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Sunsettime on 05/10/2025 (in IST): 1707
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.0 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 3107.9

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Hon'ble Prime Minister addresses Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh launching youth-focused initiatives worth over Rs.62,000 crore

ITIs are not only premier institutions of industrial education, they are also the workshops of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat: PM

New Delhi, Oct. 4 (PIB)

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched various youth-focused initiatives worth more than Rs.62,000 crore during Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi today. Extending greetings to lakhs of students associated with ITIs across the country, as well as the students and teachers of Bihar, the Prime Minister recalled that a few years ago, the Government initiated a new tradition of organizing large-scale convocation ceremonies for ITI students. He remarked that today marks another milestone in that tradition.

Hon'ble Prime Minister stated that today's ceremony symbolizes the priority India accords to skill development. He announced the launch of two major initiatives for youth across the country in the fields of education and skill development. Shri Modi highlighted that under the Rs. 60,000 crore PM SETU scheme, ITIs

will now be more robustly integrated with industries. He further informed that 1,200 skill labs have been inaugurated today across Navodaya Vidyalayas and Eklavya Model Schools nationwide.

Emphasising that India is a

nation of knowledge and skill, and this intellectual strength is its greatest asset, the Prime Minister remarked that when skills and knowledge align with national needs and contribute to fulfilling them, their impact multiplies manifold. He highlighted that the demand of the 21st century is to rapidly advance local talent, local resources, local skills, and local knowledge in accordance with the country's requirements. Underscoring the significant role of thousands of ITIs in this mission, Shri Modi remarked that 11 years, more than 1.5 crore qualifications across diverse currently, ITIs offer training in nearly 170 trades, and over the past



youth have been trained in these sectors. He noted with pride that disciplines, gaining technical these skills are imparted in local

languages, enabling better the country, but in the past decade, understanding and accessibility. This year, over 10 lakh students participated in the All India Trade Test, and the Prime Minister had the opportunity to felicitate more than forty-five of them during the event.

Hon'ble Prime Minister expressed pride in the moment, noting that a large number of the awardees hail from rural and remote parts of India. He highlighted the presence of daughters and Divyang companions among them, and commended their hard-earned success through dedication and perseverance.

"India's ITIs are not only premier institutions for industrial education but also serve as workshops for building an Atmanirbhar Bharat", exclaimed the Prime Minister emphasising that the Government is focused on both increasing the number of ITIs and continuously upgrading them. He noted that until 2014, there were only 10,000 ITIs in

nearly 5,000 new ITIs have been established. Shri Modi highlighted that the ITI network is being prepared to meet current industry skill requirements and anticipate future demands over the next ten years. To strengthen this alignment, coordination between industry and ITIs is being enhanced. He announced the launch of the PM SETU scheme, which will benefit over 1,000 ITI institutions across India. Through this initiative, ITIs will be upgraded with new machinery, industry training experts, and curricula tailored to present and future skill demands. "The PM SETU scheme will also connect Indian youth with global skill requirements", stated Shri

Today, India is progressing towards becoming a top-three global economy, with significant (Contd. on last page)

District Administration, SA evicts unauthorized encroachment & restores Govt. land at Shaheed Dweep

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4 In its continued efforts to safeguard Government land from illegal occupation, the Revenue Department of South Andaman carried out a focused eviction operation today at Sitapur village, Shaheed Dweep.

In a recent operation, fresh encroachment in the shape of a katcha shop structure that had been erected on Government The revenue land near Sitapur structure was dismantled measuring 60 square beach, Shaheed Dweep. and cleared, thereby



unauthorized restoring

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for participation in **Astro Guide Training Prog.** organized by **Tourism Deptt.**

Application invited

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4 Applications have been invited from local youths who have passed Class 12 to participate in the Astro Guide Training being Programme, organized by the Directorate Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T) in the third week of October 2025 at Sri Vijaya Puram and Mayabunder. Application forms can be collected from the Manager (Tourism) Section from Oct. 6 onwards. The last date for submitting the duly filled-in forms at the Directorate of IP&T is Oct. 15 till 4.30 PM, a press release from Directorate of Tourism said.

MESSAGE

On the occasion of National Dolphin Day, it is important to highlight immense significance of dolphins and the urgent need to protect their habitats, which are vital for sustaining healthy and vibrant aquatic

Dolphins, known for their intelligence, sociability and charisma, inhabit both freshwater and marine environments across the globe. They are crucial indicators of ecological balance, reflecting the overall health of our rivers and oceans. Conserving dolphins, therefore, is inseparable from preserving the ecosystems that nurture rich biodiversity and support the livelihoods of countless communities.

Yet, these extraordinary creatures face growing threats from habitat degradation, pollution, overfishing and climate change. Protecting them demands a united commitment to safeguarding our aquatic resources.

