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President inaugurates National Conference on 'Environment - 2025' It is our moral responsibility to provide a legacy of a clean environment to the coming generations: President

New Delhi, Mar. 29 (PIB) The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a two-day National Conference on 'Environment - 2025' in New Delhi today. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that all days related to the environment give the message that we should keep their objectives and programs in mind every day and make them a part of our daily life as far as possible. Environmental protection and promotion will be possible only through continuous activism based on awareness and everyone's participation. The President said that our children and the younger generation have to face and contribute to environmental



transition on a much wider scale. She highlighted that elders in every family worry about which school or college their children will study in, and what career they will choose. This worry is justified. But, we all also have to think about what kind of air our children will breathe, what kind of water they will get to drink, whether they will be able to hear the sweet sounds of birds or not, whether they will be able to experience the beauty of lush green forests or not. She said that these topics have economic, social, and scientific aspects, but the most important thing

is that the challenges related to all these topics also have a moral aspect. It is our moral responsibility to provide a legacy of a clean environment to the coming generations. For this, we will have to adopt an environmentally conscious and sensitive lifestyle so that the environment is not only protected but also enhanced and the environment can become more vibrant. Balancing clean environment and modern development is both an opportunity and a challenge.

The President said that we believed that nature, like a mother, nourishes us, and we should respect and protect nature. The basis of

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Three-day Literature Festival-Beyond Horizon: All India Writers' Festival, organized by the Department of Art and Culture in association with Sahitya Akademi concludes

Staff Correspondent

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The three-day Literature Festival-Beyond Horizon: All India Writers' Festival, organized by the Department of Art and Culture, A&N Administration in association with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi concluded in the auditorium of TGCE today. The Literature Festival undeniably provided a platform for writers, poets and literary enthusiasts from across the country and Islands to come together, exchange ideas and explore the rich tapestry of Indian literature.

The third day of the Writers' Festival which was meticulously



structured into two sessions, witnessed good response from literature lovers. The final session of the festival titled composite session of 'Poetry and Storytelling - Voices of the Archipelago' was chaired by Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS. In his introductory remarks, Shri Keshav Chandra expressed his happiness on the conduct of the Literature Festival in



A&N Islands and underlined the need to continue this initiative to instill love & aptitude for literature among the younger generation. He also recited his self-composed poems on the occasion. During this session, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. Raviprakash, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Director of Art & Culture, Ms. Jyoti Kumari, IAS, SDM, Shri Vinayak Chamadia, IAS, Secretary, Art &

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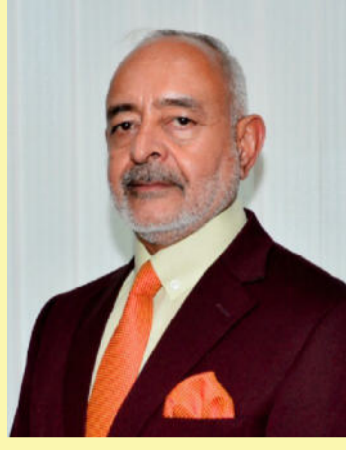
GREETINGS

On the occasion of Foundation Day of Rajasthan, 30th March 2025, I extend my warmest greetings to the people of this magnificent state.

Rajasthan embodies the extraordinary spirit of India- a land where history comes alive in every grain of sand, every carved stone and every vibrant tradition. From the vast expanse of the Thar Desert to the majestic palaces of Jaipur, the state tells a tale of courage, resilience and an unbroken cultural heritage.

Over time, Rajasthan has transformed from many small kingdoms into a unified, modern state that honors its ancient traditions while embracing progress. The unwavering commitment to advancement, education and cultural preservation forms the cornerstone of the State's enduring legacy. The true strength of Rajasthan lies in its people - the hardworking farmers, skilled artisans, dynamic youth and every citizen who stands united in the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat."

On this special occasion, I wish happiness and prosperity to the people of Rajasthan residing in these islands and to all those who carry the legacy of this great state in their hearts.



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

District Administration, SA reclaims 61,410 sq.mts. Government land from encroachers

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 29

The District Administration, South Andaman in its continuous efforts to preserve community spaces and to ensure lawful use of public property has been keeping strict vigil and monitoring and Government land is being restored back from encroachment by unscrupulous elements in past few days in South Andaman District.

A major eviction drive was carried out today at Bedonabad village and Calicut village. The Revenue officials with crucial support from the



Police Department and APWD staff, measuring approximately 61,110 Square Meter of Government Revenue Land restored to its original shape by the District Revenue authorities. To prevent further encroachments, official signboards of the Revenue

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District Administration, South Andaman imposes fines against illegal extraction and dumping of gravel

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The District Administration, South Andaman has taken strict action against violators who were indulged in illegal extraction and were dumping earth in contravention of Land Revenue Regulations.

