

Van Mahotsav

"The earth has enough for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed." – Mahatma Gandhi

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Sri Vijaya Puram will be generally cloudy with very light to light rain likely at few places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30.5°C and 25.0°C respectively on Tuesday 01/07/2025.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.3

Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.8

Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 093

Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 083

Sunrise time on 01/07/2025 (in IST): 0459

Sunset time on 01/07/2025 (in IST): 1747

Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) - In mm: 067.7

Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: Trace

Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2025 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 1487.1 mm

# Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation chairs "Manthan Baithak" with Cooperation Ministers of all States & UTs in New Delhi

New Delhi, June 30(PIB) Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, today chaired a "Manthan Baithak" with the Ministers of Cooperation of all States and Union Territories in New Delhi. The event marks the celebration of International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025. The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India. The successful organization of the "Manthan Baithak" is a significant step towards strengthening the cooperative sector. The Ministers of Cooperation, Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, and Secretaries of Cooperative Departments from across the country enthusiastically participated in the meeting. The purpose of the Manthan Baithak is to review ongoing schemes to strengthen the cooperative movement in India, assess achievements, and provide a dynamic platform to promote collaboration.

In his address, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, said that Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi established the Ministry of Cooperation with the objective of reviving the long-standing tradition of cooperation in the country while also keeping the present perspectives in mind. He said that social change and a new landscape of development have emerged in the country since the Narendra Modi government came into power. He mentioned that around 60 to 70 crore people in India lacked even the basic facilities and were living for generations in scarcity. He said that within the 10-year period from 2014 to 2024, the Modi Government fulfilled the dreams of these crores of people by providing them with housing, toilets, drinking water, food grains, healthcare, gas cylinders, and other facilities. Shri Shah further said that these people now want to



improve their lives further by becoming entrepreneurs, but they lack the initial capital, and the only way for them to do some significant work with their small amounts of capital is through cooperation. He emphasized that for a country like India with a population of 140 crore, two things are extremely important - the growth of GDP and GSDP, as well as the creation of jobs for all 140 crore people. He said that cooperation is the only option for generating employment for every individual in the country, which is why

the Ministry of Cooperation was established four years ago with great foresight. Shri Shah said that with sensitivity, cooperation must be revitalized for the welfare of millions of small farmers and rural people in the country because there are immense opportunities in this sector.

Shri Amit Shah said that the purpose of this reflection and brainstorming can only be fulfilled if all 140 crore

people of the country get employment and live their lives with hard work, and to make this successful, the Government of India has taken 60 initiatives. He said that one important initiative among these is

the creation of the National Cooperative Database, which will help identify gaps. He explained that this National Cooperative Database has been created so that cooperative institutions at the national, state, district, and tehsil levels can collectively see which villages in which states do not have even a single cooperative institution. Shri Shah said that the Modi government's goal is that within the next five years, there should not be a single village in the country without a cooperative, and the cooperative database should be used to achieve this goal.

Union Minister of Cooperation said that there are three main reasons behind the weakening of the cooperative movement in India. He said that over time, the laws were not changed, which the Modi government has now amended. He added that the cooperative activities were neither expanded nor adapted with time. He mentioned that earlier, recruitments in cooperatives used to be based on nepotism, which is why the idea of the Tribhuvan Sahkari University (TSU) was conceived.

Union Minister of Cooperation urged that every state should have at least one cooperative training institution

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## SkyHop Aviation to start operations soon; receives NOC

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New Delhi The seaplane and small aircraft operator - SkyHop Aviation - intends to start commercial flight services soon. It has received the NOC (No Objection Certificate) from the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), industry sources told businessline.

SkyHop Aviation has already received security clearance required for the ministry's NOC.

Sources said the company would now apply for an Air Operator Certificate/Permit (AOC/AOP) from the regulator. The venture is headed by SpiceJet promoter Ajay Singh's daughter, Avani Singh. Avani previously led SpiceHealth and is now spearheading the SkyHop Aviation project following her MBA from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Notably, this is a personal venture of the Avani and is not related to SpiceJet.

Besides, the upcoming airline has partnered with De Havilland Canada for procuring seaplanes.

On its official page in social networking



platforms for professionals, LinkedIn, SkyHop Aviation said only "170 out of 4,000 cities" in India are connected by air today.

"SkyHop Aviation's seaplanes and small aircraft are quickly changing that! We're transforming regional travel - navigating water, rough terrain, and remote destinations to connect an unconnected India," the official page read.

The seaplane and small aircraft operator has also advertised to hire pilots for the 'Twin Otter DHC-6-400' series of aircraft.

SkyHop Aviation holds multiple key regional routes, including those in Andhra Pradesh, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, the North-East, and other strategic locations.

Presently, there are no seaplane services in the country.

