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Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 080
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 090
Sunrise time on 21/09/2025 (in IST): 0508
Sunset time on 21/09/2025 (in IST): 1716
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 018.5
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 027.7
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 2765.2

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Hon'ble Prime Minister addresses 'Samudra se Samriddhi' event, inaugurates & lays foundation stone of development works from Gujarat

Foundation Stone for Sea-wall construction at Mus, Car Nicobar also laid India's coastlines will become gateways to the nation's prosperity: PM

New Delhi, Sept. 20 (PIB)

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated & laid the foundation stone of development works worth over Rs 34,200 crore in Bhavnagar, Gujarat today. Addressing the 'Samudra se Samriddhi' event, Hon'ble PM highlighted that the nation is observing Seva Pakhwada from Vishwakarma Jayanti to Gandhi Jayanti, i.e., from 17th September to 2nd October. The Prime Minister noted that blood donation camps have been organised at hundreds of locations, with one lakh individuals having donated blood so far. He added that cleanliness drives have been conducted across numerous cities, with lakhs of citizens actively participating. Shri Modi informed that over 30,000 health camps have been set up across the state, providing medical check-ups and treatment to the public and women in particular. He extended his appreciation and gratitude to everyone involved in service activities across the country.

"India is moving forward with the spirit of global brotherhood and India has no major enemy in the world today, but in true terms, India's biggest adversary is dependence on other nations", stated the Prime Minister emphasizing that this dependency must be collectively defeated. He reiterated that greater foreign dependence leads to greater national failure. For global peace, stability, and prosperity, the world's most populous country must become self-reliant. He cautioned that reliance on others compromises national self-respect. Shri Modi asserted that the future of 140 crore Indians cannot be left to external forces, nor can the resolve for national development be based on foreign dependency. He stressed that the future of coming generations must not be put at risk. He declared that the solution to a hundred problems is one-building an Atmanirbhar Bharat. To achieve this, India must confront challenges, reduce external dependence, and demonstrate true self-reliance.

"If India is to become a developed nation by 2047, it must become self-reliant, there is no alternative to self-reliance and that all 140 crore citizens must commit to the same resolve-whether it is chips or ships, they must be made in India", emphasised the Prime Minister, remarking that with this vision, India's maritime sector is now moving towards next-generation reforms. He announced that from today, all major ports in the country will be freed from multiple documents and fragmented



processes. The implementation of 'One Nation, One Document' and 'One Nation, One Port' Process will simplify trade and commerce. Shri Modi highlighted that during the recent Monsoon Session, several outdated laws from the colonial era were amended. He informed that a series of reforms have been initiated in the maritime sector, and five maritime laws have been introduced in a new form. These laws will bring major changes in shipping and port governance.

Emphasising that to make India a major maritime power, the Government is working on three major schemes, the PM remarked that these initiatives will ease financial support for the shipbuilding sector, help

shipyards adopt modern technology, and improve design and quality standards. He informed that over Rs. 70,000 crore will be invested in these schemes in the coming years.

Stressing that today's India is moving forward with a distinct momentum, the PM remarked that the nation not only sets ambitious goals but also achieves them ahead of schedule. In the solar sector, India is meeting its targets four to five years in advance. Shri Modi highlighted that the objectives set eleven years ago for port-led development are now being met with remarkable success. He informed that large ports are being developed across the country to accommodate large vessels, and connectivity is being enhanced through

initiatives like Sagarmala.

Mentioning that India currently accounts for 10 percent of global maritime trade, Shri Modi emphasized the need to increase this share and declared that by 2047, India aims to triple its participation in global sea trade-and will achieve it.

"India's coastlines will become gateways to national prosperity", exclaimed the Prime Minister. He expressed happiness that Gujarat's coastline is once again proving to be a boon for the region. He remarked that this entire area is now setting a new benchmark for port-led development in the country. Shri Modi highlighted that 40 percent of the cargo arriving via sea routes in India is handled by Gujarat's ports and these ports will soon benefit from the Dedicated Freight Corridor, which will enable faster movement of goods to other parts of the country and further enhance port efficiency.

The Prime Minister emphasized that to build a developed India, rapid progress is needed across all sectors. He reiterated that the path to a developed India passes through self-reliance. He urged citizens to remember that whatever they buy should be indigenous, and whatever they sell should also be indigenous. Addressing shopkeepers, Shri Modi encouraged them to display posters in their shops reading: "Say with pride, this is Swadeshi." He concluded by stating that this collective effort will transform every festival into a celebration of India's prosperity, and extended his best wishes to all on the occasion of Navratri.

[Background](#)

In a major boost to the maritime sector, Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects related to the maritime sector worth over Rs 34,200 crore. He inaugurated the Mumbai International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock. He laid the foundation stone of a new container terminal and associated facilities at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata; new container berth, cargo handling facilities, and associated developments at Paradip Port; the Tuna Tekra Multi-Cargo Terminal; firefighting facilities and modern road connectivity at Kamarajar Port, Ennore; coastal protection works including sea-walls and revetments at Chennai Port; sea-wall construction at Car Nicobar Island; a multi-purpose cargo berth and Green Bio-Methanol Plant at Deendayal Port, Kandla; and ship repair facilities at Patna and Varanasi.

