adhikari as the chief guest inaugurated the Beach Sports Festival in the presence of the Pramukh Panchayat Samiti, Ferrargunj Tehsil, Ms Padma Wathi, PRIs of the Ferrargunj Tehsil, villagers of the Wandoor and its adjoining areas.

In his address, the Adhyaksh ZPSA,

expressed his happiness over the conduct of Beach Sports Festival involving the Deptt. of Education & YAS and Gram Panchayat Wandoor. He further said beach sports activities of such magnitude will further attract islanders as well as tourist to Beach area and the youth of rural areas can also benefit from Tourism activities.

He also urged for incorporating more sports events for larger participation in Beach Sports Festivals.

In her welcome address, the Pramukh Panchayat Samiti, Ferrargunj Tehsil, Ms D. Padma Wathi termed the event as a good beginning by the Tourism Department towards tourism

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Exploring nature's wonder: students embark on Barren Island Volcano visit

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24

As part of an innovative learning initiative under the Samagra Shiksha framework, the Department of Education has organized an Exposure Visit to Barren Island Volcano for students of Government Schools. The programme aims to provide experiential and place-based learning opportunities, enabling students to connect classroom concepts with real-world observations.

A total of 125 students from Classes IX and XI, accompanied by 12 escort teachers (6 male, 6 female) and one Coordinator, are participating in the programme. Students have been selected from six educational blocks viz. South A n d a m a n , Wimberlygunj, Little Andaman, Diglipur,



Mayabunder, and Rangat, based on a uniform selection process to ensure e q u i t a b l e participation. The Andaman &

Nicobar Islands, being home to India's only active volcano - Barren Island, offer a unique natural laboratory for students to explore geological formations,

volcanic activity, and biodiversity firsthand. This visit is designed to foster scientific c u r i o s i t y , environmental awareness, and i n q u i r y - b a s e d learning, in line with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

All necessary arrangements for travel, safety, and logistics have been made under the supervision of the State

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Student of Andaman Law College to participate in National Unity Day celebration at New Delhi

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24

The National Unity Day celebrations organized by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will be held in New Delhi at Samvidhan Sadan on 31st October, 2025 as part of birth anniversary of Sardar

Vallabhbhai Patel. Ms. Aliya Majeed, a student of 4th year B.A.L.L.B, Andaman Law College will be part of a 36-member team drawn from various States and Union Territories of India. Of the 36 students, only 12 will get a chance to speak on the

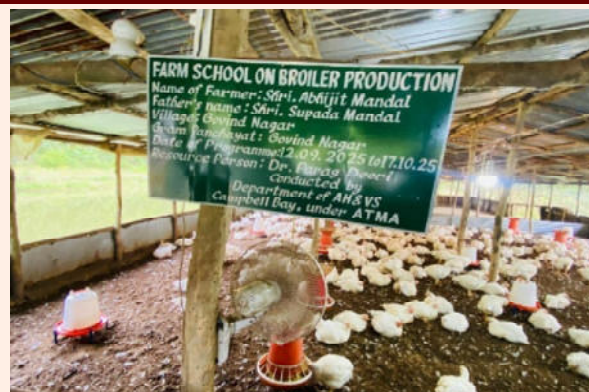
contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at this august session and Ms. Aliya Majeed stands one among them.

The Ministry is conducting this event on a grand scale in association with Mera Yuva Bharat (My Bharat), a press release from ALC said.

Training prog. on 'Farm School on Broiler Production' in Great Nicobar concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24

The Department of AH&VS in collaboration with the Union Territory Agricultural Technology Management Agency (UT ATMA), concluded a six-week 'Farm School on Broiler Production' training program on Oct. 17 at Govind Nagar village, Great Nicobar Island. The program, which commenced on Sept. 12 and was conducted every Friday, aimed to enhance broiler production skills for improved livestock productivity and farmer livelihoods.



The training was hosted at the farm of Shri Abhijit Mandal, son of Supada Mandal, a beneficiary farmer from Govind Nagar. The program focused on

equipping participants with practical knowledge in broiler management, including feeding, housing, disease control, and market-oriented production techniques.

Through hands-on sessions, participants gained insights into modern poultry farming practices to boost efficiency and income generation.

The active participation of farmers underscored their commitment to adopting advanced broiler production methods. The training emphasized sustainable practices tailored to the unique conditions of Great Nicobar, enabling farmers to contribute to local food security and economic development, a press release from AH&VS Department said.