However, India has

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## Hon'ble Lt. Governor participates in event marking celebration of International Year of Cooperatives 2025 at New Delhi

New Delhi, June 30 Admiral D.K. Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency participated in the National Conference on International Year of Cooperatives 2025 today at New Delhi, presided over by the Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah ji.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor highlighted the success story of Tribal Development Cooperative Society in Nicobar Islands wherein Virgin Coconut Oil produced by Nicobarese community was recently granted a Geographical



Indication (GI) Tagging, along with six more products, an example of economic empowerment through Cooperation. He thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi ji for including this accomplishment in his first edition of 2025 in India's most impactful talk show 'Mann Ki Baat' programme over

Akashvani. Further, he highlighted the indiscriminate diversion of agricultural land in Andamans to commercial land through CLU (Change of Land Use) resulting in decrease in 40% agricultural land, thereby adversely impacting agriculture, agri products, dairy, poultry and animal husbandry sectors that are core segments for



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MESSAGE

National Doctors Day is observed across the country on 1<sup>st</sup> July every year to honour the legacy of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy - a Bharat Ratna awardee, former Chief Minister of West Bengal and an eminent physician. On this special day, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation to all the doctors serving in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Your unwavering dedication, compassion and commitment to delivering quality healthcare- especially in remote and inaccessible areas of the islands- is truly commendable.

This year, the occasion carries even greater significance as we reflect on the extraordinary efforts of our medical professionals in the face of unprecedented challenges. The recent global health crisis has underscored the critical role of doctors in protecting and sustaining our communities. Your resilience, innovation and steadfast spirit have served as a beacon of hope and strength for countless lives.

As we commemorate National Doctor's Day, let us unite in expressing our sincere appreciation for the doctors who work tirelessly to heal, comfort and save lives. Your selfless service and pursuit of excellence in healthcare continue to inspire us all and enrich our society.

Once again, I extend my deepest respect and gratitude to all doctors for their remarkable dedication. May you continue to serve humanity with the same zeal, compassion and commitment that defined your efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

MESSAGE

On the occasion of the 76<sup>th</sup> Van Mahotsav, I extend my heartfelt greetings to the people of these beautiful Islands and join the nation in celebrating this noble initiative dedicated to the protection and preservation of our forests.

Launched in the early years of Independent India, Van Mahotsav was born out of the visionary efforts of Shri Mohinder Singh Randhawa in 1947 and was institutionalized as a national movement in 1950 by Shri K.M. Munshi, the then Union Minister for Agriculture and Food. The festival emerged as a timely response to the growing concerns of deforestation, biodiversity loss, and ecological imbalance in a newly independent nation. Over the decades, it has grown into a nationwide campaign, embraced by government agencies, civil society, educational institutions, and citizens alike. Millions of trees have been planted across the country, reinforcing the profound message that every tree is a step towards a better tomorrow.

Van Mahotsav - the "Festival of Trees" - is not merely a symbolic observance; it is a call to action, a reaffirmation of our collective responsibility to safeguard nature. Forests are the lungs of our planet. They play a pivotal role in conserving biodiversity, maintaining ecological equilibrium, and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

For the ecologically rich and fragile region of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the significance of forest conservation assumes even greater importance. Our Islands are home to unique flora and fauna, and it is our bounden duty to preserve this invaluable natural heritage.

As we celebrate the 76<sup>th</sup> Van Mahotsav, I appeal to all residents of these Islands to actively participate in this green movement. Let us come together to plant and nurture trees - not just as an environmental obligation, but as a legacy of care and stewardship for future generations. Each sapling we plant today is an investment in a greener, healthier, and more resilient tomorrow.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to living in harmony with nature - one sapling at a time.

"One Tree, One Promise - A Greener Island for All."

Jai Hind!

(Admiral D K Joshi)  
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)  
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cooperatives. He informed that currently only 2.5% of the land area is left as Agriculture land.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor expressed gratitude towards Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying for declaring the Islands as a Tuna cluster and in promoting activities like motorized fishing boats, mechanized deep sea trawlers, fisheries export, and shrimp farming through the cooperative sector. He also thanked Hon'ble Home Minister of India for facilitating opening up of MPEDA (Marine Products Exports Development Agency) and EIA (Exports Inspection Agency) in Sri Vijaya Puram, which will enable direct exports of Fisheries and Marine products to South East Asia, planned to be progressed through Cooperatives sector, a press release from Raj Niwas said.

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had such flight services, which gained notable attention when Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi flew on a seaplane between the Sabarmati riverfront and the Statue of Unity in Gujarat during 2019-20.

The service, operated by SpiceJet, was eventually discontinued for commercial reasons and the impact of Covid-19.

Globally, seaplanes are used for connecting islands and tourist destinations, such as the Maldives, which, as per estimates, has around 100 such aircraft.