District Planning Committee meeting of South Andaman District to be held from Sept. 22 to 24

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

The District Planning Committee meeting of South Andaman District (including Campbell Bay revenue area) is scheduled to be held under the Chairmanship of Shri Prakash Adhikari, Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman in the Conference hall of Zilla Parishad, South Andaman on September 22, 23 & 24,

2025. The meeting will be attended by the District Planning Committee Members, Special Invitees and HODs of planning Departments under A&N Administration to deliberate upon 3 years Annual Action Plan 2026-2029 and Supplementary Action Plan 2025-2026 proposals of all Govt. Departments under A&N

Administration including Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies of South Andaman District as per the following schedule - 22nd September, 2025 : Department of Health, RD/PRI, Power, District Administration, Agriculture, APWD, Shipping, PMB, Industries, AH&VS, Departments under A&N

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Public Representatives and residents join Safai Mitras for Coastal Clean-up at Corbyn's Cove under Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, a cleanup drive was jointly organized today in the Corbyn Cove area by Municipal Council in association with public representatives and general public.

The drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from officials, sanitary staff, public representatives and local residents, who came together with a shared commitment to cleanliness and environmental responsibility. They actively participated in removing litter and debris thereby contributing to a cleaner and more attractive coastal stretch.

This initiative served as



a reminder of the importance of community participation in safeguarding public spaces and promoting sustainable waste management practices, a press release from SVPNC said.

Swachhata Hi Seva - 2025: SVPNC appeals to public for active participation

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

In continuation of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPNC) will be conducting a Visible

Cleanliness Drive tomorrow (Sept. 21) across all 24 wards. During this initiative, Safai Mitras will focus on cleaning main roads, trimming

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Hon'ble Prime Minister's programme on Foundation Stone laying for Seawall Project at Mus, Car Nicobar live screened

Car Nicobar, Sept. 20

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the much-awaited Mus Seawall Construction Project at Car Nicobar from Bhavnagar, Gujarat today. An event marking the occasion was also conducted at Mus, Car Nicobar in the presence of the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, senior district officials including the Deputy Commissioner of Car Nicobar, Shri Amit Kale, the Superintendent of Police, Shri Rahul Nair, the Secretary, Tribal Council, Shri Martin Luther, representatives of the Tribal Council, Village Captains, officials of Government Departments at Car Nicobar, school children, and a large gathering of local residents.

The function began with the traditional welcome of dignitaries by local cultural groups. This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and the presentation



of bouquets to the guests. A melodious welcome song was then presented, adding vibrance and joy to the atmosphere.

Thereafter, a detailed technical briefing on the project was delivered by Smt. Mamta Jijith, Deputy Chief Engineer, ALHW. She explained that the Mus Seawall will be 450 meters long and

constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.47 crore. The seawall will employ advanced coastal protection technologies, including tetrapods, which are designed to absorb wave energy and protect the shoreline from erosion.

This was followed by an address from the Tribal Captain, Shri



Martin Luther, who emphasized that the project would provide long-term protection to local habitations, roads, and livelihoods. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, in his address, described the project as a true reflection of the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka

Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas.'

The programme then moved to a cultural segment, where local artists showcased the rich Nicobarese tribal traditions alongside themes of national unity, which received much appreciation from the audience.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister's programme on Foundation Stone laying.....
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The gathering witnessed the live telecast of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's programme from Bhavnagar, Gujarat, which was received with great enthusiasm and applause by the entire gathering.

Importance of the Project

The Mus region has long been vulnerable to severe coastal erosion and cyclonic storms. Repeated sea surges have caused considerable damage to habitations, public infrastructure, and livelihood activities. The seawall project is a crucial intervention expected to:

- Provide long-term protection to coastal villages;
- Prevent recurring damage to public infrastructure;
- Safeguard fishing, agriculture, and other livelihoods;
- Ensure a safer and more sustainable future for younger generations.

A Tribute to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision

The gathering collectively expressed their deep gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership. It is under his development-oriented approach that remote island territories like Nicobar are now being connected more closely with the national mainstream. The Mus Seawall Project stands as a testament to the Government of India's commitment to inclusive growth, coastal protection, and the well-being of island communities, a press release from DC (Nicobars) said.

Mass Cleanup Drive held at Corbyn's Cove Beach under Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, a mass cleanup drive was jointly organised today at Corbyn's Cove Beach by the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council and the Indian Coast Guard, A&N Command. The drive which commenced in the morning, witnessed active participation from SVPMC staff, senior officials, Sanitary Inspectors, Sanitary Workers, families of Indian Coast Guard personnel and the general public.



During the programme, the Swachhata Awareness Team (SAT) sensitized participants on the importance of waste segregation and sustainable waste management practices. The collected waste was carefully segregated and the dry waste sent to the

Dry Resource Centre for recycling. The initiative not only enhanced the cleanliness and appeal of the beachfront but also highlighted the spirit of collective responsibility and community participation, a press release from SVPMC said.

