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Sri Vijaya Puram will have partly cloudy sky with possibility of dry weather. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 32°C and 23°C respectively on Friday 07/03/2025.

Weather Report

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 32.5
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.7
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 067
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 064
Sunrise time on 07/03/2025 (in IST): 0531
Sunset time on 07/03/2025 (in IST): 1730
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: 102.4 mm



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District Administration, SA takes swift action against illegal activities and encroachments

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

In a steadfast commitment to reclaim and protect public assets, the District Administration, South Andaman has intensified its strategically coordinated drive against illegal activities and encroachments. This ongoing effort aims to restore Government land to its rightful use, reinforcing the Administration's dedication to upholding the rule of law and preserving public spaces.

An unauthorized encroachment in the



form of a semi-structured shed was dismantled in Tushnabad village. The revenue team successfully reclaimed approximately 500 square meters of Government land, restoring it to Government Khaata.

Additionally, Revenue officials inspected a 14.60 hectare (146000 Sq. Meter) Government owned land in Bindraban village, where an individual was found engaged in the unauthorized extraction and

processing of rubber sheets from latex obtained from rubber trees on the site. The illegal activity was immediately halted, and the facility was closed on-site.

The Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman has reiterated

the Administration's zero-tolerance policy towards illegal encroachments and unauthorized activities on Government land. Citizens have strongly been urged to respect public property boundaries and refrain

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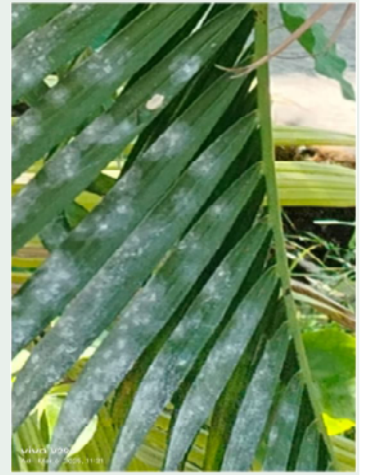
Infestation of Rugose Spiraling Whitefly in coconut palms Spraying of Azadirachtin 0.3% EC in farmer's field of South Andaman Zone to commence from today

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

The Department of Agriculture, South Andaman has reported the infestation of Rugose Spiraling Whitefly, mainly in coconut palms. This pest has also been observed in arecanut, banana, guava, and solanaceous vegetables. Additionally, the incidence of mealy bugs, though currently in traces, has been noticed in papaya and ornamental crops.

The Rugose Spiraling Whitefly feeds on the underside of leaves, producing excessive honeydew on the upper leaf surface which leads to the development of sooty mould. A prolonged dry spell and decreased relative humidity could encourage further infestation.

A survey conducted by the Department's extension functionaries indicates that the incidence of the pest is currently below the Economic Threshold Level (ETL), though some patches show slightly higher



infestation levels. As the present weather condition could favour wider infestation of this pest, immediate action is being planned to prevent further spread.

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Animal Husbandry & Animal Welfare Awareness month observance Deptt. of AH&VS conducting Animal Birth Control Campaign in different parts of Isles

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

To mark the observance of Animal Husbandry & Animal Welfare Awareness month from Feb.14, 2025 to March 13, 2025, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, A&N Administration is organising Animal Birth Control Programmes in different parts of the Isles.

The Animal Birth Control campaign held at Veterinary Hospital on March 4, 2025 at Garacharma was inaugurated by Shri Vetrivel, Ward Councillor, Garacharma. He urged the general public to abstain from throwing kitchen wastes with other sharp

wastes etc. in plastic bags as livestock consume such wastes thereby risking their life. He further stated that increasing number of accident of livestock is encountered because of straying of animals on road which can be controlled by proper housing and feeding.

Three teams headed by Dr. Baljit Kaur, SVO, Dr. V Subramaniam, SVO and Dr. ParagDeori, SVO operated upon the pet animals. Similar Campaigns were also organized at Veterinary Dispensary at Swaraj Dweep and Veterinary



Hospital at Diglipur, a press release from Deptt. of AH&VS said.

Catering to healthcare needs in far-flung areas Secretary (Health) inaugurates New Sub Centre at Wrafter's Creek, Baratang

Baratang, Mar. 6

A significant milestone in healthcare delivery for the North and Middle Andaman region was achieved today with the inauguration of a new Sub Centre at Wrafter's Creek, attached to PHC Baratang. The Sub Centre, designed to cater to the healthcare needs in far-flung areas of Wrafter's Creek was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Agarwal, Secretary (Health), Mission Director (UTHM), A&N Administration, marking a momentous occasion for the local



community.

The event was graced by the presence of several esteemed officials and PRI members, including Dr. Suja Antony, Director of Health Services, Dr. Siddharaju, Deputy Director (Family Welfare), Shri Alagarwamy, Zilla

Parishad Member, Smti. Sumari Roy, Pradhan and Shri Sathish, Up-Pradhan, Nilambur Panchayat, Dr. Nadia Rahman, Medical Officer (I/C), PHC Baratang and Dr. Rahul, GDMO.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Anil Agarwal emphasized

on the importance of Sub Centre in providing preventive, promotive and curative service to the local population and he also appealed to the gathering to actively participate and cooperate with health workers in implementing all the national health programs.