At present, the Centre is encouraging players to enter into the segment. MoCA has eased restrictions on water aerodromes and seaplane pilot qualifications.

It is also trying to attract players via its regional connectivity UDAN scheme. The UDAN 5.5 version of the schemes offers operators the chance to chart seaplane routes between 80 water bodies, which include waterdromes, ponds, and dams.

Until now, several state governments, including Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh, have expressed interest in enhancing air connectivity through seaplanes.

Currently, seaplanes are manufactured by global companies including De Havilland Canada, Cessna, and a few others.

Industry forecast the creation of over 50 seaplane routes and the development of around 20-25 aerodromes over the next five years.

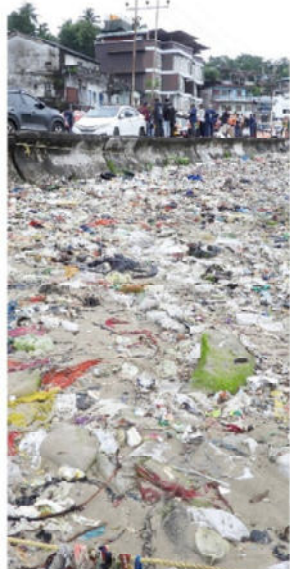
The forecast anticipates a requirement of around 30 aircraft in the next five years. (This article was published in thehindubusinessline.com on June 28, 2025)

Coastal Clean-Up Drive organized by SVPMC & Clean City A& N Islands at Haddo Sea Shore Ward No. 2

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 30  
Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPMC) and Clean City A & N Islands under the guidance of Shri Sushant Padha, IAS, Secretary, SVPMC and Shri Shahul Hameed, Chairperson, SVPMC organized a Coastal Clean-Up drive at Haddo Seashore on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025, as part of Swacchh Bharat Abhiyan.

This initiative was aimed at safeguarding marine life, preserving the natural beauty of the coast and promoting environmental sustainability. The event witnessed active participation from Councilors, officials, staff members and local residents, highlighting a strong sense of civic responsibility. During the drive, joint teams from SVPMC and Clean City A&N Islands worked tirelessly to collect and remove significant quantities of dry and inert waste from the seashore, ensuring a cleaner and safer environment for the community.

The Secretary, SVPMC, emphasized the critical role that citizens and tourists to promote



play in preserving the environment. He urged everyone to refrain from littering coastal areas or discarding waste into the sea, as such practices threaten marine ecosystems and degrade the quality of natural surroundings. He called for greater community involvement in such initiatives, highlighting that collective efforts are key to securing a cleaner, more sustainable environment for future generations.

The Coastal Clean-Up Drive is a commitment by SVPMC and Clean City citizens and tourists to promote

environmental responsibility and encourage active community participation. These efforts aim to protect and enhance the city's natural heritage while raising awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable practices, a press release from SVPMC said.

DC, SA to hold meeting with NGOs on July 4

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 30  
A meeting is scheduled to be held with all active Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) of South Andaman District on July 4, 2025 at 4 pm in the Conference Hall of the DC Office (SA) under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman for discussion on the implementation of the TB Mukta campaign.

All representatives of the NGOs have been requested to attend the meeting positively as per the scheduled date, time and venue, a press release from Additional District Magistrate, South Andaman said.

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affiliated with the Tribhuvan Sahkari University, and that the entire holistic system of cooperative movement training in the state should be conducted through the Tribhuvan Sahkari University. Shri Shah said that very soon, the National Cooperative Policy will also be announced, which will be effective from 2025 to 2045, i.e., approximately until the centenary of India's independence. He said that under the National Cooperative Policy, each State's cooperative policy will be formulated according to the cooperative conditions of that state and specific goals will be set. He said only then will we be able to become an ideal cooperative state by the centenary of independence. Shri Shah said that every state should announce its cooperative policy before January 31, 2026. He further said that bringing discipline, innovation, and transparency to the cooperative sector across the country will be achieved through the Model National Cooperative Policy Act. He added that regarding establishing 2 lakh Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), the target for the financial year 2025-26 should be completed by February next year itself, only then we can fulfil the ambitious goal on time.

Shri Amit Shah said that Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies need our special attention. He said that now we have brought cooperative banks under the Banking Act and the Reserve Bank of India has also taken a flexible approach and solved many of our problems. He said that the remaining problems can overcome only if we run the bank with transparency and recruit staff as per merit. He stressed the need for more transparency in the functioning of Credit Cooperative Societies and Urban Cooperative Banks.

Union Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah stressed on promoting natural farming and said that all State Cooperation Ministers should promote natural farming in coordination with Agriculture Ministers in their respective states so that the health of the common people as well as the mother earth is improved.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that 'Cooperation Amongst Cooperatives' has been a very good and successful experiment in Gujarat. He said that this is a very important initiative for the growth and development of our national capacity, increasing the strength of cooperatives at the national level and promoting the power of cooperatives.

