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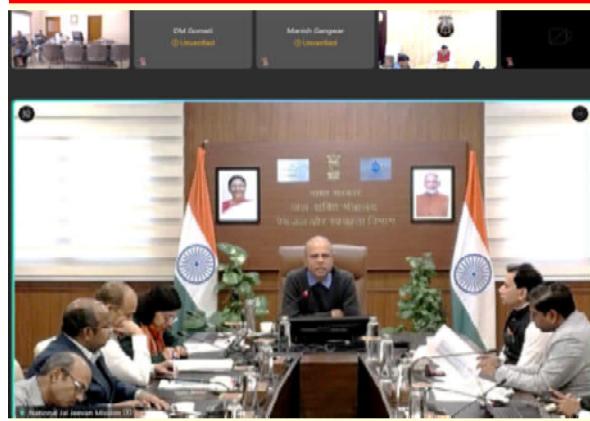
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## DDWS holds 6th District Collectors' Peyjal Samvad

### Jal Utsav: Blending Culture, Tradition, and Community Spirit to Awaken Pride, Awareness, and Collective Responsibility for Water



New Delhi, Feb. 17 (PIB)

The Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, organised the 6th edition of the District Collectors' Peyjal Samvad today, bringing together senior officials, district administrations, and sector experts to deliberate on strengthening the implementation of Har Ghar Jal under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The virtual event was chaired by Shri Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, DDWS, and witnessed participation from District Collector/Deputy Magistrate/ District Officials across the country.

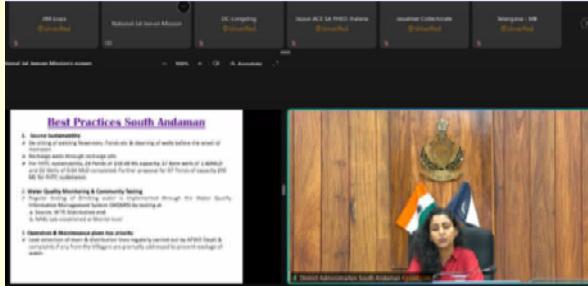
In his address, Secretary, DDWS, Shri Ashok K. K. Meena highlighted the Mission's journey since launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019 and noted the significant progress achieved by States over the past six years despite the constraints. He emphasized that while the initial years focused on rapid asset creation, the Mission has now entered a crucial phase of transitioning towards community owned and community managed rural water service delivery, an approach that is central

to strengthening long term functionality and service quality.

Underscoring the pivotal role of District Collectors in steering this shift, he stressed the importance of systematic handover of schemes to Gram Panchayats, in line with constitutional provisions, and the need to ensure that communities assume full ownership of operations and maintenance. Referring to encouraging examples from various States, including 24x7 systems successfully managed by Gram Panchayats and strong leadership demonstrated by women Sarpanches, he said that these models reflect the growing strength of local governance in the water sector. He informed about the forthcoming extension of Jal Jeevan Mission, which will prioritize saturation of single village schemes, expansion of solar based

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#### District Presentation



**South Andaman, Andaman and Nicobar Islands:** Ms. Purva Garg, Deputy Commissioner shared the district's strong focus on water security, supported by extensive source sustainability measures such as desilting reservoirs, cleaning wells, and constructing 29 ponds with a combined capacity of 158.68 ML, along with recharge wells and borewells for long term FHTC sustenance. The Administration actively sources ideas from communities, especially through PRI consultations and DWSM meetings, which have led to solutions such as rejuvenation of local water sources, strengthening of check weirs, and community driven catchment protection.

South Andaman has introduced water audits by school students, using a standard assessment format to identify wastage and promote responsible water use. The district also conducts extensive IEC activities viz. awareness rallies, nukkad nataks, print media campaigns, and a unique 'Water Concert' at Marina Park to build public consciousness around conservation. These community driven and youth led initiatives have significantly strengthened behavioural change and reinforced long term water security across the district.

#### Art & Culture Deptt. to organize 'Kavya Sandhya' at ITF Ground on Feb. 20; participation invited from local poets

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

As part of the literary session in the ongoing Andaman & Nicobar Book Fair- 2026, the Art & Culture Department of A&N Administration will be hosting a special literary evening dedicated to poetry- 'Kavya Sandhya' at 6:30 pm on Feb 20, 2026. In this regard, participation has been invited from local poets to share their creative works, in any language, on the stage.

This poetic gathering will add a soulful dimension to the festival's ongoing celebration of books, ideas, and culture. With the Book Fair already resonating with lively discussions, author interactions, and enthusiastic readers, Kavya Sandhya promises to highlight the richness of local voices and the timeless power of poetry in shaping community and imagination.