The A & N Islands, blessed with some of the nation's most pristine and diverse marine ecosystems, proudly join the rest of the country in observing the 4th National Dolphin Day. On this occasion, I call upon all residents of the Islands to actively participate in this mission of environmental stewardship and biodiversity conservation.

Let us pledge to protect dolphins and their habitats, ensuring that our marine ecosystems remain thriving, resilient and sustainable for generations to come. Together, let us celebrate and safeguard the beauty, intelligence and ecological importance of these remarkable creatures.



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

Skill Convocation Ceremony held at ITI Dollygunj; 600 trainees across 27 trades graduated with pride

Sri Vijava Puram, Oct. 4 The Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) of A&N Islands today celebrated the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh - 2025, a Skill Convocation Ceremony held at ITI Dollygunj, where over 600 trainees across 27 trades graduated pride. with the nationwide for Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, aimed at industry-led institutions ceremony. of global standards.



This to ensure that trainees Secretary

Similar ceremonies Ceremony held at ITI He underlined the were also organized at ITI Dollygunj was graced by importance of skills in Bakultala and ITI Arong Shri L. Kumar, IAS,

(Labour, convocation was aligned across the Islands were Employment & Training) equally honoured. At ITI as chief guest, who launch of the National Dollygunj, more than 800 felicitated trade toppers ITI existing trainees currently and delivered the Upgradation by Hon'ble undergoing training, the Convocation Address. In graduates who passed this his inspiring speech, Shri year, and their proud L. Kumar congratulated transforming ITIs into parents witnessed the the graduates and their families for their hard The Skill Convocation work and perseverance.

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Farmers advised to purchase fertilisers from authorised fertiliser dealers

Winners of painting competition by

Art & Culture Deptt. & EZCC under

and Chennai Ports is concerns taking place, resulting in contamination, reduced the entry of sub-standard efficacy, and possible the Directorate of Art and consignments in to the which directly endanger Islands. Farmers are being public health, soil fertility, misled and falsely induced and farmer welfare. to purchase such materials

consignments in the loss and soil damage. revealed that the

crops to grave risks.

Sri Vijava Puram, Oct. 4 fertilisers were of poor It has come to notice that quality, grossly below illegal transportation of prescribed standards. This fertilisers from Kolkata situation raises alarming

unauthorised heavy metal presence,

from unauthorised farmers have been advised Heritage Walk this persons, thereby not only not to buy fertilizers from incurring financial losses unauthorized sellers. Such but also exposing their fertilizers may be unregistered, adulterated a step toward rekindling senior officers of the through time, tracing the Past instances of such or harmful risking crop Islands have already Farmers have also been

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Diverse group of citizens participate in **Heritage Walk on World War-II trail**

Sri Vijava Puram, Oct. 4 With a view to heritage promote awareness amongst tourists, tour operators, hoteliers, college students and other stakeholders,

Culture, Administration, association with INTACH Andaman & Nicobar In this regard, all the Chapter conducted a



morning on World War- citizens, students from Jyoti Kumari, IAS II trail. The Heritage BBA (Tourism), JNRM, Secretary (Art & Culture), Walks across the city was tourism stakeholders, came together to walk public awareness of the Administration, freelance footsteps of the island's Islands' rich and layered guides and officers & staff storied past. of Art & Culture

A diverse group of Department led by Ms.

Tourism Deptt. organises 'Bird Walk' event at **Garacharma Wetland; participants spot different**

Staff Correspondent

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4 As part of the Tourism Calendar of events for the vear 2025-26, a bird walk was organized Garacharma Wetland by the Tourism Department in association with the Department



of objective of promoting significantly enhances Environment & Forest bird tourism in A&N mental and physical health (DCF WL) with the main Islands. Birding walk (Contd. on last page)

Adhyaksh (ZPSA) & team visit proposed sites for construction of new Anganwadi Centres

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4 The Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad South Andaman, Shri Prakash Adhikari, along with Shri Ravinder Kumar, Director (Social Welfare), Shri Durlav Das, Pradhan, Guptapara, Shri Uttam Roy, Up-Pradhan, Wandoor and the Junior construction of new Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) at Manglutan, planned Linedera, Manjery and

identified and set apart.



Manglutan-IV, Sitanagar Wandoor Jetty, a press The team also inspected Junction near Ram Mandir release from ZPSA said.

the proposed sites for Guptapara and visited The team also inspected additional proposed sites the AWC building at where new AWCs are Wandoor Jetty constructed including under the MPLADS Guptapara-II Forest Camp, scheme. Additionally, the Loha Barik. Land for these Guptapara-I near Basanti team also visited the projects has already been Mandir, Sitanagar village in Agriculture Depot at

'Seva Parv 2025' announced Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4 Cultural Centre (EZCC), Sr. Sec. School, Sri Vijaya in collaboration with the Puram saw enthusiastic Directorate of Art & participation from college

Culture, Administration, organized a Painting showcased their creativity Workshop-cum- and artistic expression Competition under Seva through vibrant and Parv 2025. The event held

on Sept. 26 in the The Eastern Zonal Auditorium of Govt. Girls A&N and school students.