The meeting focused on comprehensive evaluation of initiatives taken by the Ministry of Cooperation to facilitate meaningful exchange of best practices, policy suggestions and implementation strategies among the States and UTs. With a collective commitment to Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahkar Se Samridhhi' (Prosperity through Cooperation), the deliberations in the meeting underlined the importance of mutual cooperation and coordination in achieving inclusive growth.

The main points discussed in the meeting include progress on setting up of 2 lakh Multi-Purpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (M-PACS) across the country and promotion of dairy and fisheries cooperatives to enhance rural service delivery. The implementation of the world's largest grain storage scheme in the cooperative sector was also discussed in detail during the meeting. The delegates attending the meeting also put forth their contribution to the 'International Year of Cooperatives 2025' under the 'Cooperation Amongst Cooperatives' approach. A review of the role of the states in supporting the functioning of the three newly formed national multi-state cooperative societies - National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL), National Cooperative Organic Limited (NCOL) and Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) - was also discussed in the meeting. The White Revolution 2.0 initiative aimed at creating a sustainable and circular dairy economy was also discussed. Policy matters related to procurement at support price for pulses and maize under Atmanirbhar Bharat were also prominently discussed.

The delegates reviewed key digital transformation initiatives such as computerization of PACS and Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) offices and implementation of the National Cooperative Database, which has been envisaged as a key planning tool. Other important topics discussed during the meeting included capacity building and training through Tribhuvan Sahkari University and financial reforms to strengthen cooperative banks. These include operation of common service units (SSEs) for State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and setting up of an umbrella organisation for urban cooperative banks.

The successful conduct of the meeting has reaffirmed the shared resolve of the Centre and the States to transform India's cooperative landscape into a strong pillar of economic growth driven by the spirit of cooperative federalism and collective development.

9<sup>th</sup> Parichay Memorial Open State Badminton C'ship concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 30  
The 9<sup>th</sup> Parichay Memorial Open State Badminton Championship 2025 concluded on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at Multipurpose Hall, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram. The 5 days Championship was conducted as part of the celebration of Olympic Day 2025 by Andaman & Nicobar Islands Badminton Association (ANIBA) in coordination with Andaman & Nicobar State Olympic Association (ANSOA).



On the occasion, Shri Rajesh Deo, IPS, Senior Supdt. of Police, A & N Islands as the chief guest distributed medals & certificates to the winners and emphasized that the championship is very important for personality growth & development of sports and to show the sports skills.

In the concluding function, Shri D. Sathyamoorthy, Deputy Chief Engineer (Mechanical), ALHW was the special guest which was also attended by others Sports Associations members. The Winners and Runners are as under:

Category	Winner	Runner
Under 11 Boys Singles	Vishaant Kumar	Pawan Kumar
Under 11 Girls Singles	Alice Bilung	M. Monisha
Under 13 Boys Singles	Harshit Anthony	Akshaj Tiwari
Under 13 Girls Singles	Dishita	AP Numa Majeed
Under 15 Boys Singles	Harshit Anthony	Akshaj Tiwari
Under 15 Girls Singles	G. Lakshmita	Y. Lakshya
Under 15 Boys Doubles	Harshit Anthony & Akshit Bobi	Akshaj Tiwari & Adyansh Manoj
Under 15 Mixed Doubles	Akshit bobbi & G. Lakshmita	Adyansh Manoj & Anushka Lall
Under 17 Boys Singles	Eric James	Akshaj Tiwari
Under 17 Girls Singles	G. Lakshmita	Deveshe
Under 17 Boys Doubles	Eric James & Mod. Sabir	Zaid & V. Gautham
Under 19 Boys Singles	Eric James	Suman Bahadur
Under 19 Girls Singles	A. Anitha	Deveshe
Under 19 Boys Doubles	Eric James & Suman Bahadur	H. Hrishit & Anish Thiruna
Senior Men Singles	Kuldeep Kamal	Aditya
Senior Men Doubles	Ch Rahul & Kuldeep Kamal	M. Anshad & SI Mohd. Adil
Senior Mixed Doubles	Aditya & A. Anitha	Kuldeep Kamal & Aheri Paul

Online admission to DBRAIT & Govt. Polytechnic Diglipur

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 30  
All eligible candidates who could not apply in the first phase of admission in the Common College Admission Portal (CCAP) and wish to take admission in DBRAIT,

Sri Vijaya Puram and Govt. Polytechnic Diglipur, may apply online through CCAP. The portal will be opened from 01.07.2025 to 09.07.2025, a press release from Dean Academic said.