Swachhata Hi Seva - 2025: SVPMC appeals
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bushes, sweeping streets, clearing dry and wet waste and maintaining small side drains.

SVPMC appeals to all residents, associations and organizations to actively participate in the drive within their respective areas. Your support will help ensure that your ward and surroundings remain clean, hygienic and visually appealing. Together, let us make our city cleaner, healthier and more beautiful, a press release from SVPMC said.

Institutional Clean-up Drive conducted under Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, schools, in coordination with staff, student and Safai Mitras, actively carried out cleanliness drives across their premises and surrounding areas. The Swachhata Awareness Team (SAT) sensitized participants about the importance of segregating waste, proper disposal of garbage, and keeping their surroundings clean and safe. Students and staff actively cleaned classrooms, corridors, playgrounds, and nearby areas, showing their dedication to maintaining a clean and healthy surrounding.

This initiative not only enhanced the overall hygiene and appearance of school environments but also highlights the values



of collective responsibility, civic duty and the vital role of the community in effective waste management practices. The proactive involvement of schools reflects a growing awareness among the younger generation about the significance of cleanliness, environmental stewardship, and public health.

Similarly, Cleanliness Drive was also conducted this morning at the National Memorial Cellular Jail and Veer

Savarkar Park to maintain hygiene and preserve the sanctity of these historic sites.

Cleanliness drive was conducted today at the Department of Science and Technology in coordination with the Safai Mitras of Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council, graciously attended by the Ward Councillor. Similar drives were also carried out at various other institutions to promote cleanliness and maintain hygiene, a press release from SVPMC said.

NIOT organizes International Coastal Clean-up Drive at Rangachang Beach

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

On the occasion of International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) Day-2025, the Atal Centre for Ocean Science and Technology for Islands (ACOSTI), a field unit of the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India, organized a coastal clean-up drive at Rangachang Beach. The initiative focuses on reducing and managing plastic waste in line with the Government of India's commitment to phase out single-use plastics and spread the message of the 3Rs - reduce, reuse, and recycle.



Alongside clean-up activities, awareness programs targeted schools, communities, and tourists, highlighting the dangers of ocean pollution and encouraging sustainable lifestyles.

Dr. Lal Ji Singh, Additional Director & Head, BSI, Shri. Debdas Paik, Head, ISTRAC-ISRO and Shri R. Paramasivam, Pradhan,

Beodnabad addressed the gathering. Dr. Dilip Kumar Jha, Scientist-F & OIC, NIOT-ACOSTI welcomed the gathering. A total of 75 volunteers joined hands with NIOT-ACOSTI, collecting and segregating 489.9 kg of marine litter, which was handed over to the local Panchayat for safe disposal, a press release from NIOT said.

Peripatetic Training Programme on 'Office Procedure, Noting, Drafting, Record Management and RTI' concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

The 5-day Peripatetic Training Programme on 'Office Procedure, Noting, Drafting, Record Management and RTI' organized from Sept. 15 by the Administrative Reforms and Training Wing (AR&Trg.) of the A&N Administration, in collaboration with the Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM), Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, New Delhi, concluded in the auditorium of TGCE yesterday. The training was designed for the Amalgamated Clerical Cadre staff of A&N Administration and staff



from the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC).

Shri I Kumar, Secretary (AR&Trg./PGC), A&N Administration, presided over the valedictory session as the chief guest and highlighted the importance of continuous capacity building and efficient Administration. The Institute of Secretariat Training &

Management (ISTM) has deputed Shri Jitender Bhatti, Deputy Director, and Shri Rahul Agarwal, Deputy Director, to impart specialized training.

The valedictory session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Ancy Alex, LGC, AR&Trg. Wing, A&N Administration, a press release from Assistant Secretary (AR & Trg.) said.

DHS organises Family Planning Sterilization Service at Baratang & Kadamtala

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

As part of Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan, a Fixed Day Family Planning Sterilization Service was organized by Directorate of Health Services in association with Union Territory Health Mission at PHC Baratang on Sept. 17, 2025 and PHC Kadamtala from Sept. 18 to 19. The sterilization team was headed by Dr. M.K Saha, Professor HoD (O&G), Dr. R. Narayanan, Professor & HoD, Dept. of Anesthesia, ANIIMS and other supporting



staff.

A total of 84 females were benefitted. The successful conduct of the fixed day sterilization services was made possible by untiring efforts of Medical Officer I/c., staff of Primary

Health Centre Baratang & Primary Health Centre Kadamtala. People of Kadamtala and Baratang enthusiastically participated in the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan, a press release received from DHS said.

Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar campaign; health camp organized at Community Hall Buniyadabad

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

Under Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar campaign, a Health Camp was organized at Community Hall Buniyadabad today under UHC Delanipur. The program started with lightening of lamp by the chief guest Smti. Laxmi Ganeshan, Councillor and Shri K. Ganeshan, Ex-Councillor along with other dignitaries. During the camp Dr. H M Siddharaju Deputy Director (FW)/ Joint Secretary (RCH-II) briefly introduced the program and informed the main objective of



SNSPA.