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#### Foundation stone laid for New Panchayat Bhavan at Kanyapuram Gram Panchayat



Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

In a significant step towards strengthening grassroots governance and improving public service delivery, the Director, RD, PRIs and ULBs, Dr. Apurva Sharma, laid the foundation stone for the construction of Panchayat Bhavan (D/S) at Gram Panchayat Kanyapuram. The ceremony was held in the presence of Pradhan, Shri. P. Abdul Basheer, GP

Kanyapuram, Shri. Shamim Ahmed, Panchayat Samiti Member, Kanyapuram, Shri. P. Mohd. Ali (PRI Member, Ward No. KP-01), elected representatives, officials, community leaders, and residents of the village of Gram Panchayat Kanyapuram.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director

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#### Veterinary Health Camp & Piglet Registration Drive conducted at Harminder Bay



Hutbay, Feb. 17

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Partly cloudy sky and very light rainfall likely at one or two places in Sri Vijaya Puram. Maximum and *Weather Report* Minimum temperature will be around 31.0°C and 24.0°C respectively on Wednesday 18/02/2026. Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.4 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.8 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 071 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 068 Sunrise time on 18/02/2026 (in IST): 0540 Sunset time on 18/02/2026 (in IST): 1727 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: 003.1



## Electricity Department to conduct Smart Meter Awareness Camp under RDSS

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

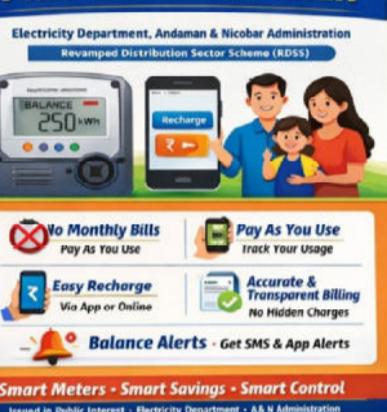
The Electricity Department, A&N Administration is organizing a Smart Meter Awareness Camp for the general public under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) as part of 'Smart Meter Pakhwada' from Feb. 19 to 23. As part of the awareness drive, camps and public interaction programmes will be conducted at the following locations

Sl.no	Location	Date
1.	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Vidyut Bhawan	19/02/2026
2.	Office of Executive Engineer, HQ, Marine	18/02/2026
3.	Office of The Executive Engineer, SAD, Haddo	18/02/2026
4.	Office of The Assistant Engineer-I, Marine	18/02/2026
5.	Office of The Assistant Engineer-III, Patherguda	19/02/2026
6.	Office of The Assistant Engineer-IV, Chouldari	19/02/2026
7.	Office of The Assistant Engineer-V, Ferrargunj	19/02/2026
8.	Office of The Assistant Engineer-VI, Marine	20/02/2026
9.	Office of The Assistant Engineer-I, Marine	19/02/2026
10.	Office of the Junior Engineer-A/Bazaar/Haddo-Prem Nagar site office	20/02/2026
11.	Office of the Junior Engineer Shadipur/Chakkargao	21/02/2026
12.	Office of Junior Engineer-Bambooflat/Manglutan Site office	23/02/2026

During the awareness programme, consumers will be educated about working and advantages of prepaid smart meters; recharge procedures and available payment options; use of mobile applications for monitoring electricity consumption and redressal of consumer queries and grievances.

The Electricity Department appeals to all consumers to actively participate in the awareness camps and extend cooperation for the successful implementation of the Smart Meter programme, which aims to enhance efficiency, transparency, and consumer convenience in power distribution, a press release from Electricity Department said.

#### BENEFITS OF PREPAID SMART METER



## District Administration conducts eviction drive in villages under Ferrargunj Tehsil

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

The District Administration has undertaken firm, systematic, and proactive measures to reclaim excess Revenue Land situated in the villages of Namunagar, Mithakhari, and Ograbrah, which was found to be under the excess occupation of the Forest Department, beyond the legally notified and recorded forest boundaries.

In pursuance of the statutory responsibility of the District Administration to protect and manage Government land, an eviction drive was conducted by the Revenue

machinery on 11.02.2026, and continuously over the next two days, after due verification of revenue records, demarcation, and identification of excess land. The operation was carried out in a peaceful, orderly, and lawful manner, with adequate deployment of field officials to ensure smooth execution.

During the course of the eviction drive, approximately 170 cemented pillars that had been erected on the excess Revenue Land were dismantled and removed.

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## Pre-Marital Communication Centre inaugurated at One Stop Centre, N&M Andaman District

Mayabunder, Feb. 17

Shri S. Krishna Chaitanya, Additional District Magistrate/ Assistant Commissioner (HQ), N&M Andaman District inaugurated the Pre-Marital Communication Centre (PMCC) at the One Stop Centre, North & Middle Andaman District. This initiative has been launched to promote healthy relationships, strengthen family well-being, and prevent domestic violence among young

couples. The Pre-Marital Communication Centre (PMCC) is an initiative of the National Commission for women and aims to provide guidance, counselling and support services to couples a safe

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## Second edition of Andaman Nicobar Book Fair- 2026



Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

The grand second edition of Andaman Nicobar Book Fair- 2026, which began with much fanfare at the ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram is witnessing good response. Book lovers, students, educators, and literature enthusiasts are reaching the venue, eager to explore the diverse range of books showcased at the fair. Organized by National Book Trust, India with the support of the Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration, as many as 31 publishers from

mainland India have set up their stalls with a wide variety of books of various genre and authors, in different languages.