During a recent field inspection, the revenue officials found unauthorized extraction and dumping of gravel at

Rabindra Nagar Village under Little Andaman Tehsil. As a result, a fine of Rs. 4,80,000/- was imposed on the violators against illegal extraction and dumping of gravel.

The District Administration reiterates its commitment to enforcing the law and safeguarding public resources. Stern warnings have been issued to the violator

to desist from such illegal activities in the future, failing which stricter action will be taken.

The District Administration, South Andaman urges all stakeholders to adhere to the established rules and regulations to ensure sustainable and lawful use of resources. Any unauthorized extraction or

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT Sri Vijaya Puram dated the 29th March 2025. ORDER NO. 620

Whereas, inputs have been received that Anti-national elements might carry out unlawful acts in South Andaman District which might endanger both, persons and property. And whereas, these Anti-national elements may stay in Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. while doing preparation, reconnaissance, and actual execution of these unlawful acts. And whereas, it is necessary to take speedy measures in this behalf, to protect property and prevent danger to human life and safety, thwart/prevent terrorist activities, which may affect and disturb Public Order and Tranquility in the Andaman and

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT Sri Vijaya Puram dated the 29th March 2025. ORDER NO. 621

Whereas, it has been made to appear to me that there is an apprehension that anti-social elements may make their hideous clandestinely in the residential/commercial areas of the South Andaman District. If suitable measures to prevent the same are not taken, the unlawful activities of these people can cause breach of peace and tranquility besides posing grave danger to human life and safety and injury to public property. Now, therefore, I, Arjun Sharma, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman District, am of the opinion that some check vigil is necessary on landlords/owners/managers of the residential/commercial establishments while renting out or sub-letting the

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SVPMC conducts Special Tax Collection drive

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In its continued effort to enhance municipal revenue generation and encourage civic participation, the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council conducted a successful special tax collection campaign today at the community halls of

Brookshabad Ward No. 21, Councillor Office Brichgunj Ward No. 22, Prothrapur Community Hall Ward No. 23 and JE Site Office, Garacharma Ward No. 24. The initiative aimed to make it easier for citizens to pay their municipal taxes and foster greater

community engagement. The results of the campaign were encouraging, with a significant number of people coming forward to remit their taxes, which ultimately resulted in the collection of Rs. 1,60,01,452/- in Municipal Taxes.

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Nicobar Islands.

Now, therefore, I Arjun Sharma, District Magistrate, South Andaman, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by virtue of Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)-2023 do hereby make the written order for strict compliance of following Conditions by the Owners of all such establishments in the jurisdiction of South Andaman District, of Andaman & Nicobar Islands:-

1. Only those Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. which possess valid licences, shall be allowed to function.
2. All such establishments shall have sufficient number of CCTV cameras which shall cover the entry and exit of persons and selected critical locations of the premises. All the cameras installed at all the entry and exit locations shall be in working condition and their coverage shall be preserved for not less than 30 days.
3. All such Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. shall maintain a Register having complete details of persons staying in the said premise. A copy of the valid ID proof of such persons shall be kept for record.
4. All such Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. shall ensure that details relating to Form-C (Arrival Report of Foreigners in Hotel) are submitted to the Registering Authorities within the prescribed period. All procedures/guidelines shall be followed in respect of any Foreign National staying in the said premise. This order shall come into force w.e.f zero hours of 29.03.25 and shall remain in force for a period of 60 days unless withdrawn earlier.

All such Hotels, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfast (Home Stays), Lodges, etc. which contravene this order, shall be liable to be punished in accordance with the provision of Section 208 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)-2023.

As this order cannot be served individually upon all concerned, this order is hereby passed Ex-Parte. It shall be published for the information of the general public through the press and by affixing copies on the Notice Boards in the offices of all SsP, DySPs, Tehsildars, Patwaries and all Police Stations.

Given under my hand and seal this court on today the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT  
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premises so that anti-social elements in the guise of ordinary tenants, domestic servants & Paying Guest may not cause harm to the citizen and that immediate action is necessary for prevention of the same.