The inauguration ceremony saw the attendance of more than 200 people, highlighting the importance of this new healthcare facility for the local population. The inauguration

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Orientation conducted for Hoteliers under Swachh Green Leaf Rating by SVPSC

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPSC) conducted an Orientation Program for hoteliers yesterday at the Council's Conference Hall, as part of the Swachh Green Leaf Rating system being implemented in urban areas of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The session, held under the supervision of the Secretary, SVPSC, Shri Azharuddin Zahiruddin Quazi, IAS, was led by Ms. Gurjeet Kaur, Block Development Officer (Prothrapur) & Member Secretary, District Level



Committee (Swachh Green Leaf Rating), who explained the parameters, guidelines, and systems to be adopted by hotels to ensure compliance and secure better ratings.

The Hotel Owners, Managers, Housekeeping staff, and the Engineering

team of SVPSC participated actively. They were sensitized about maintaining high cleanliness standards, proper waste management, and sustainable practices. The Hotels were also introduced to a self-verification process

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Off-Site Emergency Response Drill conducted at Haddo Wharf

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

Off-Site Emergency Response Drill on Fire Incident was conducted at Haddo Wharf today by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Haddo, Sri Vijaya Puram in coordination with the Directorate of Disaster Management by creating real time fire simulation scenarios. This drill tested response of IOCL Team and Emergency Support Functionaries (ESFs) of A&N Police, NDRF, CISE, A&N Fire & Emergency Services, Directorate of Health

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State Level Re-Orientation Training Prog. for Ayurveda Doctors under Health Department concludes

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

The two days State Level Re-orientation Training programme for Ayurveda Doctors under the Health Department, was organized by AYUSH Wing of DHS and A & N State AYUSH Society, National AYUSH Mission on March 5 & 6, 2025 at TGCE Auditorium, Sri Vijaya Puram.

The training focused on 'Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases and Musculoskeletal



Disorders through Ayurveda'. Prof. Dr. Vasudevan Namboothiri, a veteran Ayurveda Clinician and former Director, Medical Education (ISM), Govt. of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram and Prof. Dr.K.R. Kohli, a renowned Clinician,

Researcher and former Director, Medical Education (AYUSH), Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai, were invited as resource persons from the reputed Ayurveda Institutions of the country.

The inaugural session held in the

morning of 5th March, 2025, was chaired by Dr. Anil Agarwal, Secretary (Health)/MD (NHM & NAM) as the chief guest while Dr. Suja Antony, Director of Health Services was the guest of honor.

In his address, the Secretary (Health) lauded the efforts taken by the organizing team of AYUSH for meticulously designing the topics of the training, relevant to the increasing burden of NCDs. He shared his personal experiences of

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District Level Training Prog. on Scientific Bee Keeping to be held at Ferrargunj & Rangat

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar.6

The Department of Agriculture in association with the National Bee Board, MoA & FW, GoI under the National Bee Keeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) Scheme will be organizing a 2 days District Level Training Programme on Scientific Bee Keeping at two locations in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The details of the training programme are as under.

Title of Training	Zone/Location	Training Dates
2 Days District level Training programme on 'Scientific Bee Keeping, Role of Bees in Agriculture & its Economics'	Ferrargunj Tehsil of South Andaman	10th & 11th March, 2025
	At Panchayat Samiti Hall, Rangat	07th & 08th March, 2025

The training programme aims to enhance the knowledge and skill in Scientific Bee Keeping.

Honey Bee plays a vital role in crop pollination and enhances food production, consumes rich bio-diversity,

support rural livelihood and promotes environmental sustainability. On Day

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Andaman and Nicobar Islands Industrial Estate (Allotment & Management) Policy, 2025 available in website of Industries Deptt.

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar.6

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Industrial Estate (Allotment & Management) Policy, 2025 is notified to provide fresh impetus to Industrial Growth and Employment Generation in line with the Policy initiatives of the Government of India with mission to create Andaman and Nicobar

Islands as a valued and preferred investment destination.

This Policy shall be applicable to all the existing Industrial Estates and new Industrial Estates developed and managed by Directorate of Industries, Andaman & Administration in entire territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

This Policy shall come in to force from the date of its notification in Official Gazette and shall remain in force until amended or repealed.

From the date of notification of these Policy in Official Gazette the, "Rules for lease of developed Plots in the Industrial Estate at Garacharma 1977"; and

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Training prog. for preparation of Business Development Plans for Chairman and CEOs of PACS inaugurated



Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar.6 The 3-day training programme for the preparation of Business Development Plans for Chairman and CEOs of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)

was inaugurated in the Conference Hall of Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Sri Vijaya Puram. The programme, held alongside the

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Active TB Case finding survey launched in South Andaman District

Door-to-door visits to be carried out for early diagnosis

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6
In a concerted effort to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB), the District TB Unit, South Andaman, has formally initiated an Active TB Case Finding (ACF) survey. This strategic initiative is designed to facilitate the early detection and treatment of TB cases, thereby curbing the spread of the disease within the community.