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## Fraudulently obtained Birth Registrations cancelled; Fine imposed

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17 complaint lodged by Shri K. Prasanna Kumar, S/o Shri Prabhakar Rao, a resident of Shadipur, against Shri K. Prem Kumar, also of Shadipur, for securing birth certificates for his children, K. Praveen Kumar and K. Priyadharsini from the fraudulent means. The action follows a Primary Health Centre,

Billiground, in 2009 under Registration Nos. 60/2009 and 61/2009 respectively.

An investigation conducted by the Office of the Superintendent of Police, North and Middle Andaman, revealed that K. Priyadharsini was born in Andhra Pradesh and not within the jurisdiction of the Director, RD, PRIs and ULBs, Dr. Apurva Sharma, laid the foundation stone for the construction of Panchayat Bhavan (D/S) at Gram Panchayat Kanyapuram.

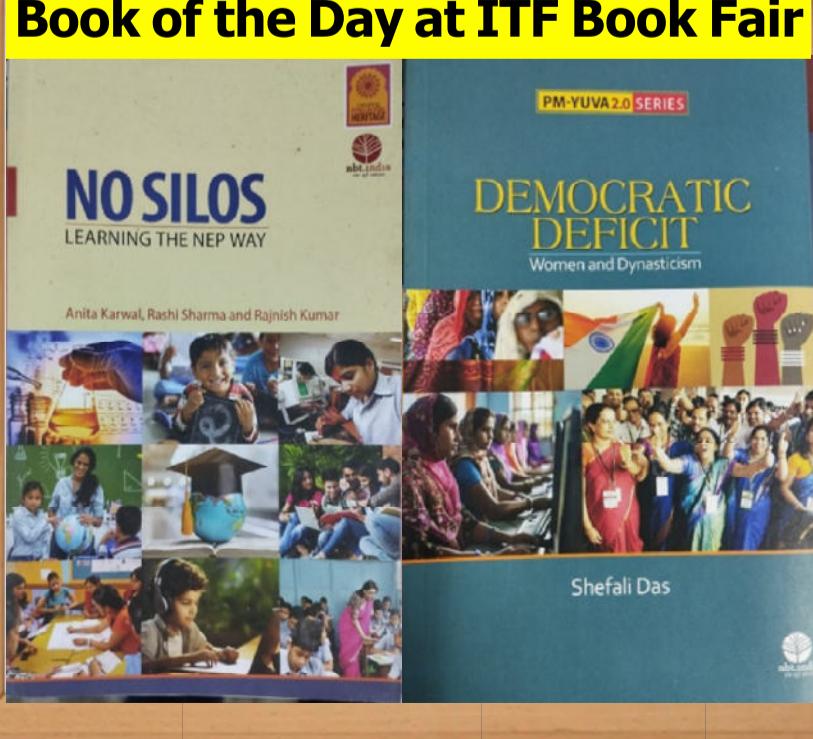
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## Book of the Day at ITF Book Fair



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## Crime & Economic Offence Police Station arrests four in honey trap and UPI extort case; public urged to stay alert

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

The CID Unit (Crime & Economic Offences Wing), Andaman & Nicobar Police, has registered a criminal case in connection with an organized honey trap and extortion network operating in Sri Vijaya Puram. Four accused persons have been booked for allegedly luring the

complainant through social media contact, administering an intoxicant, wrongfully confining him, and extorting Rs. 50,000/- through UPI-based transactions by threatening false criminal accusations.

As per the complaint received victim came into contact with a woman

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## CANSRU launches nutritional support for TB Patients under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17  
CSL AN Ship Repair Unit (CANSRU), a unit of Cochin Shipyard Limited, a Government of India Category-I Miniratna Company under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, today joined hands with Sewa International and Health Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration to launch a vital nutritional support programme for TB patients under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP)- Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan.

In the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, TB elimination programmes are being implemented with a strong focus on nutrition and awareness. The implementing agency for this initiative is Sewa International, New Delhi, which has a track record of community service and health interventions. This



initiative is also a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) effort of Cochin Shipyard Limited, coordinated through CANSRU. By channeling CSR funds into public health, the project demonstrates how Corporates participation can strengthen government programmes.

The inaugural ceremony was held at Marine Hall, Aberdeen Bazar, Sri Vijaya Puram and was presided over by the guest of honor Cdr. Vijay Kumar, Director, Directorate of Shipping Services (DSS), and Dr. H.M. Siddaraju, Director, Directorate of Health

CANSRU said.

**District Administration conducts.... (Contd. from page 1)**  
Ferrargunj Tehsil, has been successfully taken over by the District Administration. The said land has now been restored to Government Khata, and its possession formally resumed by the Revenue Department.

The District Administration has directed the concerned Revenue authorities to update all relevant land records accordingly and to ensure continuous monitoring so as to prevent any future encroachment or unauthorized use of the reclaimed land.

The District Administration reiterates its firm commitment to safeguarding Government land, maintaining accurate land records, and ensuring that all Government property is managed, protected, and utilized strictly in accordance with the provisions of law and in public interest, a press release from DC (SA) said.

## Pre-Marital Communication Centre..... (Contd. from page 1)

and accessible platform for pre-marital counselling. The Centre focuses on improving communication skills, mutual understanding, conflict resolution skills, and awareness about rights and responsibilities within marriage.