ECI's two-day Conference of CEOs on SIR preparedness concludes

New Delhi, Oct. 24(PIB) The Election Commission of India's (ECI) two-day Conference of Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) concluded yesterday at the India International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Management (IIIDEM) in New Delhi. The conference was presided over by Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Gyanesh Kumar in the presence of Election Commissioners, Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi. CEOs of the States/UTs from across the

country attended the Conference. The Commission directed the CEOs to finalise their preparations for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in their respective States/UTs. After the presentations by senior officers of the Commission on the SIR process, queries raised by the CEOs were also clarified. The Commission assessed the progress made on the directions previously issued to the CEOs to map the current electors with the electors as per the last SIR in the State/UT.

The Commission also interacted one-to-one with the CEOs of poll-bound States/UT of Assam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and West Bengal. The Conference is being held as a follow up to the SIR preparedness conference held on September 10, 2025 during which all the States/UTs gave detailed presentations on the number of Electors, qualifying date of last SIR and Electoral Roll in their respective State/UT as per the last completed SIR.

Block Level Inclusive Sports Meet for CwSNs organized by Wimberlygunj Educational Zone

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24 The two-day Block Level Inclusive Sports Meet for Children with Special Needs (CwSNs), organized by the Wimberlygunj Educational Zone under Samagra Shiksha, concluded successfully at the Mini Stadium, Wimberlygunj today. The event was held on 23rd and 24th October, 2025 for students from the elementary to higher secondary levels. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Shri Bikas Sadhu Khan, Principal, GSSS Manarghat, as the chief guest, while the closing ceremony was graced by Smti. Geeta Horo, Assistant Secretary



(Sports). Students from various schools under the Wimberlygunj Educational Zone participated enthusiastically in a range of sporting events, showcasing their skills, confidence, and sportsmanship. The participants were awarded prizes for their

performances. The event emphasized the importance of inclusivity in education and provided a valuable platform for Children with Special Needs to demonstrate their talent and potential in the field of sports, a press release from Deputy Education Officer, Wimberlygunj said.

Training Prog. on Handicraft Making organized at Swaraj Dweep

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24 The C.D. Block, Prothrapur under the Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, A&N Administration, organized a training programme on handicraft making using bamboo and waste materials for members of NRLM Self Help Groups (SHGs) at Gram Panchayat Shyam Nagar, Swaraj Dweep. The training commenced on Oct. 13 and successfully concluded on Oct. 22, with 26 SHG members from Gram Panchayat Shyam Nagar participating. The programme was organized in response to the demand from local SHG members interested in creating and selling handicraft products to enhance their livelihood opportunities. Given that Swaraj Dweep



is a prominent tourist destination in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, there exists substantial potential for marketing SHG-produced handicrafts. A valedictory programme was held on 23rd October, 2025, graced by Smti. Gurjeet Kaur, Block Development Officer, Prothrapur; Shri Alok Kumar, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Shyam Nagar; and officials from the Block and Panchayat Offices. During the event, participants showcased the handicraft items created

during the training, followed by the distribution of certificates to all participants. The Block Development Officer encouraged SHG members to continue producing more handicraft items and to actively participate in the forthcoming SARAS Mela at Sri Vijaya Puram. The Pradhan assured the SHG members of support in providing dedicated spaces at tourist locations for marketing their handicraft products, a press release from BDO, Prothrapur said.

Awareness prog. on Drug and Substance Abuse held at DBRAIT

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24 As part of Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan, an awareness programme on Drug and Substance Abuse was held today at DBRAIT, Dollygunj. The programme was organized by Integrated Rehabilitation Center for Addicts (IRCA) under District Administration, South Andaman and NAPDDR under Directorate of Social Welfare and collaboration with Anti-Narcotics, A&N Police, NTCP Directorate of Health Services, Police Entertainment Team, A&N Police and Alcoholic Anonymous NGO. Large number of students, faculty of the DBRAIT attended the programme. Shri Rohit Paroi, Project Coordinator IRCA, SA welcomed the gathering and also urged the people



to refrain from Addiction. Dr. M.K Mahato, Medical Officer IRCA, SA spoke at length regarding ill effect of alcohol and substance abuse, he also spoke about the methods how to refrain from substance abuse. Shri Rathindra Mallick, Psychologist Counselor NTCP, Directorate of Health Services spoke on the ill effects of tobacco. All the participants took a pledge to keep away from tobacco and Drugs. Ms. Asrita Falia, Project Coordinator NAPDDR,

Directorate of Social Welfare a speaker at the event, provided insights into the current status of drug addiction in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The President, Alcoholic Anonymous presented a success story and a skit was performed by the Police Entertainment Team. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Smti. Anchamma, Project Assistant NAPDDR, a press release from Medical Officer, IRCA, SA said.