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Participants

CMYK

Hon'ble Prime Minister addresses Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh.....

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growth in manufacturing and employment. Shri Modi highlighted unprecedented growth in manufacturing and exports in sectors such as mobile phones, electronics, automobiles, and defence. He noted that this surge has led to remarkable job creation across large industries and MSMEs, greatly benefiting the youth, including those trained in ITIs. He emphasized that the Mudra Scheme has helped crores of young people start their own ventures. Additionally, the Prime Minister announced the implementation of the ?1 lakh crore Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, which will assist approximately 3.5 crore youth in securing employment in the private sector.

Affirming that this is a time filled with opportunities for every youth in the country, the Prime Minister emphasized that while alternatives may exist for many things, there is no substitute for skill, innovation, and hard work. The Prime Minister concluded by remarking with conviction that all these qualities reside within India's youth, and their strength will become the strength of a Viksit Bharat and extended his heartfelt best wishes to all.

District Administration, SA evicts unauthorized encroachment..... (Contd. from page 1)

meters of Government land to its original condition.

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, has issued a stern warning to the general public to refrain from encroaching upon Government land, reiterating that the Administration follows a zero-tolerance policy towards such violations. He further cautioned that strict action will be taken not only against encroachers but also against individuals found aiding or abetting such illegal activities.

In case of any inquires/complaints, the general public can communicate with the District Control Room at the following numbers 03192-240127/238881/1070/ 9531888844 (WhatsApp). The identity of the person providing the information will be kept secret so as to protect the individual, a press release from DC (SA) said.

Farmers advised to purchase fertilisers from authorised..... (Contd. from page 1)

advised to purchase fertilisers only from licensed and authorised fertilizer dealers. Ensure packaging has batch number, manufacturing and expiry date, MRP and is properly sealed and labelled.

It is also requested to promptly report any suspicious consignments of fertilizers to the Department of Agriculture (nearest Zonal Agriculture Office) for immediate investigation or may inform through the Kisan Call Centre on 03192 -243434/1800 345 1145, a press release from Department of Agriculture said.

Diverse group of citizens participate in Heritage Walk..... (Contd. from page 1)

The Secretary, Art and Culture also participated in the heritage walk. Expressing her views on the occasion, she highlighted the need for institutionalization of heritage walks in these Islands and urged the stakeholders to promote it amongst visiting tourists and others interested in knowing the history of these islands. She further reaffirmed

Administration's commitment to continue such heritage initiatives so that the heritage of the A&N Islands reaches to a wider audience.



The legacy trail commenced from the National Memorial Cellular Jail, that eternal symbol of India's struggle for freedom. From there, the group proceeded to the Japanese Bunker, the Battle of Aberdeen Memorial, and the historic Andaman Club, before making their way to the Clock Tower, Farzand Ali Market, Netaji Club and Zulfikar Ali's Memorial.

The President, AATO, Shri. M. Vinod, President, ANTOA, Shri Simson, President, Hoteliers' Association of A&N Islands, Shri Divakar Murthy and other stakeholders participated in this walk.

INTACH convenor from ANI, Ms Samhita Veda Acharya addressed the participants, highlighting the cultural and educational importance of such walks in connecting the present generation with the memories of the past. Historian Dr. Pronob Kumar Sircar offered detailed insights and shared rare, fascinating anecdotes about each site.

Passing through different historical sites & spots, the walk culminated at Netaji Club ground where AATO member, Shri. Saikat Biswas proposed the vote of thanks.

Tourism Deptt. organises 'Bird Walk' event at Garacharma..... (Contd. from page 1)

through stress reduction and gentle exercise, while also fostering a deep connection with nature and its biodiversity. The bird walk trail was guided by the expert deputed by the Forest Department.



Some of the birds sighted during the walk included: Lesser Whistling Duck, Cinnamon Bittern, Common Snipe, Grey-headed Swamphen, Purple Moorhen, Common Redshank, Common Kingfisher, Storkbilled Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher and Pacific Golden Plover, etc.

During the walk, Shri. Ram Vikas, Forest Guard & Bird Watcher from Forest Department guided the participants in bird watching and explained the importance of birds and their conservation. It was a unique experience for the participants of the bird walk trail as they were able to see different kinds of wetland birds at the site. This trail also cultivated observational skills and patience, provided educational opportunities through learning about species and habitats, encouraged social interaction & a greater sense of environmental stewardship among the participants who were provided with binoculars and spotting scopes by the Forest Department for spotting wetland birds.

The Manager (Ops), IP&T, Smt. Rabia Mustafa spoke about the significance of bird tourism and bird watching. The bird walk was attended by the students of BBA (Tourism) from JNRM College, members of AATO & ANTOA, Andaman Avians Club and staff from the Tourism & Forest Departments. The primary objective of this bird walk was to promote and encourage bird tourism in the Islands.

