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10 days Grand Andaman Nicobar Book Fair begins at ITF Ground

Hon'ble Lt. Governor inaugurates the event as chief guest

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Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 1

With the motto "Knowledge is Power and Reading is Knowledge," the much awaited Andaman Nicobar Book Fair commenced today at the sprawling ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram. The ten-day literary event was inaugurated by Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, by cutting the ribbon as the chief guest. The event was also graced by Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS and Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, National Book Trust (NBT), New Delhi, along with senior officers, school children, and book lovers.

Organized by the Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration, in association with the National Book Trust (NBT), the Fair aims to foster a love for reading and promote literary culture, especially among students and youth.

After the inauguration, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, accompanied by the Chief Secretary and officials, explored the various stalls and took keen interest in the diverse collection of



books on display. He also inaugurated a Virtual Reality (VR) show on Kamorta Harbour, created by the Department of IP&T, offering visitors a rare glimpse into the restricted Nicobar Islands. The VR documentary beautifully captures

the natural harbour of Kamorta and the lives of the Nicobarese tribe, an effort which was highly appreciated by the Lt. Governor.

The Book Fair features 31 stalls showcasing around 30,000 books from renowned publishers across



mainland India. Visitors can browse and purchase books across various genres, providing a unique opportunity to explore a vast literary landscape.

A special Children's Corner has also been set up by NBT, where

school students engaged in fun learning activities such as Storytelling with Puppets and a Drawing Competition on 'The Beautiful Beaches of Andaman' & 'Save Our Oceans'. More such activities, including Storygami (Storytelling with Origami), a Slogan Writing Competition, and a Puppet Making Workshop, are planned for tomorrow (April 2). Similarly, a session on Children's Book will be conducted by National Book Trust in the evening from 6 pm.

Adding to the literary fervor, an interactive session on the history and heritage of Andaman & Nicobar Islands was held in the evening, featuring discussions by Dr. Pronob Kumar Sircar and Dr. Rashida Iqbal.

Beyond books, the Fair also features food stalls offering diverse cuisines, making it a vibrant cultural hub. This ten-day event promises to be a paradise for book lovers, educators and students, serving as a platform for publishers and authors to engage with the people of the Islands.

The Andaman Nicobar Book Fair will remain open daily from 11 am to 9 pm till April 10, 2025. There is a discount of 25% for purchase of book by public while for Government procurement, it will

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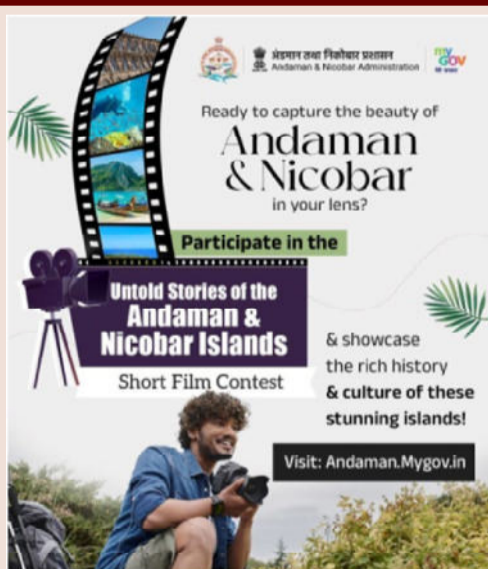
Short Film and Photo Competition by Art & Culture Department

Entries to be submitted on MyGov Andaman portal by April 15

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With an objective to create awareness on the history, beauty, culture and heritage of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and capture and preserve the same, the Department of Art and Culture, A&N Administration is organizing a Short Film Contest as well as a Photo Competition through online mode, on the themes related to Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The contest gives an incredible opportunity to the participants to showcase their creativity, storytelling skills and passion for film making and photography while promoting the unique charm of these incredible Islands.

Participants have been encouraged to capture the



Islands' breathtaking landscapes and historical places. The themes may focus on the natural beauty & heritage, history, composite culture, flora, fauna, marine biodiversity, tourism and sustainable practices of

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'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative Foundation Day of Rajasthan and Odisha celebrated enthusiastically in Raj Niwas

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As part of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative and as per directives of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, the Foundation Day of Rajasthan and Odisha was celebrated enthusiastically on 1st April, 2025 in Raj

Niwas. Persons hailing from Rajasthan and Odisha participated in the function. A short documentary on Rajasthan and Odisha was screened. The function ended with high tea, group photograph and presentation of

mementos to invitees. The participants thanked MHA, Govt. of India and Raj Niwas for the initiative and for providing them opportunities and platform for interaction, a press release from Secretary to Lt. Governor said.