Traffic arrangement in view of Chhat Puja celebration at Corbyn's Cove

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24 In exercise of the powers conferred under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Act No. 59 of 1988), read with the Administration No./2008/F.No.32-95/2008-TR dated 10th March, 2008 and in view of the forthcoming Chhath Puja celebrations during which a large number of devotees are expected to gather at Corbyn's Cove Beach, the District Magistrate, South Andaman District, hereby issues the following notification to ensure smooth regulation of vehicular movement and the

safety of the devotees: 1. ONE WAY: The stretch from Corbyn's Chowk Junction to Mazar Pahad via Corbyn's Cove is hereby declared as a One-Way Route, with entry permitted only from Corbyn's Chowk Junction and exit through Mazar Pahad. No vehicles shall be allowed to ply from Mazar Pahad towards Corbyn's Cove Beach, except two-wheelers. 2. The entry of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) on the stretch from Corbyn's Chowk Junction to Mazar Pahad via Corbyn's Cove shall remain restricted during the

period. However, vehicles engaged in essential services shall be exempted from this restriction. 3. The road leading from Children's Park, Chakkar Gaon to Corbyn's Cove Road shall remain closed for general vehicular movement, except for two-wheelers, during the period of Chhath Puja celebrations. The above traffic restrictions shall come into force from 1400 Hrs on 27th October, 2025 and shall remain effective till 2000 Hrs on 28th October, 2025, a notification issued by DM (SA) said.

Beach Sports Festival 2025 got.....

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promotion in rural areas. The festival opened today with preliminary rounds of Volleyball (Men), Tug of War (Women) and Arm Wrestling (Men). In the Volleyball event, a total of 20 teams registered, out of which, 14 were men's and 6 were women's. Today, a total of 10 matches were played while the first semi-final will be played tomorrow in the morning hours between the teams of Island Krackers & Ravi Arts while second semi-final will be played between



Mahesh Brothers & SBPS, Pahargaon.

In the Tug of War for women, 3 teams were registered and after the preliminary round, the semi-final & final matches will be played tomorrow while the matches of the 'Tug of War' competition for Men, 6 teams registered and the matches will be played tomorrow. The highlight of the Beach Sports event was the Arm- Wrestling for Men in which 21 participants registered themselves for the competition. The event, aimed to promote physical fitness and showcase individual strength and endurance witnessed great participation from the youth who competed in the event, with exceptional performances and prowess and muscle power. After the preliminary round, 6 wrestlers made it to the finals to be played tomorrow. The two-day 'Beach Sports Festival' celebrates the sportsmanship, fitness, and community spirit against the breath-taking backdrop of Wandoor's golden sands and sunsets, promoting teamwork and local tourism through exciting beachside competitions. The inaugural competitions were witnessed by the villagers of Wandoor and its adjoining areas with great enthusiasm cheering the competitors. Cash prizes for winners and runners-up will be distributed on 25th October, 2025 at Wandoor Beach. The Directorate of Tourism has invited all sports lovers and community members to witness the final sports event and to be part of this vibrant celebration of unity, wellness, and the natural beauty of the Islands.

Department of Sports to conduct 'Archery Competition' on Nov. 1 & 2

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24

As part of Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan, the Department of Sports is going to conduct 'Archery Competition' on Nov. 1 & 2 at Netaji Stadium. The details are as under:

S.N	Event	Category	Venue	Range
1	Archery Competition	Men & Women Open-To-All	Archery Arena, Netaji Stadium	40 M / 30 M

Interested participants from Govt/Private Schools, Colleges and other Institutions/ Organisations/general public may directly report at Netaji Stadium on Nov. 1 before 8 am. The event will start from 8.30 am onwards. For further query, one may contact Archery Coach over Phone No. 8900923776, a press release from Department of Sports said.