Winners of painting competition by Art & Culture Deptt...... (Contd. from page 1)

meaningful artworks. After careful evaluation, winners were selected in both school and college categories.

In the school category, Brahmacharini Balaji of Navy Children School (Class VIII B) secured the first position. Bidisha Maiti (Class IX, Navy Children School) and Nimisha. S (Class XC, St. Mary's School, Bathu Basti) followed in second and third positions respectively. Consolation Prize winners included Ankita Bepari (Class VI C, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lamba Line), G Yamuna (Class XI, Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School), and Samiksha Deep (Class XII, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Bathu Basti).

In the college student's category, Durga Rani Das from Pondicherry University was declared the winner. Tanisha Mistry from DIET (1st Year) and Sabuj Kumar Mondal from DBRAIT (ECE, 3rd Year) secured the second and third positions

All winners have been requested to attend the Prize Distribution Ceremony to be held in the Office of the Art & Culture Department at 3.30 pm on Oct. 7. Their presence will be a celebration of their artistic achievements and contribution to the spirit of Seva Parv. For any queries, one may contact over Ph. No 9531898393, a press release from Department of Art & Culture said.

Skill Convocation Ceremony held at ITI Dollygunj; 600 trainees..... Contd. from page 1)



today's world, reminding trainees that "A certificate is not just a piece of paper. Skill is power. Skill is dignity. Skill is self-reliance. Skilled professionals like you are the backbone of national development." He highlighted that technology and industry needs are constantly evolving and urged the graduates to keep learning and upgrading themselves to remain globally competitive.

Stressing the role of youth in nation-building, he said that skilled manpower is the true engine of India's growth story, and called upon the graduates to become ambassadors of skill in their communities, using their knowledge to inspire and uplift others. He also underlined the importance of introducing new trades, expanding apprenticeship opportunities, and strengthening short-term training programs to prepare island youth for both local and global opportunities.

The chief guest also emphasized the recent launch of the National Scheme for ITI Upgradation, describing it as a landmark initiative to transform ITIs into industry-led institutions of international standards. He expressed special appreciation for the trainers and mentors, acknowledging their tireless contribution in shaping the discipline, confidence, and technical excellence of every graduating

He also congratulated the ITIs of the Islands for achieving an impressive 95% pass rate in the All-India Trade Test (AITT) 2025, with several trades securing 100% results. Certificates were then conferred upon graduates across diverse trades, ranging from Civil Engineering, Mechanical, Marine, Electrician, Information Technology, Solar Technician, Cosmetology, Fashion Design, Hospitality, and Tourism and more, reflecting both industry needs and the unique identity of the

Earlier, the program commenced with the lighting of the lamp followed by a welcome address by Shri Venkatesh Ch., Principal/Deputy Apprenticeship Advisor. In his remarks, he greeted the chief guest, dignitaries, faculty, parents, and graduates, noting with pride that the ITIs of the Islands have consistently delivered excellent results in the AITT 2025. He further informed that there are 1,416 seats under CTS across all three ITIs, with ITI Dollygunj alone accounting for 868 seats, making it one of the largest ITIs in the country. He also highlighted the Dakshata, a unique initiative of the A&N Administration that creates synergy between education and vocational training, enabling students to acquire both life skills and technical skills from an early age, making them more confident, aspirational, and

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri K. Srinivasa Rao, Labour Commissioner & DET who expressed gratitude to the chief guest, dignitaries, faculty members, parents, and staff for their contribution in making the convocation a grand success. He also acknowledged the relentless efforts of Principal, trainers and instructors in shaping the skills and discipline of the trainees, and praised the graduates for their dedication and achievements.

The convocation ended with the National Anthem, marking a proud day for the islands and reaffirming the commitment to strengthening the skill ecosystem, a press release from ITI said.

India defeat West Indies by an innings and 140 runs in the first test at Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, Oct. 4

In Cricket, India series after a dominant lead. all-round performance.

in the first Test at Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja, Jadeja, Ahmedabad, today, taking Jurel. The trio helped the win on Day three. a 1-0 lead in the two-match India gaining a 286-run

visitors for 162 in the first second innings, dismissed innings, India declared its for 146. The Indian defeated the West Indies innings at 448 runs, built bowling attack, led by by an innings and 140 runs on centuries from KL Mohammed Siraj and Narendra Modi Stadium and debutant Dhruv relentless pressure to seal

The second match of the series will be played from The West Indies 10th of this month at Arun After bowling out the faltered again in their Jaitley Stadium in Delhi.

Cleanliness drive conducted by CANSRU in association with PM Shri KV-1

Sri Vijava Puram, Oct. 4

CSL AN Ship Repair Unit (CANSRU), a unit of Cochin Shipyard Limited in association with PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Aberdeen Bazar organized a cleanliness drive titled 'Swachhotsav 2025' on Oct. 2 in the premises of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Aberdeen Sreekanth V, DGM



morning with the AGM(CANSRU). The playground inaugural address of Shri drive continued till noon, surrounding bringing (CANSRU) and felicitation employees, contract and Kendriya V No.1, Sri Kendriya Vidyalaya No. received here said.