Services provided during the camp included health check up by Paediatrician, NCD Screening, TB Screening, Anaemia screening, ANC Check-up, Immunization, Awareness of Menstrual

Hygiene and Nutrition for Women. In collaboration with ICDS food basket healthy recipes were displayed by AWWs. Altogether, 50 beneficiaries benefitted from the programme, a press release received here said.

Deptt. of E&F to organize various competitions to celebrate 71st Wildlife Week

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

As part of 71st Wildlife Week Celebration, 2025 the Wildlife Division, Department of Environment & Forest, Andaman & Nicobar Administration will be organizing various competitions wherein the winners will be rewarded.

Sl.No.	Competition	Size (in inches)	Topic	Remarks
01	Wildlife photography	18" x 12"	Birds, Bio-diversity, Mammals, Corals, Mangroves	Size of the Photograph to be submitted should be 18" x 12" (Inch)
02	Canvas Art Painting	24" x 32"	Bio-diversity of Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Using non-digital /traditional materials such as pencils, paints, paper and canvas.
03	Poster making	24" x 36"	Endemic Birds of A & N Islands and Bio-diversity	Components of the poster should be organized in a logical flow. Clarity of content with sufficient background information so that it's communicated with ease.

The competition is open to all the residents of A & N Islands and participants interested in either of the competitions shall submit their work as detailed below:

- ◆ Photograph of size 18" x 12" (Inches) without any watermark, copyright mark etc in a hard copy along with a soft copy of JPEG form at either in a DVD or a Pen drive.
- ◆ Canvas Art Painting should be submitted in a canvas cloth of the size 24" x 32" made using Traditional materials like pencil, Oil Paints etc.
- ◆ Poster of the size 24" x 36" either pencil sketch or colour painting communicating the components of the poster in an organized and logical flow with clarity of the content.
- ◆ The winners will be awarded on the day of valedictory function. The date and venue would be intimated to the person concerned.

The entries may be submitted on any working days between 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs or may send through post/Courier to "The Range Officer, Protection Range, Wildlife Division, Haddo, Sri Vijaya Puram, Pin No. 744102 on or before Oct. 4 by 1500 hrs. The participants should furnish their Name, Address, Contact number and e-mail address separately in a plain paper for correspondence. For further enquiry, one may contact the Range Officer, Protection Range over phone No. 03192-245229/7550002017.

Downloaded/printed photographs/Canvases/Posters, if submitted, the same would summarily be rejected. The Photographs/Canvases/Posters etc. once submitted, vest with the Department and shall hold the rights to use the Photographs etc. for any awareness programmes etc. on public interest with due credit to the photographer, in original or by reproducing it, a press release from DFO, Wildlife Division said.

District Planning Committee meeting of.....
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SVPMC.

23rd September, 2025 : Department of Fisheries, Art & Culture, IT, Education, JNRM, ANCOL, DBRAIT, TGCE, Law College, Social Welfare, Environment & Forest, CS& CA, Labour, Employment & Training, Transport, RCS.

24th September, 2025 : Department of Police & Fire Brigade, IP&T, Govt. Press, Civil Aviation, Sports & Youth Affairs, Judiciary, District Jail, Tribal Welfare, Personal (Cash), DA&B, Disaster Management, Science & Technology & DES, a press release from Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad & Ex-Officio Secretary, DPC said.

Ayurveda-based Health Awareness Programme and Health Camp held at ANCOL



Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

As part of the preparations for the '10th Ayurveda Day 2025', with the theme 'Ayurveda for People and Planet,' along with the Rashtriya Poshan Maah and Swasth Nari Sashakt Pariwar Abhiyan, the AYUSH Wing of DHS conducted an Ayurveda-based Health Talk along with a Health Camp at ANCOL Campus yesterday.

The programme aimed to spread awareness about preventive healthcare and the importance of Ayurveda in promoting holistic well-being among students and faculty members. During the session, Dr Anju Jayan, Medical Officer (Ayurveda) highlighted the role of Ayurveda in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, diet and daily regimen, seasonal care practices, and simple home

remedies for common ailments. During the camp, Dr Meena V. Natkar, JRF PPvC (AYUSH), briefly explained about drug safety in Ayurveda medicines and advised to use them only under medical supervision and also cautioned against misleading advertisement claiming instant or permanent cure, and reminded that safe and effective use of Ayurveda requires consultation with qualified practitioners.

As part of the programme, a Health Camp was also organized where basic health check-ups, counseling, and medicines were provided to the beneficiaries. Altogether 38 beneficiaries were examined and treated, a press release from Deputy Director (AYUSH) said.

Nutritional Recipe Competition organised by Dr.R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder



Mayabunder, Sept. 20

As part of celebration of 'Poshan Maah,' a Nutritional Recipe Competition was organised by Dr.R.P. Hospital, Mayabunder at Gram Panchayat, Mayabunder. The women participants took keen interest and showcased their skills, a press release received here said.