Deptt. of S&YA to conduct Open Cycle Rally for Men & Women on Nov. 1

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24

As part of Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan, the Department of Sports is going to conduct 'Open Cycle Rally for Men & Women' on Nov. 1 at 5.30 am from Netaji Stadium main gate. The details of the route are as under:

S.N	Event	Category	Starting Point	Finishing Point
1	12 KM Cycle Rally	Men & Women Open-To-All	Netaji Stadium	Netaji Stadium

Starting Point: Netaji Stadium - B.Ed College Girls Hostel - GSSS Girls School Chowk - Swimming Pool- Water Sports Complex- Dignabad Fish Market - Head Quarter PRO-Marine Dockyard- Phoenix Bay Power House - Fisheries Jetty- Megapode Chowk - Marine Police Head Quarter- PS Chatham Chowk. **Return Route to Finishing Point** - PS Chatham Chowk - Marine Police Head Quarter- Megapode Chowk- Fisheries Jetty- Phoenix Bay Power House- Marine Dockyard - Head Quarter PRO - Dignabad Fish Market - Water Sports Complex- Swimming Pool- GSSS Girls School Chowk- B.Ed College Girls Hostel - Netaji Stadium main gate (Finishing point)

Interested participants from Govt/Private Schools, Colleges and other Institutions/ Organisations/general public may directly participate in the said event. Interested participants (with their own cycle) have been requested to present at Netaji Stadium main gate on Nov. 1 before 5.20 am. The Rally will start at 5.30 am. For further query, one may contact Cycling Coach over Phone No. 9476081707, a press release from Department of Sports said.

Know your Armed Forces and Benefits of joining NCC



Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24 The Commanding Officer Col KY Singh interacted with the students of NCS Minnie Bay and Kamaraj English Medium School

today to make them aware about the Armed Forces. A presentation was presented by ANO on the benefits of joining NCC, a press release from NCC said.

South Andaman District Archery C'ship & ASMITA Rugby League postponed

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24 The South Andaman District Archery C h a m p i o n s h i p scheduled on Oct. 25 & 26 and the ASMITA Rugby League scheduled on Oct. 26 have been postponed by the Archery Association Andaman

& Nicobar and Rugby Association Andaman & Nicobar respectively due to the prevailing weather conditions. The revised dates for both events will be announced later, a press release from ANSOA said.

Provisional merit list for post of Veterinary Compounder uploaded

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 24 All candidates who appeared in the Computer Based Test (CBT) for the post of V e t e r i n a r y Compounder conducted by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Andaman & Nicobar Administration on 26.07.2025, have been informed that the

provisional merit list for the post of Veterinary Compounder has been uploaded in the departmental website <https://ahvs.andaman.nicobar.gov.in>. All concerned candidates have been advised to visit the above-mentioned website to view the merit list, a press release from AH&VS Department said.

Rangat Zone Block level Sports & Games events organised for CwSN students



Rangat, Oct. 24 Rangat Zone Block level Sports & Games Events was organised for the CwSN (Children with Special Needs) students at Nimbutala School Ground on 23rd & 24th Oct, 2025. About 22 CwSN students along with parents participated in various sports & games

events with great enthusiasm. The winners were awarded with Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals by the chief guest, Dr Sushim Kumar Biswas, DEO, Rangat & Shri V. Ranjith Kumar, Asst. Director, Sports Rangat, a press release from DEO, Rangat said.

Exploring nature's wonder: students.....

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Project Office, Samagra Shiksha, with strict adherence to the safety and administrative guidelines issued by the Administration and CBSE.

Upon completion of the tour, each student will submit an individual experience report based on their learning and observations. The best report will be selected and felicitated at an appropriate forum. Students will also be encouraged to share their experiences in the morning assemblies of their respective schools to inspire and motivate their peers.

Shri Ram Pravesht, State Project Officer, Samagra Shiksha, welcomed the students and escort teachers and briefed them on the significance of the active volcano. Shri. Gyan Sheel Dubey, DDE (HoO/Acad) emphasized that such experiential learning opportunities strengthen students' scientific outlook, teamwork, and environmental consciousness, contributing to holistic education envisioned under NEP 2020.

This exposure visit marks a significant step toward integrating experiential learning with classroom education, nurturing the next generation of curious, informed, and environmentally responsible citizens of the Islands, a press release from Samagra Shiksha, Department of Education said.