Bazar. The event Vijaya Puram and Shri 1. Participants actively commenced in the Binu K Kuriakose, engaged in cleaning the together contributing to a cleaner speech by Shri Sukhvinder workers, trainees and environment for the Kumar, Principal PM Shri staff/students of PM Shri students, a press release

International Day of Elder Persons celebrated at Old Age Home, Abbhyuday Complex, Ferrargunj

The International Day of Elder Persons was observed at Old Age Abbhyuday Home, Complex, Ferrarguni

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4

under the Directorate of Social Welfare on Oct. 1 with great enthusiasm. The programme organized to acknowledge the invaluable role of senior citizens in the society and to reaffirm the

commitment towards their

The event commenced with floral welcome of the residents. Various cultural performances, patriotic songs, dance and recitation of poems were the well-being of elder said.

welfare.



presented by staff of the persons. institution as well as senior citizens.

conducted under the gifts and sweets among the guidance of Shri. Ravinder residents, spreading joy Welfare. He stated that the thanks was proposed by Government institution are committed Charge) of Abbhyuday to provide comprehensive Complex, Ferrargunj, a

The celebration concluded with cake-The programme was cutting, distribution of Kumar, Director, Social and togetherness. Vote of and Smti.Sheel Kar, (Insupport and services for press release received here

Shubman Gill named India's ODI Captain for Australia Tour

New Delhi, Oct. 4

ODI captain, succeeding the Vice-Captain. Rohit Sharma for the upcoming three-match Australia This

T20I series that will Shubman Gill has been follow the ODIs. Shreyas appointed as India's new Iyer has been appointed as

India's ODI squad for includes ODI series in Australia. Shubman Gill (C), Rohit marks Gill's Sharma, Virat Kohli, inaugural series as the Shreyas Iyer (VC), Axar captain of the ODI team, Patel, KL Rahul (WK), following his previous Nitish Kumar Reddy, leadership role in the Test Washington Sundar, format. The Board of Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Control for Cricket in Rana, Mohammed Siraj, India (BCCI) has also Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh revealed the squad for the Krishna, Dhruv Jurel subsequent five-match (WK), Yashasvi Jaiswal.

NTCP to organize open Essay & Poster Making Competition as part of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0

Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4

As part of observance of Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0, NTCP is organizing an open Essay and Poster Making Competition for the residents of A&N Islands. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and promote a tobacco-free lifestyle. The details of the competition

Aspect	Essay Writing Competition	Poster Making Competition
Theme	Tobacco-Free Youth – Stronger Nation	Tobacco Takes Life – Quit Before It Quits You
Age Group	2 Categories (Below 12 years and Above 12 years)	Open to All
Language	English or Hindi	English or Hindi (optional text)
Specifications	Max. 1500 words	A2 size paper or half chart paper; painting, sketching, crayons, or any drawing tools
Evaluation	Must be handwritten, good presentation, reflect theme, critical thinking, awareness and creativity	Must be original, theme- based, and artistic
Prizes (Both Competitions)	1st Prize – ₹2000 2nd Prize – ₹1500 3rd Prize – ₹1200 Two Consolation Prizes – ₹500 each	Same as Essay Writing

The physical document should be sent to the State Nodal Officer - NTCP, Office of the Chief Registrar of Birth and Death, Atlanta Point, Sri Vijaya Puram -744104 on or before Oct. 24. The candidates must write their Name, Mobile No. and age. For any queries, one may contact at Phone: 9933283864 & 9476003672, a press release from NTCP said.

Awareness Drive against Tobacco and Drug abuse held



Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4 videos, Power Point In a significant step environment, the Science abuse involvement of the A&N Police (Narcotic) and NGO organized an awareness programme at Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School today.

about the ill effects of issues related to sexual different abuse.

programme,

presentations, drop box towards safeguarding the activities and interactive well-being of children and discussions. The sessions creating a healthier and not only highlighted the learning dangers of substance but Wing of the Directorate of empowered students with Education with the active knowledge on how to protect themselves and seek help in vulnerable situations. The Director

(Education), A&N Islands The initiative focused on announced that such sensitizing school students education and awareness programmes will be held tobacco and drug abuse, every Saturday in schools, ensuring continuous A total of 35 students outreach and engagement participated in the with young minds, a press which release from Education awareness Department said.

Reading & Essay Writing Competition organized at Zonal Library. Wimberlyguni



Sri Vijaya Puram, Oct. 4 Reading and Essay organized at the Zonal today to promote reading effective

habits, comprehension skills, role as a hub of learning among students. Category Category II (Classes IX-XII): Essay Writing

Freedom Movement.'