Now, therefore, I, Arjun Sharma, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman District, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by virtue of Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)-2023, do hereby order as an emergency measure that no landlord/owner/manager of the residential/commercial etc establishment shall let/sublet/rent out any accommodation to any person unless and until he/she has furnished the particulars of the said tenant(s) or Paying Guest to the local Police Station concerned. Similarly, no landlord/owner/manager or the residential/commercial etc establishment shall employ any servants/house help/unless and until he/she has furnished the particulars of the said servants (s) to the local Police Station. All the persons who intend to offer accommodation on rent or employ any servant/house help shall inform in writing the particulars of tenants, paying Guests & Servants to the Station Officers concerned in whose jurisdiction the premises falls. Any breach of this order would invite action Under Section 208 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)-2023.

In view of above the emergent nature of the order, it is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general.

This order shall come into force w.e.f zero hours of 29/03/2025 and shall be effective for a period of Sixty days and is applicable to those also who already have domestic servants/maids and has not informed the Police yet when order is in force.

This order shall be promulgated by affixing copy thereof at the notice board of the office of the undersigned as well as the District Court, Port Blair and publication in News Paper having circulation in the areas through office of the Information & Publicity, A&N Administration.

Given under my hand and seal this court on today 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT  
F. No. 2-25/2025-R/TSD/DC (SA)

**Family of deceased Police official gets benefit under Police Salary Package**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 29

In a significant welfare initiative, the A&N Police had entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India on Jan. 25, 2023 to extend the benefits of the Police Salary Package to all its staff. This comprehensive package includes 'Accidental Insurance of Rs. 40 lakhs in the event of an unfortunate demise.

In a poignant example, the claim for accidental insurance following the tragic demise of Late Leela

Devi, HG(R)/254, who lost her life in a road accident, has been efficiently processed as the maiden case under this package. The deceased's legal heir, Smt. Seema Devi, W/o Aman Kumar, R/o South Point received a sum of Rs. 40.00 lakhs under the 'Police Salary Package on Mar. 21, 2025.

This milestone underscores the unwavering commitment of the Police Department to the well-being of its dedicated Police force and their families. The

collaborative efforts between Andaman and Nicobar Police and the State Bank of India have streamlined the process of disbursing insurance claims, ensuring timely financial assistance to the beneficiaries covered by the Police Salary Package. The A&N Police has extended their heartfelt gratitude to the State Bank of India for the partnership and dedication to this noble cause, a press release from PHQ, A&N Police said.

**President inaugurates National Conference on....**

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the Indian heritage of development is nourishment, not exploitation; protection, not elimination. Following this tradition, we want to move forward towards a developed India. She was happy to note that over the last decade, India has achieved several examples of early completion of its Nationally Determined Contributions as per international agreements.

The President said that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has played an important role in the environmental governance of our country. It has played a decisive role in the field of environmental justice or climate justice. The historic decisions given by NGT have a wide impact on our lives, our health, and the future of our earth. She urged the institutions associated with the environment management eco-system and citizens to continuously strive for environmental protection and promotion.

The President said that our country and the entire world community have to follow a path that is environment friendly. Only then will humanity make real progress. She stated that India has presented many exemplary examples to the world community through its green initiatives. She expressed confidence that with the participation of all stakeholders, India will play the role of green leadership at the global level. She said that we all have to make India a developed nation by the year 2047 where the air, water, greenery, and prosperity attract the entire world community.

The National Conference on 'Environment - 2025', being organised by NGT, aims to bring together key stakeholders to discuss pressing environmental challenges, share best practices, and collaborate on future action plans for sustainable environmental management.

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Department were installed at the site, serving as a strict warning to potential trespassers.

Additionally, in Radhanagar, Swaraj Dweep Encroachment in the form of a temporary

unauthorized structure on Government revenue land has been successfully evicted by the revenue officials. And an area of 300 Square Meter of Revenue land has been restored to Government Khaata.

Simultaneously, encroachment on set apart land at Dhanikhari village was removed and cleared for public use and commuter access, with the support of the APWD and Police Department.

Residents are strongly urged to refrain from unauthorized occupations, as stringent legal action will be taken against violators. To strengthen public participation in this initiative, the District Administration, South Andaman has provided multiple avenues for reporting encroachments or illegal constructions.

Citizens can contact the District Control Room at 03192-240127/238881/1070 or share information via WhatsApp at 9531888844. All reports will be handled with absolute confidentiality, ensuring the privacy of individuals who come forward to report such activities. The eviction drive will continue in the coming days, reinforcing the District Administration's resolve to protect government land and ensure its proper utilization for the benefit of the community, a press release from DC (SA) said.



**ANCA hosts Second Edition of 'Checkmate on Streets' at Bambooflat Jetty**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 29

After the resounding success of its first edition, the Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) organized the second edition of 'Checkmate on Streets' Chess for everyone street chess event at Bambooflat Jetty, responding to public demand for more such engaging chess events.