Heavy rain very likely to occur in Isles; Fishermen advised not to venture into sea

Sri Vijaya Puram, Sept. 20

Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman Island. Thunderstorm with gusty wind (40-50 kmph) and lightning very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Sept. 21. Thunderstorm with gusty wind (40-50 kmph) and lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Sept. 22 & 23. Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman Island. Thunderstorm with gusty wind (40-50 kmph) and lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar

Islands on Sept. 24 & 25.

Thunderstorm with gusty wind (40-50 kmph) and lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman sea & A&N Coast from Sept. 21 to 24, 2025. Sea condition is likely to be rough. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea along with off Andaman Sea & A&N Coast from Sept. 21 to 24, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

UPI: India's Digital Revolution Goes Global

India's silent digital revolution becomes a global symbol of innovation

On a humid summer evening in Delhi, a street vendor selling chaat, taps a small soundbox after receiving payment. Within seconds, a voice announces that twenty rupees have been credited to his account. There is no exchange of coins, no fumbling for change. For the customer, it's a quick tap of a mobile screen. For the vendor, it's reassurance that money has reached his bank. This ordinary scene has become so ubiquitous in India that it barely raises eyebrows. World over, subject matter experts including economists at the International Monetary Fund are studying UPI's success story.



In June 2025, the IMF released a Fintech Note titled “Growing Retail Digital Payments: The Value of Interoperability.” Buried in its pages was a remarkable recognition: India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), the instant payment system launched in 2016, has “transformed the digital payments landscape in India” and offers lessons to the world. The IMF's admiration did not stop there. In its September 2025 issue of Finance & Development, the organisation carried a feature article titled “India's Frictionless Payments.” The piece described how UPI has “transformed India's payment landscape and become the largest real-time payment system in the world by volume, processing more than 19 billion transactions every month.” It noted that India's experience shows how interoperability can empower consumers, accelerate the shift away from cash, and foster innovation across the financial sector. For a country that once ran largely on cash, the IMF's findings are testament to India's success in revolutionizing digital payments.

The Making of a Digital Revolution

The story of UPI did not begin with an app, but with an idea. How could India, a country of more than a billion people, leapfrog traditional banking and move straight into the digital era? The answer lay in what policymakers later called “Digital Public Infrastructure”—a trinity of reforms: Jan Dhan Yojana, which opened hundreds of millions of bank accounts. Aadhaar, which gave every citizen a biometric identity. Low-cost mobile data, driven by disruptive telecom competition, which brought the internet to the masses.

When the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched UPI in 2016, it built on this foundation. Unlike closed wallets, UPI was designed to be interoperable. It allowed anyone, using any app, to send money directly from one bank account to another in real time. The design was radical in its simplicity: users did not need to preload wallets or worry about which app their counterpart used.

The IMF paper highlights this innovation: interoperability ensured that UPI avoided the pitfalls of monopoly-driven closed systems. Instead, it “increased users' freedom to choose their favorite app” and incentivized providers to improve quality and innovate. In short, UPI created a level playing field where banks, fintechs, and even big tech companies could all plug into the same rails.

A Moment of Pride for India

From Rs. 20 chai payments to trillion-rupee flows, UPI's receives global appreciation.

The scale of UPI's rise is staggering. In August 2025, the system processed more than 20 billion transactions worth over Rs. 24.85 Lakh Crore. Further strengthening this growth trajectory, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has revised the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction limit for Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payments. With effect from 15th September 2025, users are able to make merchant transactions of up to Rs. 10 lakh per day for select verified categories, thereby facilitating greater adoption of digital payments for high-value transactions. Today, UPI accounts for 85 per cent of all digital transactions in India. This is no longer just a financial statistic. It is a reflection of how deeply UPI has been woven into the daily lives of ordinary Indians — from vegetable vendors in small towns to women entrepreneurs in rural markets.

Did You Know?	UPI powers over 20 billion transactions a month. It processes more payments than credit and debit cards combined in India. It is now the world's largest retail fast payment system. UPI now allows merchant transactions up to ₹10 lakh a day for select categories.
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The IMF's report reinforces a sentiment widely shared across India, that UPI is not merely a tool of convenience, but an instrument of empowerment. The chai seller in Delhi can trust his digital earnings as much as hard cash. A domestic worker in Patna can send money home instantly, without standing in queues. A farmer in Madhya Pradesh can accept payments directly into his bank account, reducing dependence on middlemen. For the Government, this is a matter of pride. More than 89% of adults in India now have bank accounts, many enabled by Aadhaar and Jan Dhan Yojana, and UPI has become the bridge connecting them to the digital economy.

UPI Steps Onto the World Stage

From Delhi's streets to the Eiffel Tower, India's payment rails go international.

What began as an Indian innovation is today crossing borders through partnerships led by NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL). In Singapore, UPI has been linked with PayNow to enable instant cross-border transfers. In the UAE and Mauritius, Indian travellers can pay for goods and services using UPI. In France, Indian tourists can now pay at the Eiffel Tower by simply scanning a QR code and settling the bill in rupees. Nepal and Bhutan have already adopted UPI for transfers, and talks are ongoing with central banks and fintechs across Asia, Africa, and Europe.