Term End Practical Exam for IGNOU BLIS learners to begin from July 12

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 30  
As per the schedule of IGNOU TEE June 2025, the Term End Practical Examination of the learners enrolled in BLIS (Bachelor in Library Science) of Indira Gandhi National Open University, Study Centre (0201), Jawaharlal Nehru R a j k e e y a Mahavidyalaya, Sri Vijaya Puram shall be conducted on 12.07.2025 to 19.07.2025. List of the eligible candidates batch wise

for the practical examination for BLIE-227 has been displayed in IGNOU Study Centre notice board. All concerned learners have been advised to note the same from Study Centre notice board.

For further details, learners have been advised to contact IGNOU study Centre, JNRM, Sri Vijaya Puram during its working hours, a press release received from IGNOU said.

Sawn timbers of various sizes & categories available in Govt. Saw Mill, Betapur

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 30  
The General Public/ SSI Units & Contractors have been informed that Govt. Saw Mill, Betapur has sufficient quantity of sawn timbers of various sizes in different categories in its stock. The details of the same are given below:

Sl. No.	Category	Short Length (having length less than 100 cm.) (in cm.)	Long Length (having length up to 250 cm) (in cm.)
1.	IA (Padauk)	4x4, 5x1.5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 10x4	4x4, 5x1.5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 10x4
2.	IA (Teak)	2.5x2.5, 4x2.5, 5x1.5, 5x4, 5x5, 8x4, 10x2.5, 10x4	4x1.5, 4x2.5, 5x1.5, 5x2.5, 5x4, 5x5, 8x4, 10x2.5, 10x4
3.	IB (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Paduak)	4x4, 5x2.5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 8x8, 10x4, 10x8	4x4, 5x1.5, 5x2.5, 5x5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 8x8, 10x4, 10x8
4.	IIA (Superior Hardwood)	4x4, 5x2.5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 8x8, 10x4, 10x5, 10x8	4x4, 5x1.5, 5x2.5, 5x5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 8x8, 10x4, 10x5, 10x8
5.	IIB (Gurjan)	5x1.5, 5x2.5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 8x8, 10x4, 10x5, 10x8	5x1.5, 5x2.5, 5x5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 8x8, 10x4, 10x5, 10x8
6	III (Standard Hardwood)	5x1.5, 5x2.5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 10x4	5x1.5, 5x2.5, 5x5, 8x2.5, 8x4, 8x5, 10x4
7	IV (Softwood)	5x1.5, 8x4	5x1.5, 16x1.5

If any general public/ private firms/ Govt. or private organization/ SSI Units / Contractors require the same, they may submit the appropriate authentic documents to the ACF, GSM, Betapur. Thereafter, the person concerned can collect the Indent form and accordingly may collect the timber as per availability on all working days. A rebate of 25% will be given on all categories of short length as detailed above.

For any details/ queries, the ACF, Govt. Saw Mill, Betapur may be contacted over (Ph. No. 03192-270104) on any working days between 0600 hrs. to 1500 hrs, a press release from DFO, Middle Andaman said.

Thunderstorm with gusty wind forecast

Sri Vijaya Puram, June 30  
Thunderstorm with gusty wind (40-50 kmph) and lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Squally weather with surface wind speed reaching 35-45 kmph gusting up to 55 kmph is very likely over Andaman Sea and Andaman & Nicobar Islands till 02-07-2025. Sea condition is likely to be rough to very rough. fishermen have been advised not

to venture into the sea along and off Andaman & Nicobar Islands till 02-07-2025. Swell waves in the range of 17.0 - 20.0 sec period with 1.8 - 2.2 m height have been forecasted till 23:30 hours of 01-07-2025. There is a possibility of surging of waves, boats have been advised to ply with utmost vigilance and conduct recreation with due care, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.



# Nationwide testing of indigenous Cell Broadcasting system underway to ensure swift dissemination of warnings during natural and man-made disasters

## Test messages in English and Hindi may be received on mobile phones; no action required from recipients during system validation phase

### C-DOT-developed system now operational across all 36 States and UTs; alerts issued in 19+ Indian languages for disasters and weather events

New Delhi, June 30(PIB)

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India, has been actively enhancing mobile-enabled disaster communication systems across the country to provide timely information to citizens.

NDMA has successfully operationalized Integrated Alert System (SACHET), developed by Centre of Development of Telematics (C-DOT), which is based on Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) recommended by International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This system is already operational in all 36 States and Union Territories (UTs) of India and sends various disaster or emergency related alerts through SMS to mobiles of citizens affected in a particular geo-targeted area. This system has been extensively used by disaster management authorities to issue over 6,899 crore SMS alerts in more than 19 Indian languages during various natural disasters, weather warnings, and cyclonic events.