Reading Competition and Writing Competitions were 18 students in the Essay Competition, Library, Wimberlygunj representing various schools of Wimberlygunj The Deputy Education

participated in the

communication, and to Officer, Wimberlygunj, strengthen the library's Dr. Manoharan as the chief guest encouraged students to make full use of the (Classes VI-VIII): library for better learning Reading Competition and and self-development. The programme successfully conducted Competition were held on under the supervision of the topic 'The Role of the Shri N. K. Hamsa, In-Andaman & Nicobar charge, Zonal Library, Islands in the Indian Wimberlygunj, a press release from DEO, About 31 students Wimberlygunj said.

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Building the Workforce: India Adds Rs. 17 Crore Jobs in 6 years

Employment- Driving India's Growth

One of the fastest-growing economies, a digitised, automated, and sustainable economy, a booming global powerhouse-India is set to be a primary engine of growth in the coming years. Owing to its demographic dividend, India is amongst countries that will supply nearly two-thirds of new workforce entrants in the coming year. (World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report 2025).

As per the Ministry of Labour & Employment, employment in India rose to 64.33 crore in 2023-24 compared to 47.5 crore in 2017-18: a net addition of 16.83 crore jobs over six years, reflecting the government's focus on youth-centric policies and its Viksit Bharat vision. This growth is specially significant because from an economic standpoint, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) alone cannot fully capture a nation's true development. A more accurate picture emerges when multiple macroeconomic indicators are considered- with employment being one of the most critical. Employment carries both economic and social weight: higher job levels signal a stronger economy, stimulate consumption, and fuel sustained growth. For development to be meaningful, economic expansion must translate into the creation of productive, well-paying jobs that enhance livelihoods and social stability.

India's Workforce On The Move

The Indian government measures employment regularly to track workforce trends, guide policymaking, and address job market challenges. To achieve this, the National Statistics Office and diverse workforce. launched the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), which provides timely estimates of key indicators like the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR), and Unemployment Rate (UR).

According to the recent PLFS, August 2025 monthly estimates were based on data collected from 3.77 lakh individuals- with 2.16 lakh surveyed in rural areas and 1.61 lakh in urban areas. At the all-India level, both key indicators of employment showed improvement between June and August 2025:LFPR-which measures the share of people aged 15+ who are working or seeking work- rose from 54.2% in June to 55% in August 2025.WPR- which reflects the share of employed persons in the population, also increased from 51.2% in June to 52.2% in August providing enhanced opportunities for job creation.

The rise in WPR was observed in both rural and urban areas, trends highlight a healthier and more active labour market. On a empowerment. broader level, LFPR for individuals aged 15 years and above rose Gig Economy from 49.8% in 2017-18 to 60.1% in 2023-24 and WPR increased from 46.8% to 58.2%.[1]

Looking at sectoral trends, in the April-June 2025 quarter, the agriculture sector engaged the majority of rural workers (44.6%) of men and 70.9% of women), while the tertiary sector was the largest source of employment in urban areas (60.6% of men and 64.9% of women). On average, 56.4 crore persons (aged 15 years and above) were employed in the country during this quarter, of which 39.7 crore were men and 16.7 crore were women. Formal employment on the rise

lakh in 2018-19. Since the launch of the tracking system in As of 30 September 2025, more than 31.20 crore workers have Employment Guarantee Programme, SANKALP, PM Micro Food including 21.04 lakh in July 2025 alone, indicating growing work, work-life balance, and digital livelihoods. formalisation and enhanced social security coverage. 9.79 lakh Startups and Global Capability Centres (GCCs) new subscribers were added in July 2025 (60% in the 18-25 age increased awareness of employee benefits, and EPFO's education and employment. The economy is also witnessing job successful outreach programs.

Besides, there has been a clear shift in employment patternsself-employment rose from 52.2% in 2017-18 to 58.4% in 2023-24, while casual labour fell from 24.9% to 19.8%, indicating a move toward entrepreneurial and independent work, supported over 17 lakh jobs and 118 unicorns as of 2025. by government initiatives.

Increase in wages of casual labourers & salaried workers

The average daily wage for casual labourers (excluding public landscapeworks) rose from Rs. 294 in July-September 2017 to Rs. 433 in April-June 2024. Similarly, average monthly earnings of regular salaried workers increased from Rs. 16,538 to Rs. 21,103 over the same period. These gains point to higher income levels, improved job stability, and enhanced job quality. Unemploument

UR, that dipped sharply from 6.0% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24. This indicates stronger workforce absorption into productive employment. In the same time frame, youth unemployment rate declined from 17.8% to 10.2%, placing the low the global average employment initiatives in the country through the National Skill of 13.3%, as reported in the ILO's World Employment and Social Development Corporation (NSDC), under the Ministry of Skill

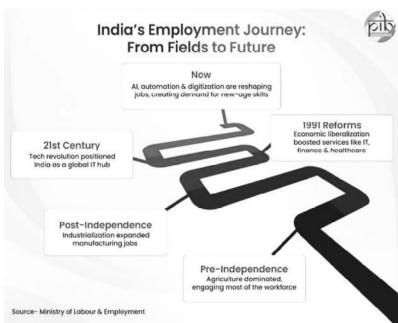
urban male unemployment from 6.6% in July to 5.9% in August, while rural male unemployment eased to 4.5%- the lowest in Notably, over 11 lakh aspirants got jobs in the last 16 months four months. Overall, the rural unemployment rate has declined under the Rozgar Mela. steadily for three consecutive months, from 5.1% in May to 4.3% in August 2025.