This is a quiet but profound transformation. For decades, global finance was defined by Western institutions and card networks. Now, an Indian-built public digital platform is being showcased as an export. UPI is not just carrying money across borders; it is carrying India's reputation for innovation, inclusion, and scale.

A Model for Nations

IMF highlights India's digital public infrastructure as a template for inclusion

In praising UPI, the IMF also pointed to the architecture behind it — what India calls its Digital Public Infrastructure. UPI did not succeed in isolation. It grew on top of Aadhaar, which gave every Indian a unique identity, and Jan Dhan Yojana, which ensured that hundreds of millions had bank accounts. Add to this the world's lowest-cost mobile data, and the stage was set for UPI to flourish.

This layered approach — identity, accounts, connectivity, and then payments — is what makes the Indian model attractive to other nations. The IMF notes that countries struggling with cash dependence can replicate this formula: build basic infrastructure, create open payment rails, and then allow private companies to innovate on top. The key, it stresses, is interoperability. By keeping the system open, India ensured competition among apps and banks, which improved service quality and built user trust.

Conclusion: From Local Habit to Global Recognition

India's silent digital revolution becomes a global symbol of innovation

The Delhi street vendor who listens to his soundbox may not be aware about the recognition UPI has received from the world and development institutions like the IMF. But his daily experience — quick, secure, and cashless transactions — is precisely what caught the world's attention. In him, and millions like him, lies the story of how India digitised trust itself.

UPI today is more than a payment interface. It is the face of India's innovation, the embodiment of its inclusive growth, and now, a beacon for nations seeking to leap from cash to digital. UPI has become not just India's success story, but a global symbol of possibility. (Source: PIB)

Women make up nearly half of India's small-scale fisheries, finds global study

Women constitute nearly half of India's small-scale fisheries workforce that feeds millions and sustains livelihoods across coastal and inland communities, according to a global study.

A total of 4.8 million women engage in small-scale fisheries in the country, accounting for four out of every ten people involved in the sector. Their contributions spread across the value chain, including 27% in pre-harvest such as net-making and boat operation, 18% in harvesting and a significant 55% in post-harvest handling, processing and trade, revealed the study by Global Illuminating Hidden Harvests (IHH) of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations. IHH provides snapshot of the contributions of small-scale fisheries (SSF) to sustainable development.

The study was discussed at the three-day regional meeting of Bay of Bengal rim countries jointly organised by the FAO and the Bay of the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter - Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) in Chennai.

Women's work ensures that the sector not only delivers nutrition but also supports family incomes and local economies. The study estimates that India's small-scale fisheries generate USD 2.3 billion annually from first sales of catch, with women central to processing and marketing fish that reaches consumers.



Beyond livelihoods, women's involvement is also critical to nutrition security. The report highlights that SSF landings could meet 20% of the recommended dietary intake of six key nutrients (including omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin A, iron, and zinc) for nearly 79 million people in India.

While discussing the report at the meet, experts warned that women's contributions remain undervalued in policies and governance frameworks.

The meet was aimed at preparing National Plans of Action (NPOA) for small-scale fisheries, with particular emphasis on enhancing women's visibility and empowerment.

Presenting India's country report at the meet, Deputy Fisheries Commissioner, Sanjay Pandey said that inland fisheries continue to surge while the country's marine fish production

witness a stagnation. Amid mounting challenges such as habitat loss, pollution and dwindling fish catch, the government introduced a range of measures to empower SSF communities. These include establishment of 117 fishing harbours and landing centres with modern facilities, installation of 937 artificial reefs, creation of 100 climate-smart coastal fishing villages, social safety nets covering 600,000 families among others, India's status report said.

BOBP-IGO is a Regional Fisheries Advisory Body (RFAB) of the countries bordering the Bay of Bengal region, Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka. It serves as the think tank on transboundary and contemporary national issues of the member countries concerning fisheries management.

(Source: PIB)

Indian scientists develop flexible, safe, and eco-friendly battery: A big step towards sustainable energy

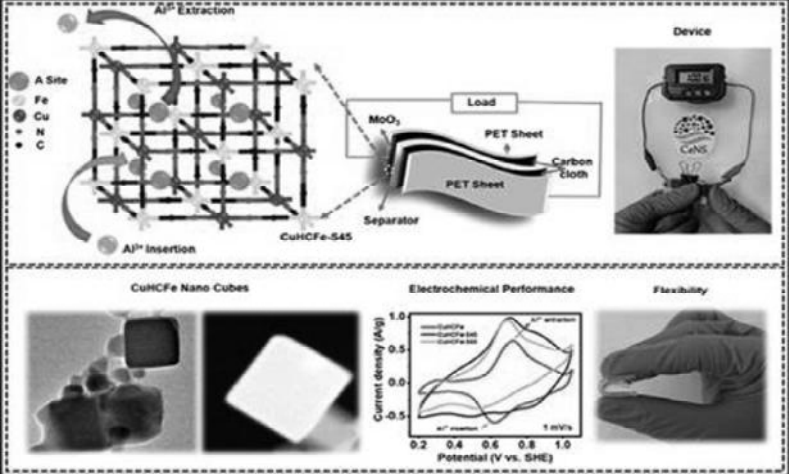
A novel battery technology has been developed by scientists that makes the battery flexible enough to fold like a piece of paper and also is safe enough to touch without any worry.