Through professional counselling and interactive sessions, the Pre-Marital Communication Centre (PMCC) will help couples build to strong foundation for married life and reduce misunderstanding. This initiative also strengthens efforts towards women's safety, emotional support and social harmony in the



community. Services offered are Pre-marital counselling, Relationship and communication guidance, Family and legal awareness, Emotional and psychological support and Referral services, when required.

All services are confidential, supportive, and accessible to the public. The District Administration, N&MA District is encouraging young couples and individuals to avail themselves of these services to strengthen their relationships and contribute to a harmonious society, a press release from One Stop Centre, N&M Andaman said.

## Second edition of Andaman Nicobar ..... (Contd. from page 1)

across India, visitors were seen browsing through collections ranging from literature, history, science, and technology to children's books and regional publications. Many attendees expressed their delight at finding rare and classic books alongside the latest releases. The Fair's efforts in promoting reading culture, especially among the youth, were widely appreciated.

The prominent publishers, among others, include National Book Trust of India, Rashtriya E-Pustakalaya, Sahitya Academy, NCPUL, Sri Aurobindo Society & Local authors, Rama Krishna Mission, Publication Division, DRDO, National Centre for Children's Literature, NBT and books exclusively on Adivasis etc. Apart from the Book Stalls, Anthropological Survey of India, Dept. of Art & Culture and Directorate of Census Operations of India have put up their stalls.

The highlight of the day- 4 of the Book Fair was the engaging activities at the Children's Corner, organized by National Book Trust, India at ITF Ground where students were enthusiastically engaged in learning with fun sessions. Over 300 young minds from various schools across the city joined the workshops.

The day opened with an engaging storytelling session by Kavita Gupta, who brought stories alive using colourful props and puppets. Through three delightful tales, children became active participants-making animal sounds, singing jingles, and responding with infectious enthusiasm.

This was followed by an insightful Illustration Workshop by Shivani, where children were introduced to the basics of illustrating a story. Each participant was given a character and encouraged to create their own story around it through illustrations. The best 20 entries were awarded children's books published by National Book Trust, India, inspiring young illustrators to keep exploring stories through art. In the third session, children creatively drew a digital device on a drawing sheet and illustrated their favourite book on its screen in a workshop conducted with Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya. The most imaginative entries were rewarded with exciting goodies from ReP, beautifully blending traditional art with the idea of digital reading.

Adding to the vibrant book fair spirit, children eagerly explored the bookstalls with their teachers and parents, discovering new books and authors and deepening their love for reading.

The activities in the Children's Corner for Feb. 18 include - 'Musical Story Telling Session' with Alma & Gaurav for Classes 1 to 5 from 10 am to 10.45 am, Sensory Theatre Workshop with Kavita Gupta for Classes 6 to 8 from 11.00 am to 11.45 am and Logo Designing with Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya for Classes 9 to 12 from 12 pm to 12.30 pm.

Apart from the Children's activities, a 'Story Telling Session' was also held in which Shri Chanchal Singh Roy, a National Awardee Teacher, from Isles through his self-composed story titled "The Boy Who Watered Books" enlightened the gathering that the story is not merely about a boy - it is about every child who believes that books are like seeds. When nurtured with curiosity, imagination, and courage, they grow into forests of ideas. Through this heartfelt narration, he inspired children and adults alike to water their minds daily-because knowledge, like nature, flourishes when cared for with love and responsibility. Day 4 also featured a Special Musical Presentation by the Police Band, adding a patriotic and cultural rhythm to the festive atmosphere of the fair. The Police Entertainment Team presented an engaging skit highlighting traffic rules awareness programme with a purpose to educate children and visitors about road safety through interactive and entertaining methods.

A Legal Awareness Campaign for the islands was also organized, featuring Anushka Sen, who addressed the audience and emphasized the importance of legal literacy and responsible citizenship.

Tomorrow (Feb. 18) performance by Police band, Legal awareness by DLSA and Story telling by Shri Chanchal Singh Roy will be held from 5 pm onwards at Book Fair.

## Medicinal sapling plantation conducted at GB Pant Hospital, ANIIMS

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

A medicinal sapling plantation drive was conducted at GB Pant Hospital, ANIIMS on Feb. 14, under the Kayakalp Scheme by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI. The plantation activity witnessed enthusiastic participation from patients, hospital staff, and members of



community participation.

As part of the Jan Bhagidari initiative under the Kayakalp Scheme, patient waiting chairs were generously donated by Amit Goenka Group to enhance patient comfort and hospital infrastructure. Earlier, the Andaman and Nicobar Chemists and Druggists Association had donated an industrial weighing machine for Biomedical Waste Management. The hospital

management appeals to all

## Trade Test for contractual post under PM-RKVV in Agriculture Department

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

A&N Administration e-Recruitment Portal (<https://ererecruitment.andamannicobar.gov.in>). Candidates should bring self-attested copies of their graduation consolidated mark sheet and experience certificate for verification.

For queries, contact the Technical Cell, Directorate of Agriculture, Haddo, at 03192-233257 on working days, a press release from Directorate of Agriculture said.