To further strengthen alert dissemination in time-critical disaster situations such as tsunamis, earthquakes, lightning strikes, and man-made emergencies like gas leaks or chemical hazards, Cell Broadcast (CB) technology is being implemented in addition to SMS. In Cell Broadcast System, the alerts are sent to mobile phones in the affected area in a broadcast mode and hence the dissemination of alerts happen in near real time. The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier R&D center of the Department of Telecom, has been entrusted with the indigenous development and implementation of the Cell Broadcast-based public emergency alerting system.

As part of the Pan-India rollout, testing of the CB system is being conducted to ascertain the efficacy and proper functioning of the system before it is rolled out. This testing will last for 2-4 weeks covering entire country. During this period, test messages in English and Hindi may be received by the public on their mobile handsets. These "test messages" will be received only by mobile handsets that has CB test channels enabled. During testing phase, these messages may also be received multiple times, through test channel, to test proper functioning of the system in the entire network of mobile towers (Base Station Trans receivers-BTS). These test messages are part of a planned nationwide testing exercise and require no action from recipients.

The content of the test message will be as follows:

English:  
This is a TEST Cell Broadcast message sent by the National Disaster Management Authority in coordination with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, as part of testing the Cell Broadcast solution for disseminating alerts. During the testing of the Cell Broadcast solution, you may receive this message multiple times on your mobile handset. Please ignore these message(s); no action is required at your end.

Hindi:  
यह एक टेस्ट सेल ब्रॉडकास्ट संदेश है, जिसे राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण (NDMA) ने दूरसंचार विभाग (DoT), भारत सरकार के साथ मिलकर सेल ब्रॉडकास्ट समाधान के परीक्षण के तहत भेजा है। परीक्षण के दौरान आपको यह संदेश अपने मोबाइल पर कई बार प्राप्त हो सकता है। कृपया इन संदेशों को अनदेखा करें, आपकी ओर से कोई कार्रवाई करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

Once successfully tested and operationalized, the CB system will be used to disseminate alerts in multiple Indian languages across all mobile handsets- regardless of test channel settings- ensuring a wide and inclusive public reach during actual emergencies.

DoT requests the co-operation of the public during this important testing phase and reiterate that all test messages during this period are purely for system validation purposes and no action is required from the recipient side.

Follow DoT Handles for more: - X - [https://x.com/DoT\\_India](https://x.com/DoT_India)  
Insta [https://www.instagram.com/departement\\_of\\_telecom?igsh=MXUxbHFjd3lIZTU0YQ==](https://www.instagram.com/departement_of_telecom?igsh=MXUxbHFjd3lIZTU0YQ==)  
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# Startup Accelerator Platform WaveX Invites Startups to Develop AI-Powered Real-Time Multilingual Translation Solution - 'BhashaSetu'

## 'BhashaSetu' Challenge of Translation, Transliteration and Voice Tech Across 12 Indian Languages is open with No Eligibility Criteria

### Prototype Submission Deadline Set for July 22, 2025

New Delhi, June 30(PIB)

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has launched the WAVEX Startup Challenge 2025 under its flagship startup accelerator program, WaveX. The challenge invites startups across the country to participate in a national hackathon to develop an AI-powered multilingual translation solution.

Titled 'BhashaSetu - Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat', the challenge aims to encourage the development of innovative artificial intelligence tools capable of real-time translation, transliteration, and voice localization across at least 12 major Indian languages. The initiative seeks to foster inclusive, accessible, and emotion-aware communication technologies.

In a move to encourage broader participation, the challenge has no minimum eligibility criteria, allowing startups at any stage of development to apply. Startups are encouraged to build scalable and cost-effective solutions using open-source or low-cost AI models. However, proprietary solutions may also be proposed, provided they remain affordable and practical for wide-scale deployment.

The winning startup will be provided incubation support under the WaveX Accelerator, including mentorship, workspace, and development assistance until the final product is completed and deployed. Registrations are open from today, June 30, 2025, and the deadline to submit prototypes is July 22, 2025. Interested startups can apply via the official WAVEX portal at: <https://wavex.wavesbazaar.com>

About WaveX  
WaveX is the dedicated startup accelerator platform launched under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting's WAVES initiative, aimed at nurturing innovation in the media, entertainment, and language technology sectors. At the WAVES Summit held in Mumbai in May 2025, WaveX provided pitching opportunities to over 30 promising startups, enabling direct engagement with government agencies, investors, and industry leaders. WaveX continues to support breakthrough ideas through targeted hackathons, incubation, mentorship, and integration with national platforms.



CORRIGENDUM

A notice was published in “The Daily Telegrams” dated 28.06.2025 intimating that the Walk-in-Interview is scheduled on 16.07.2025 for filling up position of Young Professional-I. The details of the qualification and other criteria can be downloaded from the Institute Website may be read as [www.ciari.res.in](http://www.ciari.res.in) instead of <https://ciari.icar.gov.in>.