Awareness prog. under AMRUT 2.0 SVPSC to organize Painting & Slogan Writing on Rain Water Harvesting

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 1

SVPSC is organizing an awareness programme under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme AMRUT 2.0 in municipal area in different Schools and Community Halls for public participation. In this regard, SVPSC will be conducting a Painting and Slogan Writing on the subject 'Jal Sanchay/Rain Water

Harvesting' in different Schools in Municipal area for school children from Class I to Class VIII in schools. Similarly, Slogan Writing will be conducted for Classes IX to XII in schools on the above mentioned subject. For Painting and Slogan Writing, school children should bring the materials by themselves. The

Painting and Slogan Writing will be held from April 7 to 11, 2025. All completed Painting and Slogan Writing shall be collected on April 11&12, 2025 by SVPSC. One may call mobile number 9434287193 and accordingly, the staff of SVPSC shall be deputed for collection of the same, a press release from SVPSC said.

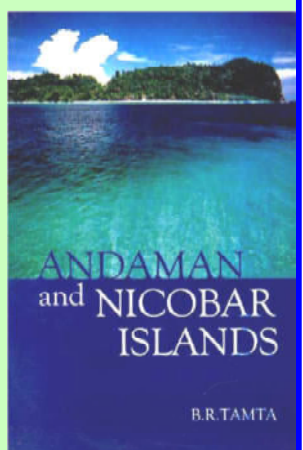
Literary activities planned for April 2 at Book Fair at ITF

◆ **Literary Session:** Session on Children's Book will be conducted by National Book Trust on April 2 from 6 pm.

◆ **VR Show:** Show on Kamorta Harbour, created by the Department of IP&T, offering visitors a rare glimpse into the restricted Nicobar Islands from 10 am onwards.

◆ **Children's Corner:** Storygami (Storytelling with Origami), a Slogan Writing Competition, and a Puppet Making Workshop will be held tomorrow (April 2)

◆ **Book of the Day:** A Book titled Andaman & Nicobar Islands by B R Tamta, retired IAS, who served as Development Commissioner, A&N Islands, provides a bird's eye-view of the Islands' distinctive features and the customs and occupations of the simple primitive tribes.



◆ **Open Stage for Students at ITF Ground:** Students can present their poems during 'open stage'. Interested students may get themselves registered at the ITF Ground at 5 pm every day.

Electricity consumers having security deposits in ANSCB can transfer to any Public Sector Banks operating in Isles

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The Electricity Department with the approval of the competent authority Nicobar State has informed all its consumers that those currently having their

security deposits towards their electric connection with the Andaman Nicobar State Cooperative Bank (ANSCB) can now transfer their security amounts to any of the following Public Sector Banks operating in A&N Islands viz. State Bank of India, Canara Bank, Indian Bank, UCOBank,

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Observance of World Autism Awareness Day
CRC in collaboration with AYUSH Health Mission to organize Health Camp at Brookshabad today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 1 Brookshabad. This day serves as a vital call to action, urging society to embrace neurodiversity and ensure equitable opportunities for all. This year's theme 'Advancing Neuro Diversity', emphasizes the importance of creating inclusive spaces within education, workplaces, and communities. It highlights the collective responsibility of policy makers, educators, healthcare professionals, and advocates in supporting autistic individuals and fostering an environment where neurodiversity is celebrated.

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be 30%. The general public and children have been invited to participate, immerse themselves in the joy of reading and explore the world of literature through the works of great authors from across the globe.

Later in the evening, as part of the 'Andaman Nicobar Book Fair', the Secretary (IP&T), Ms. Jyoti Kumari, IAS, released a book titled 'Pen Tangle'- a collection of poems penned by Ms Ruhi Shah. Hailing from the idyllic Andaman Islands, Ruhi is a writer and poet who studied Fashion Journalism at the University for the Creative Arts in the UK. In Pen Tangle, the budding poetess amalgamates the five elements of nature-fire, water, air, earth, and the spirit with her lived experiences.



Electricity consumers having security deposits in ANSCB...

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Punjab National Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra.

Further, in accordance with Section 5.136 of the JERC Regulations 2018 on 'Review of Security Deposit', the licensee shall review the consumption pattern of the consumer for previous year (April-March) and revise the Security Deposit which has to be maintained by the consumers. This sum shall be equivalent to twice of the average payment of actual bills paid in last financial year. The revised SD amount calculated by the respective sub-divisions may be deposited in any of the above solvent Public Sector Banks in the form of bank guarantee or by providing lien against fixed deposits.

Upon submission of the requisite documents for establishing a new security deposit account as per section 5.136 of Regulation 2018 in any of the above solvent Public Sector Banks, the existing security deposit along with accrued interest will be released by the ANSCB directly to the consumers on their request to the Department which will be forwarded to the ANSCB, a press release from Electricity Department said.

Short Film and Photo Competition...