## Extension Centre, Diglipur conducts Skill Development Training on Handicrafts



Diglipur, Feb. 17

The concluding function of the 15-day short-term skill development training program on 'Handicrafts-Coconut Shell', organized by Extension Centre, Diglipur, Industries Department was held recently at Keralapuram, Diglipur. In her valedictory address, Smti Bibi Afreen Nisha, Industries Promotion Officer highlighted the various departmental schemes and initiatives that support training programs, promote MSME development and facilitate

local employment generation. A total of 15 trainees participated in the program to acquire basic skills and technical know-how in handicraft making, aiming to promote self-employment and strengthen the local economy.

The trainees were encouraged to utilize their newly acquired skills to pursue self-employment ventures for enhancing their livelihoods and contributing to sustainable community development, a press release from Industries Department said.

## Quarterly Pension Adalat for DoT & BSNL Pensioners

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

Quarterly Pension Adalat for DoT & BSNL Pensioners of A & N Circle will be conducted by Joint Controller of Communication Accounts, DoT, A&N office at Rangat, BSNL Telephone Exchange on 26.02.2026 at 11 am. The

DoT & BSNL Pensioners of A&N circle, have been requested to submit their grievances, if any, through post or email ([dyccaa.nic.in](mailto:dyccaa.nic.in)) so as to reach this office latest by 24.02.2026. For any enquiry, contact AAO (Pension) - 9895922831, a press release from DoT, A&N said.

## Divisional Beach Sports conducted at Turtle Beach, Karmatang



Mayabunder, Feb. 17

The Mayabunder Forest Division conducted a Divisional Beach Sports on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at Turtle Beach, Karmatang with the objective of fostering camaraderie, strengthening physical endurance and mental resilience and promoting a spirit of environmental awareness.

The two-day long sports meet included athletic events such as 100-meter sprint for different age groups, Shot Put, Discus Throw, and Long Jump for both men and women. Team events like Volleyball and Tug of War were also conducted, along with fun and recreational games, a press release from DFO Mayabunder said.

## Entries invited for Football Tournament

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

Entries have been invited for Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Football Champions League-I Knockout Football Tournament (Men's Open)

Day & Night. The last date for entry is March 1 by 5 pm. For further details, contact Cell No. 7679973351, a press release received here said.

## Inter Primary School Football League-cum-Knockout Tournament



Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

Carmel by 3-0 goals; GSSS Prothrapur defeated SS Sagaritara by 4-1 goals; Saraswati Shishu Mandir defeated GMSSS Aberdeen by 1-0 goal and GMS Dollygunj defeated GSSS Girls Ground. In the matches played today, GSSS South Point defeated SSS

Day & Night. The last date for entry is March 1 by 5 pm. For further details, contact Cell No. 7679973351, a press release received here said.

## Andaman Team shines at Prestigious All India Civil Service Badminton Tournament 2026

Panaji, Feb. 17

The Prestigious All India Civil Service Badminton Tournament 2026, being held in Goa from Feb. 15 to 21 has witnessed outstanding performances from the 15-member Andaman & Nicobar Islands Badminton Team. In the



matches played today, Rakesh Roshan (A&N Islands) defeated Swetambar Nayak (Odisha) by 15-10, 10-15, 15-8; Ms. Shony (A&N Islands) defeated Ms. Sushila Devi (Haryana) by 15-7, 15-8; Nakul (A&N Islands) defeated Mithun Mazumdar (Odisha Secretariat) by 15-13, 15-12 and Yoosuf (A&N Islands) defeated Ragukul (Bihar Secretariat) by 15-11, 15-11. They have advanced to the Pre-Quarter Finals in their respective age categories.

The tournament continues until 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2026, and the team looks forward to further success in the upcoming rounds, a press release received here said.

# Dept. of Industries implementing Centrally sponsored PM FME Scheme Interested individual entrepreneurs willing to set up food processing units may apply online

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17 would be provided to The Department of Industries, individuals/ SHG's/ Co-A&N Administration is implementing a Centrally Sponsored "Prime Minister Scheme for Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME)" Scheme under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan with the objective to strengthen backward/ forward linkages, common infrastructure, packaging, branding & marketing of products of micro food processing enterprises. Under the scheme, financial assistance in the form of grant/seed capital

## Micro Enterprises:

Credit-linked Capital subsidy @ 35% of the eligible project cost with a maximum ceiling of RS.10.00 Lakh per unit. Beneficiary contribution should be minimum 10% of the project cost.

## 2. Group Category: Self Help Groups (SHG)

Seed Capital: Seed capital @ Rs.40,000/- per member of SHG for working capital and purchase of tools.

Interested individual entrepreneurs willing to set up food processing units under the scheme may apply online at

## 1. Support to Individual Scheme Components:

<https://pmfme.mofpi.gov.in/> pmfme/#/Login. For Seed Capital Assistance, SHG members of rural area may approach A&N Islands Rural Livelihood Mission (ANIRLM), Department RD & PRIs and SHG members of Urban area may approach Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Corporation. For further details, contact Directorate of Industries, Middle Point over Phone No. 03192-232395 or Branch Office of Industries Deptt. on any working days between 9 AM to 5 PM, a press release from Department of Industries said.