Commonly used Lithium-ion batteries, are prone to overheating and explosion.

Researchers in Bengaluru from the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, in collaboration with the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), have developed a novel battery technology that could serve as an alternative to traditional lithium-ion batteries commonly used in phones, laptops, electric vehicles, and wearable devices.

This new battery uses aluminum — one of Earth's most abundant metals — and a water-based solution. This combination makes it safer, cheaper, and much kinder to our environment. It could protect from battery explosions and environmental hazards, and also reduce the power requirement of our devices.

Although aluminum has great potential because it can store and release energy efficiently, scientists faced problems in practically using it due to its complicated chemistry. The Bengaluru scientists solved these problems by tweaking materials at the microscopic level. They designed a unique cathode (positive part) from a special material called copper hexacyanoferrate (CuHCF), pre-filled with aluminum ions. They



paired this with an anode (negative part) made from molybdenum trioxide (MoO3), creating a powerful battery that's not just effective but also flexible enough to bend without breaking.

Figure. Flexible Aqueous Aluminum-Ion Battery Concept: Schematic representation showing the battery's composition, including the crystal structure of the electrode material, device architecture, and demonstrated flexibility with stable performance under bending conditions.

This innovative battery stores energy efficiently and reliably, maintaining 96.77% of its power after 150 charge-discharge cycle limiting reduction in battery life over extended daily use.

It stays functional even when bent or folded completely in half. To showcase this, scientists powered an LCD display continuously, even while the battery was bent at extreme angles. This could help develop gadgets in future that can be rolled up for fabricating wearable devices seamlessly integrated into clothing.

The scientists used advanced

microscopic tools, including electron microscopes and spectroscopic techniques, to ensure the battery's components were perfectly balanced for high performance. They rigorously tested the battery to confirm its efficiency, durability, and flexibility, ensuring it can stand up to real-world use. This innovation has promising implications for everyday applications. Potential developments could include flexible smartphones, safer electric vehicles, and wearable devices integrated into clothing. Moreover, the use of aluminum, an abundant and environmentally friendly resource, supports broader sustainability goals.

This work represents a significant stride in multivalent ion battery technology. With ongoing improvements, such batteries could soon become standard in many aspects of our daily lives, and positions the country at the forefront of developing safe, sustainable, and next-generation energy storage solutions that align with global environmental goals.

(Source: PIB)

SHORT NOTICE FOR TEMPORARY
ALLOTMENT OF SHOP

Applications are invited from eligible individuals/SHGs/Vendors for **temporary allotment of shops/stalls under Zilla Parishad South Andaman at Shopping Complex, Bambooflat** for the sale of firecrackers during the upcoming festive season, as per approved guidelines and safety norms and on a onetime rent payment of **Rs.15000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only)** which will be deposited to the Chief Accounts Officer, ZPSA at the time of allotment of shop. **The rent amount once deposited will not be refunded in any circumstances.**

Interested applicants may download the detail guidelines and prescribed application form from the website of Zilla Parishad South Andaman i.e. <https://zpsa.andamannicobar.gov.in>. The filled in application form alongwith all required documents and security deposit of **Rs.25000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only)** in the form of Demand Draft/Fixed Deposit in favour of the **Chief Accounts Officer, Zilla Parishad South Andaman** must be submitted at the **office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad South Andaman, Atal Bhawan, Near Secretariat Gate, Sri Vijaya Puram on or before 26/09/2025 by 01.00 PM.** The allotment of shop will be done on **26/09/2025 at 04.00PM.**
Id. No. 11784

Assistant Director (Admn.)
Zilla Parishad South Andaman

AFFIDAVIT

I, N Firoos Ekbal, S/o N Alvi, aged 37 years, residing at Tapu Basti, Vill. Stewart Gunj, P.O. Bambooflat, South Andaman, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. I am the individual whose name is mentioned above and the details provided herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. My date of birth is 10/09/1988, which is accurately reflected in all official documents, including my Birth Certificate.
3. It has come to my attention that there is an error in my Passport No. M9298749 where my father's and mother's name have been wrongly mentioned as Nayikath Alvi and Mundernchery Soora, N. ALAVI and M. Soora in 12th Certificate.
4. I hereby affirm that Naikath Alvi and Zohra Bibi are the accurate and legal name of my Father and Mother and any other variation is incorrect.
5. I acknowledge that this error may lead to confusion or complications in official and legal matters and therefore, I am providing this affidavit to rectify the mistake and ensure the accurate representation of my father's and mother's name in all relevant documents.
6. I undertake the responsibility to ensure that the correct information is provided to all concerned authorities for necessary corrections and updates.
7. I affirm that I am making this statement voluntarily, without any coercion or undue influence, for the purpose of rectifying the error in my official records.
8. I understand that providing false information in this affidavit is punishable by law and may lead to legal consequences.