From Margins to Mainstream: Women Leading Workforce

Today, major global institutions are praising India, as it paves its way up in the list of top countries with the highest equality. Women employment rate nearly doubled between 2017-18 to states that female LFPR increased from 23.3% in 2017-18 to 41.7% in 2023-24.

WPR for women aged 15 years and above rose from 22% in to be skilled over a five year period. 2017-18 to 40.3% in 2023-24, LFPR increased from 23.3% to 41.7%.

More recently, Female WPR rose to 32.0% in August 2025 from 31.6% in July 2025 and 30.2% in June 2025 and Female LFPR increased to 33.7% in August 2025 from 33.3% in July 2025 and 32.0% in June 2025.



Besides, latest EPFO payroll data highlights a growing trend of formal employment among women. During 2024-25, 26.9 lakh net female subscribers were added to EPFO. In July 2025, ~2.80 lakh new female subscribers joined and the net female payroll addition stood at ~4.42 lakh, asserting today's more inclusive

Key Dynamics Behind Employment Growth

New industries, employment domains

At present, India is witnessing the rapid emergence of new industries and employment domains, driven by technological innovation, globalization, and evolving consumer behaviour.

Sectors such as healthcare technology, e-commerce logistics, financial technology, and ed-tech are growing at an unprecedented pace.

These industries are not only reshaping the nature of work but also generating new and diverse employment opportunities, contributing to economic empowerment, sustainable livelihood particularly for the youth and digitally skilled workers.

Growing digital economy and renewal energy sector are

Both these sectors offer immense potential to increase employment, especially opening opportunities for the women and empowered society. The Ministry of Women and Child contributing to the overall national improvement. Together, these and thereby leading to their financial independence and

to 2.35 crore by 2029-30.

A defining feature of India's evolving job market is the rise of and project-based work, a growing number of Indians, especially millennials and Gen Z, are opting for flexible, non-traditional work arrangements in areas such as content creation, graphic crore women have already achieved this milestone. design, marketing, software development, and consulting. India's gig workforce is estimated to grow from 1 crore in 2024-25

In 2024-25, over 1.29 crore net subscribers were added to the and the e-Shram portal, the government is actively working to access tocredit, marketing support, skill development, support Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), up from 61.12 recognise, safeguard, and empower gig and platform workers. to women start-ups, etc. Schemes and initiatives such as the PM September 2017, over 7.73 crore net subscribers have joined, registered, suggesting a broader global trend toward flexible Processing Scheme, Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana,

India's demographic dividend is being actively cultivated group alone), owing to growing employment opportunities, through targeted initiatives, which aim to bridge the gap between empowering women entrepreneurs to launch and expand their growth in emerging sectors such as startups and global capability centres (GCCs), creating new and diverse employment the government is implementing several programmes like opportunities for the youth. India's startup ecosystem boasts 1.9 lakh DPIIT-recognized startups- the world's 3rd largest, creating

Below are some interesting facts which give a clear

Key Government Initiatives Strengthening India's Employment competitive workforce, India can enhance employability for opportunities? Additionally, as industries prioritize youth in global job markets. The government's persistent efforts through diverse initiatives have led to higher workforce participation, reduced unemployment, improved incomes, and

Rozgar Mela

Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). These events aim to Unemployment among men (15+ years) fell to 5% in August connect unemployed youth with suitable job opportunities in seekers gather to apply for and interview for job positions.

PM Vishwakarma

This scheme aims to provide holistic support to artisans and to grow significantly by 2030. craftspeople in scaling up their conventional products and One of the key pillars for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat services. As on 30 September 2025, there were ~30 lakhs by 2047 is ensuring 70% women workforce participation in India. registered artisans and craftsmen, with skill verification consistent job creation across key sectors, reinforcing its position completed for 26 Lakhs+ beneficiaries.