## State Child Protection Society conducts 'Stronger Minds, Brighter Futures' prog. at Child Care Institution

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17 The State Child Protection Society (DSW), emphasized that a strong mind is the foundation of a bright and successful future. The Nodal Officer Mission Vatsalya organized a motivational and life-skill development programme titled "Stronger Minds, Brighter Futures" at a Child Care Institution. The initiative aimed at values shape long-term strengthening emotional success.

The In-charge of the Child Care Institution advised the children to effectively utilize the opportunities and support systems provided to them. Sri Ravinder Kumar, Director of Social Welfare, stressed that such structured confidence-

building and life-skill programmes should be conducted regularly in Child Care Institutions to ensure holistic development. It was further emphasized that continuous mentoring, emotional support, and value-based guidance are vital components of effective child protection services.

The programme concluded with an inspiring pledge by the children to remain focused, disciplined, and committed to building stronger minds and brighter futures, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

## Celebration of National Science Day by Science Centre

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

In the memory of Raman effect discovered by Sir C V Raman, National Science Day celebrations are organized throughout the country on 28th February every year to inculcate and foster the knowledge and awareness of science among the masses. To celebrate this occasion in a most befitting manner, various activities of science popularization are proposed to be conducted for the school students. The Science Week shall commence from 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2026 onwards which will be followed by National Science Day on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

To celebrate this occasion in a most befitting manner, the Science Centre Sri Vijaya Puram shall be organizing the following competitions as below :

S.N.	Date	Proposed Competition	Schedule
1.	22/02/26 Sunday	Painting Competition for Jr. Group & Sr. Group (Open to all). Theme "Science & Technology for Sustainable Future" Jr. Group - Class I to V & Sr. Group Class VI to VIII Venue – Science Centre Time : 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.	Interested students may registered their name through WhatsApp No. 9476095554 (Sudhir) on or before 21.02.2026.  Participation students may be advised to report Science Centre on 22.02.2026 (Sunday) alongwith painting material except chart paper by 10.00 am positively.
2.	24/02/26 Tuesday	Show Your Talent Primary Level (Class I to V) Online Mode Prepare a self-video showcasing special talent in the field of playing musical instrument, poetry, mimicry or any unique talent for maximum two minutes duration.	Interested students participating in the Show Your Talent & Story Telling Competition may upload the self made videos through given WhatsApp No: 9934207860 alongwith mandatory details such as Name, Class, School & phone number latest by 2.30 pm on or before 24.02.2026.
3.	24/02/26 Tuesday	A Story Telling Competition Topic - "Life history of Sir C V Raman" Primary Level (Class I to V) Online Mode Prepare a self-video narrating the topic for maximum two minutes duration.	
4.	25/02/26 Wednesday	Extempore Speech Competition Topic - "Importance of National Science Day" Class VI to VIII (Online Mode) Prepare a self-video narrating the topic for maximum two minutes duration.	Interested students may be advised to upload the self-made video through given WhatsApp No: 9434296963 alongwith mandatory details such as Name, Class, School & phone number latest by 2.30 pm on or before 25.02.2026

The students interested in participating in the painting competition are advised to follow the given schedule & time positively. Whereas students participating in the Online competition are advised to upload the good quality self made video with mandatory details as stated above.

Based on the competition, the best performer as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & consolation shall be awarded with suitable prizes on the eve of "National Science Day" to be celebrated on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at Science Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram. For further details, one may contact over phone no. - 9679521509, a press release from Science Centre said.

**Fraudulently obtained Birth Registrations cancelled;.....** (Contd. from page 1) the concerned Registration Unit. It was further ascertained that K. Praveen Kumar was also born in mainland India. In view of the findings, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 15 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969, the Chief Registrar has ordered cancellation of Registration No. 61/2009 (Order No. 4147 dated 12-12-2025) in respect of K. Priyadharsini, daughter of Shri K. Prem Kumar and Smti. K. Nirmala Jyothi. Similarly, the Registration No. 60/2009 (Order No. 4717 dated 29-01-2026) in respect of K. Praveen Kumar, son of Shri K. Prem Kumar and Smti. K. Nirmala Jyothi has also been cancelled.

A fine of Rs. 1,000/- for each birth certificate has also been imposed on Shri K. Prem Kumar under the provisions of the Act. The Registrar of Births and Deaths, Billigund (MO In-charge, AAM/PHC Billigund) has accordingly cancelled both registrations.

The Chief Registrar has reiterated that obtaining birth or death certificates through false information or fraudulent means is a punishable offence and liable for cancellation. Strict action will be taken against individuals found misusing the Civil Registration System under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 2024, a press release from DHS said.

## Branch MSME to conduct Entrepreneurship-cum-Skill Development Programme on Beauty Parlour

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

Branch MSME-Development & Facilitation Office, Sri Vijaya Puram, under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India, will be organizing a six-week (30 days) Entrepreneurship-cum-Skill Development Programme (ESDP) on Beauty Parlour, tentatively commencing from Feb. 19 at Bhatubasti. The programme will accommodate 25-30 participants, with at least 40% seats reserved for ST candidates, and is designed to promote skill development and self-employment opportunities through practical training. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. There is no course fee for Women, SC, ST, PH and



## State-Level Training Prog. on IEC strategies for promoting Sustainable Development Goals in PRIs conducted

Sri Vijaya Puram, Feb. 17

A State-Level Training Programme on 'IEC Strategies for Promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)' was conducted by the Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, A&N Administration, at the SPRC Training Hall.