Deponent

AFFIDAVIT

I, Richard Fernandes, S/o Late Tony Fernandes, R/o Prothrapur, Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That my actual and correct name is Richard Fernandes.
2. That in my son's Birth Certificate, my name is erroneously been spelt out as "Richard Ferrandis" instead of "Richard Fernandes".
3. That both "Richard Ferrandis" and "Richard Fernandes" is one and the same person.

Hence, this affidavit.

That the contents of Para 1 to 3 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Verified on this 1st day of September, 2025 that the contents of my above affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing in material has been concealed therefrom.

The contents of the affidavit have been read out to me.

Deponent

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NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that a General Body Meeting of Rajasthan Manch was held on 14th September, 2025 at 11 am in the premises of Rajasthan Mandir, Shadipur. It was decided in the meeting that the existing managing committee will retire. A new committee was formed the details of which are:

Main Committee:

- President - Shri Amit Kumar Goenka
Vice President - 1. Shri Subodh Jain
- 2. Shri Hiralal Agarwal
- 3. Shri Pradeep Prahladka
Secretary - Shri Kunal Goel

- Joint Secretary - Shri Racheet Jain
Treasurer - Shri Mayank Agarwal

Along with this 11 Executive Members were also added.

Women's Wing:

- President - Shrimati Richa Modi
Secretary - Shrimati Neha Chirania

Youth Wing:

- President - Shri Piyush Pareek
Secretary - Shri Chetan Goel

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Secretary

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR THE POSITION OF
GUEST FACULTY IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

No. of Positions : 1 [SC]

Areas of Specialization preferred : Finance

Age and Minimum Qualification : As per UGC Regulations

Duration of Engagement : The selected guest faculty shall be until the appointment of regular faculty or until the end of the Academic year 2025-26, whichever is earlier.

Date & Time of the Interview : Thursday 25.09.2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Venue : Pondicherry University- Sri Vijaya Puram Campus, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman.

Honorarium : Honorarium of Rs. 1,500/- per Lecture (subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- per month)

The Appointment is purely temporary. Interested eligible candidates may send the soft copies of the filled-in proforma, short curriculum vitae, scanned copies of certificates of educational qualification and other relevant documents to the undersigned by e-mail (coordinatormbapb@pondiuni.ac.in) on or before Wednesday, 24.09.2025 and attend the walk-in interview on 25.09.2025.

No separate intimation will be sent for the Walk-in Interview.

No DATA will be paid for attending the Interview. The candidates are requested to produce all the original certificates along with a recent community certificate, a PP-size photo, and one set of xerox copies of all the certificates at the time of the Interview for verification.

Date: 18th September 2025

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On 21/09/2025

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1st Death
Anniversary

On 21/09/2025



MARIAMMA THOMAS

A Year has gone by, but her steadfast kindness continues to brighten our lives. Her beloved memories will forever remain in our hearts, always.

Inserted by: All Family Members.

R.C. No. 202/2025/DC(SA)/2054
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 29th August, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of the general public that Smti Babita Mistry, D/o Ukin Mondal has requested the Deputy Commissioner (SA) for the correction of her father's name **"BABITA MISTRY, D/o UKIN MONDAL"** instead of **"BABITA MISTRY, D/o OKIN MONDAL"** in the revenue record in respect of land bearing survey nos. 352/1/4 and 352/3/1/2 measuring area 0.0910 hectares and 0.1790 hectares situated at Wandoor village under Ferrargunj Tehsil.

If any person has claims and objections in the above subject matter, they shall submit their claims/objections before this Court within 15 days from the date of publication in the newspaper in person or through authorized agents along with all relevant records.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, PRADEEP KUMAR, S/o Shri SP POKHRIYAL, presently residing at Loknath Colony – II, Opp. Janaki Nivas Near Polytechnic College, Dollygunj under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby undertake and solemnly affirm that: -

1. That I am Residing at above mentioned address.
2. That My Son's name is recorded in his Birth Certificate bearing Reg. No. 740753008 as SASHWAT POKHRIYAL instead of SHASHWAT POKHRIYAL which recorded in his Aadhaar Card bearing No. 423629757247.
3. That My Son's actual and correct name is SHASHWAT POKHRIYAL.
4. That the SASWAT POKHRIYAL and SHASHWAT POKHRIYAL are the same and one identical person.
5. That I am swearing this affidavit to declare that the aforesaid names are belong to same person and it belongs to My Son, also declare as that the aforesaid Identity Cards and Certificates are genuine and correct, hence which are applicable for all official purposes.

That the above said statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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AFFIDAVIT

I, J. Sarala, W/o V. Malairaj, R/o New Bimblitan Village, under Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows: -

1. That my actual name is J. Sarala.
2. That my name is wrongly mentioned in My Son's School Record Namely M. Adarsh as M. Sarala instead of J. Sarala.
3. That the name J. Sarala and M. Sarala are same one identical person's name.

The above declaration is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: Sri Vijaya Puram

Date: 18.09.2025

Deponent

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RSVP: (1) Smti. Bakul Adhakari, (2) Shri Kumud Mistry, (3) Smti. Manju Das, (4) Shri Kamal Mistry, (5) Smti. Rita Shardhar, (6) Shri Shyamal Mistry.