The event was officially inaugurated by Shri. K Bala Krishna, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Shore Point who made the ceremonial



first move on the chess board in the presence of Shri M K Sundharam, Ex-Zilla Parishad Member to kick start the event.

Chess enthusiasts of all ages gathered at the bustling jetty, which transformed into a dynamic open-air arena. As a gesture of appreciation, all

participants were felicitated with gifts, acknowledging their passion and sportsmanship. The next edition will take place on April 5, 2025, at Chouldhari Junction, promising yet another exciting evening of street chess, a press release from ANCA said.

**Domestic LPG Consumer having single bottle connection urged to opt for two cylinders**

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Based on the information received from Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), it is brought to the information of all the domestic LPG Consumer having single bottle connection i.e, only one cylinder have been requested to opt for double bottle connection i.e two cylinder per

household. To avail this facility, they have been advised to approach their respective LPG distributors at the earliest. This will play a vital role in resolving the hardship faced by the domestic LPG Consumers caused by delay in replenishment due to various reasons.

Further, all the domestic LPG

Consumers have been requested to book their LPG Refill through digital mode for timely replenishment of the empty cylinder. They can also avail the service of missed call facility with universal no.8454955555 which automatically make booking of their refill request, a press release from Deptt. of CS&CA said.

**Grand finale of inter-unit cricket tournament 'Commandant's Cup' held**



Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 29

The Inter-Unit T-20 League - Knockout Cricket Tournament - COMMANDANT'S CUP, organized by the India Reserve Battalion (IRBn) at Headquarters, Port Mout, concluded with a thrilling final match under floodlights. The tournament, which commenced on March 10, 2025, saw participation from 10 teams representing various units of the A&N Police, including PHQ, IRBn (2), PMT, CID, APU, PTS, PMF, Police Radio, and South Andaman (District).

A key highlight of the tournament was that all matches were played under floodlights. After weeks of intense competition, the final showdown was held between CID and PHQ, culminating in an electrifying contest won by CID Unit. Batting first, CID set a target of 115 runs, all in 19.5 over. In response, PHQ fought valiantly, scoring 107 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs, but ultimately fell short.

The grand finale and concluding ceremony were graced by the esteemed presence of Shri Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal, IPS, Director General of Police, A&N Islands, as the chief guest, along with Smt. Geeta Rani Verma, IPS, IGP (IRBn), Shri A. Koan, IPS, DIGP (PR), Smt Niharika Bhatt, IPS, Commandant (IRBn), and other senior officers of the Andaman & Nicobar Police. The Commandant's Cup 2025 Trophy was handed over by the DGP, A&N Islands, to the winning team, CID Unit.

Addressing the gathering, DGP, A&N Islands, congratulated IRBn for meticulously organizing the tournament and praised the players for their dedication and unwavering spirit. He emphasized such sporting events promote camaraderie and teamwork - essential qualities for police personnel in their line of duty, a press release received from Commandant, IRBn said.

**Three-day Literature Festival-Beyond...**

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Culture, Ms. Priyanka Kumari, DANICS and Smt. Kanak Radha Chatterjee, Chief Editor, Daily Telegrams presented their self-composed poems on different facets of life and also poems glorifying the enchanting beauty & tourist spots of A&N Islands. The dignitaries also presented prizes to the winners and runners for the Essay writing/poem reciting competitions organized among school and college students as part of the 3-days Literature Festival.

Earlier, the first session on the topic 'Mini India: Weaving Stories of Unity in Diversity' was chaired by Dr. Rashida Iqbal. Dr. Ch. Hemant Rao (Telugu), Shri. R. Gopalan (Tamil), Dr. Manju Nair, Professor, JNRM, Dr. Swapan Kumar Biswas, JNRM, Ms. Kalyani Halder, Teacher, Shri Krishna Kumar Vishwendra, Shri Basu Kumar, Dr. Ram Kripal Tiwari poets/speakers shared their self-composed poems offering a glimpse into their inner thoughts, emotions and reflections on society. The poets through their compositions provided an insight on the history of A&N Islands, role of A&N Islands in our country's freedom struggle and unity amidst diversity making these Islands a 'Mini India'.

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transportation of minerals will be dealt firmly to protect public and environmental interests, a press release received from Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District said.

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The Municipal authorities expressed their gratitude to the citizens for their prompt response and active participation, which greatly contributed to the success of the campaign. This initiative is a step towards improving civic amenities and ensuring that Municipal services continue to be funded and delivered effectively, a press release from SVPMC said.