Administrative Officer  
ICAR-CIARI

PRESS NOTE

“It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the last date for submission of the application form for the post of Mason under the Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Administration has been extended for a further period of 15 days upto 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

Interested and eligible candidates who have not yet submitted their applications are advised to submit their applications to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Division, Haddo.

All other terms and conditions of the recruitment notification will remain unchanged.

Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Wildlife Division  
Sri Vijaya Puram

PORT MANAGEMENT BOARD  
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CORRIGENDUM

No. P/20/2023- Stat&Plg.Wing-PMB\_AN (e12459)

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated 30-06-2025

The last date for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) for ‘Development, Operation and Maintenance of Yacht Marina at Sri Vijaya Puram on No Cost No Commitment (NCNC) Basis’ in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is hereby extended from 30.06.2025 to 31.07.2025. All other parameters remain unchanged.

I.D. No. 11667

Chief Port Administrator,  
Port Management Board

No. DCS/CS/28/2024/Vol.II/896  
Andaman & Nicobar Administration  
Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs  
Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June,2025

NOTICE

The prevailing wholesale and Retail Selling Price of Essential Commodities in the local market from 30.06.2025 to 06.07.2025 is as under :-

Sl. No.	ITEMS	BRAND & VARIETY	RETAIL PRICE (Rs. Per KG)	WHOLESALE PRICE (Rs. Per KG)
1.	Rice	Andhra Ponni Cycle Brand	55.00	50.00
2.	-	Raw Rice Tajmahal/Apple	50.00	45.00
3.	Rice	Ponni Raw Rice Shivaji Brand(VST/LST/S ST)	75.00	68.00
4.	Rice	Ponni boil Rice Shivaji Brand (VST/LST/SSLT)	70.00	64.00
5.	-	Ponni Raw Rice VKR Shivaji Brand	96.00	87.00
6.	-	Ponni Boiled Rice VKR Shivaji Brand	94.00	85.00
7.	Wheat Loose	-	49.00	45.00
8.	Atta	Ashirvaad	As per MRP	64.00
9.	Atta Local	KVR	As per MRP	60.00
10.	Atta	Fortune	As per MRP	63.00
11.	Gram Dhal (01 kg)	Loose	94.00	85.00
12.	Tur Dhal (01 kg)	Special	135.00	123.00
13.	Tur Dhal (01 kg)	Chennai	115.00	104.00
14.	Moong Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 1	119.00	108.00
15.	Urad Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 1	129.00	117.00
16.	Urad Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 2	128.00	116.00
17.	Masur Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 1	97.00	88.00
18.	White Mutter (1 kg)	Loose	58.00	53.00
19.	Sugar (1 kg)	Loose	56.00	51.00
20.	Mustard Oil 1 ltrs	Netaji	As per MRP	185.00
21.	Mustard Oil 500 ml	Mashal	As per MRP	96.00
22.	Mustard Oil 1 ltrs	Mashal	As per MRP	188.00
23.	Mustard Oil (02 Ltrs)	Mashal	As per MRP	338.00
24.	Mustard Oil (05 Ltrs)	Mashal	As per MRP	940.00
25.	Mustard Oil (500 ml)	Shalimar	As per MRP	81.00
26.	Mustard Oil 1 ltrs	Shalimar	As per MRP	165.00
27.	Mustard Oil (02 Ltrs)	Shalimar	As per MRP	330.00
28.	Mustard Oil (05 Ltrs)	Shalimar	As per MRP	825.00
29.	Vanaspati Per Ltr	Dalda	As per MRP	182.00
30.	Sunflower Oil Per Ltr	Dalda	As per MRP	151.00
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32.	Palm Oil Per Ltr	Roobini	As per MRP	130.00
33.	Mustard Oil 500ml	Fortune	As per MRP	87.00
34.	Mustard Oil 1 ltrs	Fortune	As per MRP	200.00
35.	Mustard Oil 5 ltrs	Fortune	As per MRP	890.00
36.	Tea	BBT 1 kg Packet	As per MRP	535.00
37.	Milk	Everyday Powder 1 kg	As per MRP	600.00
38.		Amul Taaza 1 ltr.	As per MRP	72.00
39.		Amul Spray Powder 1 Kg	As per MRP	450.00
40.		Good Life 1 ltr.	As per MRP	72.00
41.	Potato	Chennai	45.00	35.00
42.	Onion	Nasik	50.00	40.00
43.	Tomato	Chennai	65.00	55.00
44.	Salt (Pack)	Saffola 1 kg	As per MRP	31.85
45.	Milk	Go Milk 1 ltr	As per MRP	74.00
46.	-	Go Milk 200 ml	As per MRP	15.00
47.	Jaggery	Loose	74.00	67.00
48.	Egg	-	8.00	7.50
49.	Bajra (Whole) ½ Kg pkt	Loose	As per MRP	-
50.	Jowar (Whole) ½ Kg pkt	Loose	As per MRP	-
51.	Ragi (Whole) ½ Kg pkt	Loose	As per MRP	-
52.	Suji (Whole) ½ Kg pkt	Silver coin	As per MRP	-
53.	Maida (Wheat) ½ Kg pkt	Silver coin	As per MRP	-
54.	Besan½ Kg Pkt	Number One/ Fortune	As per MRP	-
55.	Cow Ghee	Amul/RVC	As per MRP	-
56.	Butter (pasteurised)	-	As per MRP	-
57.	Black Pepper (powder) 0.50grm Pkt	Sakthi/Aachi	As per MRP	-
58.	Coriander (powder) 100 grm	Sakthi / Aachi	As per MRP	-
59.	Red Chillies (powder) 100 grm	Sakthi / Aachi	As per MRP	-
60.	Cummin Seed(powder) 0.50 grm	Sakthi / Aachi	As per MRP	-
61.	Turmeric (powder) 100 grm	Sakthi / Aachi	As per MRP	-