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these Islands, capturing the essence of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Applications can be submitted till the midnight of 15.04.2025. All entries must be submitted on andaman.mygov.in. Entries submitted through any other medium/mode would not be considered for evaluation. Each participant will be allowed to submit only one entry. The top three winners in each category (photo and short film) will receive a certificate, while recognition will also be given at the UT level with reward from the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.



Free Prosthetic & Orthotic (Artificial Limb) Camp at CRC, A & N Islands from April 10 to 14

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 1 In its continuous effort to support individuals with mobility challenges, CRC, A & N Islands, in collaboration with the Rotary Club, Sri Vijaya Puram and Mahaveer Seva Sadan, will be organizing a Free Prosthetic & Orthotic (Artificial Limb) Camp from April 10 to 14, 2025 at CRC, Brookshabad.

To ensure that eligible beneficiaries from all parts of Andaman & Nicobar Islands receive the necessary support, CRC, A & N Islands, has invited all individuals in need of prosthetic or orthotic assistance to reach out to the institute. Beneficiaries have been requested to provide essential details such as name, age, contact information, and specific requirements, enabling CRC to offer personalized care and ensure effective service delivery during the camp.

For further information or coordination, contact Shri T.Y. Abid, Lecturer in Physiotherapy, CRC, Brookshabad at 9632490149, a press release from CRC A&N Islands said.

PS Aberdeen arrested one accused of a murder case from Tamil Nadu

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr.1 A murder case was registered at PS Aberdeen in the year 1996 against accused S. Murugan, now 48 years old, S/o Late K. Sathappan, R/o Round Basti, Sri Vijaya Puram. After getting bail, the accused shifted to Tamil Nadu and did not appear in the Hon'ble Court. Subsequently, Warrant of Arrest was issued against him.

Constable Jairaj was deputed to Tamil Nadu to arrest the accused person. The team working in coordination with the local police carried out an extensive search. Their diligent efforts successfully located and arrested the accused, S. Murugan (48 yrs), S/o Late K. Sathappan, R/o 3A, Kadambur, Sriuvayal, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu and brought him to Sri Vijaya Puram on 29/03/2025. The accused was produced before the Hon'ble Court of Magistrate, Sri Vijaya Puram from where he was sent to Judicial Custody Remand. The arrest was made under the supervision of Inspector Vishal Ram, SHO of PS Aberdeen with guidance of Shri Vikas IPS, SDPO South Andaman.

The general public have been requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100, 03192-236641& 03192-232400. The identity of the informant will be kept secret, a press release from SSP, SA said.

Physical verification of sawn timber in Govt. Saw Mill, Betapur

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 1 suspended w.e.f. 1st April, 2025 onwards till the process of stock verification is completed. Once the physical verification of sawn timber is completed, the same will be informed and accordingly receipt of application and sale of sawn timber & other mill produce to the general public and others will be resumed, a press release from DFO, temporarily MA said.

On Campus Recruitment drive for MBA students conducted

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr.1 Finance Associate. Several students appeared for the placement drive held at Pondicherry University, Andaman Campus, Sri Vijaya Puram organised a Placement Drive - On Campus Recruitment for MBA students. The interview was held in three rounds, a written test, group discussion and personal interview. The selected students will be declared by the SISCO on 02 April, 2025, a press release from Pondicherry University, Andaman Associate and Campus said.

SEVA SUCHNAYEIN SHIPPING HELPLINE NO. 245555

Passenger tickets for the sailing schedules of Foreshore Sector/Inter Island Sector vessels is being issued to the general public from 28.03.2025 (Friday) onwards.

Table with 7 columns: Sl. No., Name of the vessel, Date & Time of Sailing, From, To, Date & Time of Return Sailing, From, To. Lists sailing schedules for Sri Vijaya Puram - Mayabunder & Diglipur.

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Table with 7 columns: Sl. No., Name of the vessel, Date & Time of Sailing, From, To, Date & Time of Return Sailing, From, To. Lists sailing schedules for Sri Vijaya Puram - Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry.

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Table with 7 columns: Sl. No., Name of the vessel, Date & Time of Sailing, From, To, Date & Time of Return Sailing, From, To. Lists sailing schedules for Sri Vijaya Puram - Campbell Bay - Nancowry.

Note: Embarkation of passengers will commence 02 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the vessel and boarding will be closed 30 Minutes before departure time.

FORESHORE SECTOR 02.04.2025 (WEDNESDAY)

Table with 7 columns: Sl. No., Name of the vessel, Date & Time of Sailing, From, To, Date & Time of Return Sailing, From, To. Lists sailing schedules for the Foreshore Sector on Wednesday.

03.04.2025 (THURSDAY)

Table with 7 columns: Sl. No., Name of the vessel, Date & Time of Sailing, From, To, Date & Time of Return Sailing, From, To. Lists sailing schedules for the Foreshore Sector on Thursday.