An insightful session on 'Overview of SDGs, IEC and the Role of PRIs' was delivered by Shri. Rajesh Ray, Domain Expert (C&D). A session on "Empowering PRIs to Lead Community-Driven Support for Children and Women



Development" was conducted by Ms. Nitu Sindhu, State Mission Coordinator, Department of Social Welfare. The session on 'Building Healthy Villages' was taken by Shri. Nagendran, DPM, District Health Society, a press release from Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs said.

## Jal Utsav: Blending Culture, Tradition, and .....

(Contd. from page 1) infrastructure, comprehensive asset mapping through PM Gati Shakti, creation of a unified scheme database, and financial reconciliation to enhance transparency. He urged all districts to accelerate scheme handovers, strengthen community led processes under Rajya Jal Utsav and Lok Jal Utsav, and intensify efforts to ensure sustainable service delivery, reaffirming the commitment to achieving the vision of safe, adequate drinking water for every rural household.

A detailed presentation on Jal Utsav-Jal Mahotsav was made by Shri Y.K Singh, Director, NJJM. During the session he brought out that Jal Utsav will function as a multi-tiered public engagement framework to strengthen water sustainability as a people-led movement. He explained that the initiative seeks to reconnect water with local culture, traditions, and community experience, transforming conservation and sustainable use into a cultural expression anchored at the grassroots.

He informed that Jal Utsav will be celebrated through three verticals,

- Jal Mahotsav at the National level,
- Rajya Jal Utsav at the State/UT level, and
- Lok Jal Utsav at the Gram Panchayat level.

The national Jal Mahotsav will be observed from 8<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, coinciding with International Women's Day and culminating on World Water Day, with participation across all levels. States and Union Territories have been encouraged to organise Rajya Jal Utsav in alignment with their local context and timelines. At the village level, Lok Jal Utsav will be shaped by local customs, water-related traditions, and cultural practices, ensuring that celebrations reflect community identity.

These presentations showcased both achievements and ongoing challenges, underlining the diversity of approaches adopted to accelerate progress under Har Ghar Jal. In his concluding remarks, Shri K.K. Soan, AS&MD - NJJM, said the day's presentations had covered critical areas such as coverage, functionality, source sustainability, water quality, greywater management, desalination, and community ownership, and emphasized that the effectiveness of all these efforts ultimately rests on the leadership of District Collectors. He reiterated that at the cutting edge level where national policies translate into services it is the District Collector who ensures functionality, accountability, and timely resolution of challenges. He urged districts to make regular and active use of the District Water & Sanitation Mission (DWSM) Dashboard, which is now fully operational. He requested that DWSM meetings be held regularly every month with dashboard data reviewed beforehand and action points clearly recorded and followed up. He highlighted several priority areas requiring district attention, including Jal Seva Aaklan, Jal Arpan, Jal Utsav through community engagement, use of the Panchayat level dashboard, capacity building of Panchayat Secretaries, and strengthening of engineering teams and ensure functional DTUs. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of District Collectors' Peyjal Samvad was attended by participants across the country including District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ District Officials, Mission Directors and State Mission Teams, from State/UTs.

## Crime & Economic Offence Police Station .....

(Contd. from page 1) substance in a soft drink, rendering him unconscious. Upon regaining consciousness, he found himself partially undressed, while two women and one man were present and allegedly recording photographs/ videos. The accused persons allegedly threatened to implicate him in a false criminal case and create a public scene. He was further wrongfully confined and coerced into transferring Rs. 50,000/- through UPI transactions.

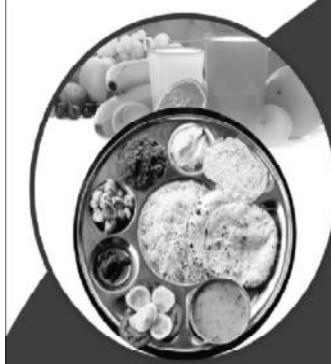
Based on the complaint and preliminary enquiry, four accused persons 1) Vinitha Kumari, D/o Late Asis Kumar, (35) Yrs, R/o Prothrapur, 2) Manjit Kaur @ Manu, D/o Late Gurdeep Singh, (38) Yrs, Pvt Worker, R/o Dhanikhadi near Big Basket, 3) Roshni Kumari @ Riya @ Aliana, D/o Shri Sukdev, (28) Yrs, R/o Garacharma, 4) Samrat Bairagi, S/o Shri Dayal Bairagi, (38) Yrs, R/o Dhanikhari have been identified and arrested.

Necessary legal action has been initiated under the relevant provisions of the BNS, 2023. Investigation is in progress, including financial trail analysis and digital evidence examination.

The Andaman & Nicobar Police advises citizens to exercise caution while interacting with unknown persons through social media and online platforms. In case of any suspicious activity or cyber-related offences, the public is encouraged to immediately report the matter to the nearest police station or through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal.