The Price of the Essential Commodities of the market at Sri Vijaya Puram is uploaded on the website <https://dcsca.andaman.gov.in/> on a Daily basis.

Assistant Director (CS&CA)

SUPERANNUATION



The Director (Health) and staffs of Directorate of Health Services bid farewell to **Shri. K. Arumugam**, Peon, DHS on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 on his superannuation. He has rendered 37 years of services in the Health Department. The entire office staff of Directorate wishes him a happy and healthy post retirement life.

Asst. Director (Admin.)

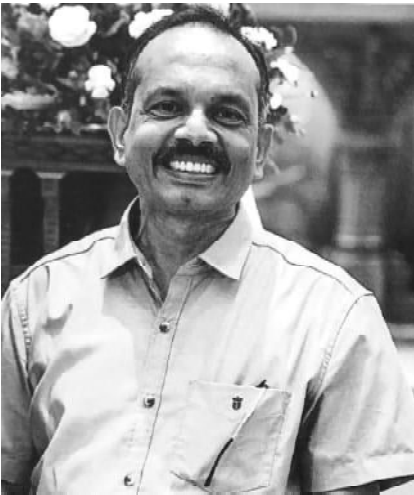
Happy Retirement

Heartfelt Congratulations to **Mr. P.C. James** on your Retirement as Programme Officer, after 31<sup>st</sup> years of Committed and Inspiring Service.

Your Dedication, integrity and hard work have left a lasting legacy.

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With love and Gratitude, Jolly, Abhishek, Oshin & Dr Amal



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The Chief Engineer and staffs of Andaman Public Works Department deeply mourn the sad demise of **Shri M. MEYYANATHAN, Retd. Executive Engineer (E&M)** on 27/06/2025. He joined in this department on 14/02/1979 and retired on 30/06/2015.

We convey our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and pray the almighty to give enough strength to the members of the family to bear this irreparable loss.

E.O. to Chief Engineer

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DENGUE

How to recognize, How to be careful

How to Detect ?

Common symptoms of Dengue:

- ❖ Severe headache and high fever
- ❖ Pain in muscles and joints
- ❖ Pain in the rear portion of the eye
- ❖ Nausea and vomiting
- ❖ Bleeding through nose, mouth and gums in serious cases



What you can do?

- ❖ Mosquitoes that spread Dengue, breed in artificial collection of water in cooler, in water tanks, in flower pots, in coconut shells, in broken / discarded vessels and tyres etc.
- ❖ Keep water - filled vessels and tanks tightly covered.
- ❖ Empty and dry the cooler and all water storage container once a week. (Dry day)
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3<sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025



Late Rohit Tirkey

R/o Ranchi Basti, School Line

Your love and kindness Continue to Guide us. Though you are no longer with us, you are forever in our Hearts.

Deeply missed and always Remembered.

Inserted by: Hermon Tirkey (Papa), Acelsia (Mummy) & Premdani

9<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 01/07/2025



Late LILIMA

(W/o Late Kishen Lall)

R/o Junglighthat, Sri Vijaya Puram  
“In every walk of life with every count of heartbeat, we feel your Graceful Presence and Blessings”

“We all Miss You”

Inserted By: (Son) Sarjeet Lall, Sangeetwar Lall, Amit Lall.

In loving memory of our beloved parents

40<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

09<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary



D.O.B: 01.07.1917 - D.O.D: 01.07.1985

Late. P.M. Koya



D.O.B: 10.08.1931 - D.O.D: 27.05.2016

Late. Kunji Bibi

“You will always remain in our hearts forever”

Inserted By: Mohammed Rafi & Family.

3<sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary  
On 01/07/2025



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Inserted By: Hermon Tirkey (Dad), Acelsia (Mom), Premdani