ITI upgradation Scheme

2023-24. Data from The Ministry of Labour and Employment 1000 Govt. ITIs in a hub and spoke model as state-led, industrymanaged skilling institutions. 200 ITIs will function as hub institutions and 800 as spokes. Besides, 20 lakh youth are aimed

The Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme

expand social security coverage, with focus on manufacturing workforce development with industry needs will remain a sector. It aims to create 3.5 crore+jobs in two years with an outlay critical pillar for sustainable and inclusive economic progress. of Rs. 1 lakh crore.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

It aims to enhance livelihood security by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to rural households whose adult members are willing to undertake unskilled manual work. Rs 86,000 crore has been allocated for MGNREGA in FY 2025-26, the highest since the scheme's inception in 2005. Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana

Launched in August 2025, aims to boost job creation by supporting both employers and employees through incentives. The scheme runs from August 2025 to July 2027, with a total budget of Rs. 99,446 crore covering FY 2025-26 to FY 2031-32. It has two parts- Part A offers incentives for hiring 1.92 crore new eligible employees. Part B incentivizes employers to create around 2.59 crore additional jobs.

Additionally, for creating industry-ready workforce, initiatives like internships in companies (PM Internship Scheme) and public-private partnership for skill development and vocational training are poised to go a long way. Besides, the Make In India initiative seeks to revitalize manufacturing, generate large-scale employment especially for semi-skilled and unskilled workers. *Initiatives Specifically for Women*

Specific initiatives aim to empower women through skills, employment, and entrepreneurship. Below mentioned are some of the key government initiatives that are strenthening Indian women employment landscape, resulting inwomen's economic empowerment.

Namo Drone Didi: A central sector scheme, it aims to empower women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by equipping them with drone technology to provide agricultural services. The scheme aims to provide 15, 000drones to selected Women SHGs (2024-25 to 2025-2026) for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of liquid fertilizers and pesticides for the present). This initiative is likely to generate an additional income of at least Rs. 1 lakh per year for each SHG, generation.

Mission Shakti: By promoting awareness, creating a secure environment, and offering workshops and training, Mission Shakti seeks to transform women's lives and foster an inclusive Development is also implementing the 'Palna' component under Mission Shakti, aimed at providing daycare services and child protection.

: A Lakhpati Didi is a SHG member with an annual household gig economy, which has redefined traditional employment income of Rs. 1,00,000 or more. This income is calculated for at norms. With the spread of digital platforms offering freelance least four agricultural seasons and/or business cycles, with an average monthly income exceeding Rs. 10,000, so that it is sustainable. India aims to create 3 crore Lakhpati Didis, and 2

Besides, various other schemes like Bank Sakhi, Bima Sakhi, Krishi Sakhi, and Pashu Sakhi have enabled women to find sustainable employment. To garner women entrepreneurship, Through measures such as the Code on Social Security (2020) the government has launched several initiatives in terms of easier Swayam Shakti Sahakar Yojna, DAY-NRLM, and others are fostering women-led enterprises by providing financial assistance, skill training, and mentorship. These measures are businesses.

To further enhance women's participation in the workforce, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE-KIRAN) and SERB-POWER, which promote women in research and development. **Employment Outlook**

To thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape, three key questions understanding of the sectoral growth of India's employment emerge- How do we develop a digitally proficient workforce equipped to navigate an increasingly tech-driven job market? What strategies can we employ to build a truly inclusive By creating a skilling ecosystem with a high-quality, globally workforce, where diversity is valued, and everyone is given equal environmental sustainability, how can we integrate eco-friendly practices and values into our workforce culture?

Notably, India has well equipped answers to all three above Another positive sign has been the impressive decline in the broader opportunities spanning traditional as well as new-age as the government's initiatives to enhance skill development and focus towards technological upskilling is in full swing. The government has been fostering public-private partnerships for The government has been organizing Rozgar Melas to boost inclusive growth and promoting digital literacy and eco-friendly workforce values. Besides, it is prioritizing inclusivity and sustainability in workforce development.

Another interesting fact are GCCs, which are at the forefront of adopting emerging technologies, including artificial 2025, the lowest since April. This drop was driven by a decline in the private sector. It is a half-day event where employers and job intelligence, data analytics, robotic process automation, digital commerce, cybersecurity, blockchain, augmented reality, and virtual reality. Notably, India is poised to become the "GCC Capital of the World," with 1,700 Global Capability Centres (GCCs) employing over two million people – a number projected Conclusion

> As statistics prove, India's economic trajectory reflects as one of the world's fastest-growing economies. Backed by a vibrant democracy, a resilient and dynamic economy, and a Approved in May 2025, the scheme envisages upgradation of culture rooted in unity in diversity, the nation is steadily advancing on its path to becoming a global powerhouse.

> India's medium-term growth trajectory is rooted in a decade of robust economic performance, with labour market reforms being integral along with other macroeconomic fundamentals and sustained structural and governance It seeks to support job creation, enhance employability, and reforms. As India continues to modernize and grow, aligning (Source: PIB)

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Andaman & Nicobar Administration Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism Sri Vijaya Puram, 03rd October, 2025

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS

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Inserted by Family members of Late A.K. Girish.

personal invitation.



In loving memory of Late A.K. Girish DoD: 25.08.2025

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9th Death **Anniversary**

On 05th October, 2025 In loving memory of

Late N. Sukumaran Nair

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