Any other person who may have been similarly targeted or affected by such honey trap, blackmail, or online extortion activities is urged to immediately contact the Crime & Economic Offences Wing (CID Unit) for necessary legal assistance and action. The general public is encouraged to be the eyes and ears of the police by sharing credible information related to such organised honey trap networks. The identity of informers will remain strictly confidential. You can reach us at 232586, 112, 100, or 9474290250. Public cooperation is crucial in preventing and eradicating honey trap and online extortion cases, a press release from SP (CID) said.

Healthy Lifestyle - Healthy Ageing



## Good Food Good Health

- Eat well balanced diet
- A variety of food give you a good balance
- Take fiber-rich, calcium-rich, iron-rich, low-fat, low salt, low sugar & low cholesterol diet
- No more processed food, salty foods & food with a lot of fat in them
- Drink plenty of fluids

## Good Sleep For Well-Being

- Go to bed and wake up at the same time every day
- Make sure your bed room is dark, quiet and well ventilated
- Don't take heavy meals at night
- Don't take Tea, Coffee & Alcohol late in the evening
- Avoid watching TV, working on computer, mobile, close to bed time



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NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION  
SRI VIJAYA PURAM



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## HIGH COURT FORM NO. (P) 5

Common form of summon for (1) Final disposal (2) To ascertain whether suit is contested or not, if not contested, for immediate disposal. (3) Settlement of issues. (Order 5 Rule 1 and 5, Code of Civil Procedure)

DISTRICT: SOUTH ANDAMAN

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE, SENIOR DIVISION

AT PORT BLAIR

Title Suit No. 22 of 2025

Shri Raja Padmakar Rao

..... Plaintiff

Shri Mukesh Lall &amp; Anr.

..... Defendants

To,

Shri Mukesh Lall,

S/o Kannaiah Lall,

R/o South Point Village,

Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil,

South Andaman District.

Whereas, Shri Raja Padmakar Rao, S/o Late Iswar Rao, R/o South Point Village, Sri Vijaya Puram Tehsil, South Andaman District have filed a Suit for Right, Title, Interest and Permanent Injunction and Cancellation of Sale Deed. You are hereby summoned to appear in the Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer material question relating to the suit for who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 at 9 O'clock in the forenoon to state whether you contest, or not contest claim either in part or in full and if you contest to receive direction of the Court as to the date on which Your Written Statement is to be filed the Witnesses upon whose evidence you intend to rely in support of your defence, are to be produce, the documents upon which you intend to rely on are to be filed, also the date of trial and other matters. Take Notice in the event of your admitting the claim either in full or in part in the Court will forthwith pass Judgment in accordance with such admissions or in the event of the claim not being contested the suit shall be decided at once.

Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the date and time abovementioned the suit will be heard or determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Court, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Jan., 2026.

SEAL

Judge

By Order of Court

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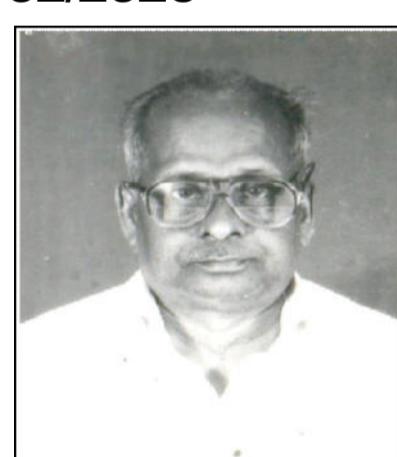
20<sup>th</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY

On 18/02/2026

Late K.  
Padmanabhan

Gurusadanam  
House, Tapu Basti,  
Bambooflat.

*"Your life was a blessing,  
your memory a  
treasure... you are loved  
beyond words & Missed  
beyond measure..."*



Fondly remembered by :-

Smti C.K.Rajamma (wife) and all family members.

## In Loving Memory of

## Shri M. L. MAURYA

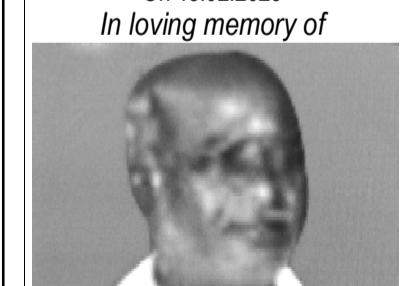
Shri M. L. Maurya, retired Science Teacher, Passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. He Served Andaman & Nicobar Islands Education Department from 1976-2012, Teaching with Sincerity & Values. Honored with the President's National Award for Teachers (Selected in 2007 and received in 2008) for Outstanding Contribution. Remembered as a Humble Teacher & Kind Human Being. His Legacy Lives on Through Students. May his Soul Rest in Peace.

*Inserted By: Dr. Jawahar Lal Maurya (Brother), Om Prakash Maurya (Brother)  
Raj Kumari Maurya (Wife), Dr. Dilip Kumar Maurya (Son), Mamta Maurya (Daughter), Maruti Maurya (Daughter).*

19<sup>th</sup> Death  
Anniversary

On 18.02.2026

In loving memory of



## Late M. P. Gopalan

(Ex-serviceman),  
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Inserted by: All family members  
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