As part of this comprehensive outreach, ASHA workers and trained volunteers will conduct door-to-door visits across the district, systematically screening individuals for key symptoms of TB, including persistent cough, fever, unexplained weight loss, and fatigue. Early diagnosis plays a pivotal role in TB control, ensuring that affected individuals receive timely medical intervention while significantly reducing the risk of further transmission. This initiative marks a crucial step towards achieving the objective of TB elimination, ultimately enhancing public health and community well-being. Residents of the South Andaman district have been encouraged to actively support this endeavour by participating in screenings, staying informed, and motivating their family members and neighbours to do the same. Their cooperation will contribute to a healthier and TB-free society, a press release from NTEP, SA said.



District Level Training Prog. on...

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1, the training will include insightful theoretical knowledge on developing sustainable beekeeping aspects.

On Day 2, the trainees will be acquainted with hands on practices of handling bee colonies and installation of bee hives. The Farmers/SHGs of South Andaman, Rangat and nearby locations can participate in the training programmes and acquire knowledge and skill to adopt bee keeping which can improve their economic status, a press release from Agriculture Dept. said.

Off-Site Emergency Response Drill conducted ...

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Services and PMB to quickly extinguish the fire, if it occurs in the site.

Immediately on receipt of information of fire incident, the IOCL triggered their response mechanism to tackle the emergency fire situation at Haddo Wharf near Manifold and informed the same to ERSS, SEOC, Fire & Health Control Rooms etc. Meanwhile, the staff and team of IOCL were activated to douse the fire. The Fire Tenders reached the incident



spot with fire teams to control the fire situation. Ambulance also shifted injured persons to the hospital.

The Mock Drill was called off at 1145 hrs and was followed by a debriefing session, during which the observers explained the findings and gaps of the mock drill. The Police, Fire, Health, NDRE, CISF and Disaster Management Officers urged to provide regular trainings to the teams of IOCL on safety measures to cope with any crisis in near future, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

Orientation conducted for Hoteliers under ...

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through a standard assessment form to assess their current status and areas for improvement. The SVPSC's physical on-ground verification will commence from 7th March, 2025.

SVPSC has urged all hotels to extend full cooperation and actively participate to enhance the city's cleanliness and green standards, in line with the Swachh Bharat Mission and the Green Leaf Rating system, a press release from SVPSC said.

State Level Re-Orientation Training Prog....

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using Ayurveda remedies in day to day life.

Earlier, Dr. Kalyan P. Kadbhane, DD (AYUSH) welcomed the gathering while Dr. Suryakant Singh, MO (Ayur) proposed the vote of thanks.

During the technical sessions, various topics under Prevention and Management of Rheumatic Diseases (i.e. Sandhighata Vata, Vatashonita and Amavata) through Ayurveda, were covered by Prof. Dr. Vasudevan Namboothiri.

Prof. Dr. K.R. Kohli, covered various topics under Prevention and Ayurvedic Management of Non-Communicable Diseases i.e. Hridroga, and Prameha- Diabetes Mellitus including its complications like Nephropathy, Retinopathy, Neuropathy etc.

The session on importance of diet and life style for prevention and mitigation of various types of Arthritis, was taken by Dr. Kalyan P Kadbhane, DD (AYUSH) and the session on Ayurvedic Diet and life style for prevention and management of Diabetes Mellitus by Dr. Rekha, Specialist Panchakarma, AYUSH.

29 Doctors actively participated in RoTP and were awarded with the Certificates of Participation during the valedictory function chaired by Dr. K.R. Kohli, a press release from AYUSH said.

Infestation of Rugose Spiraling Whitefly in coconut palms...

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To tackle the issue, a comprehensive strategy has been formulated, involving:

- Formation of a Pest Control Task Force comprising Agricultural Extension functionaries.
- Active participation of PRIs in survey, execution, and feedback.
- Field monitoring by Extension staff with PRI members and immediate reporting of pest severity.
- The Task Force will implement spraying of Azadirachtin 0.3% EC in the farmer's field of South Andaman Zone starting from Chouldari Village w.e.f 07-03-2025.
- The spraying will be done on priority basis as per the severity of the incidence of pest attack in different patches.

In this regard, farmers of all the Zones have been urged to report pest activity promptly to the nearest Sub Depot/ Extension Functionaries/PRIs or Kisan Call Centre (03192-243434 or 1800-345-1145) on all working days. Awareness and training programs will continue to support pest management efforts, a press release from Directorate of Agriculture said.

Advancing accessibility and fostering inclusive travel environment Awareness prog. on Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan and Disability Inclusion at Airports conducted

Sri Vijaya Puram Mar. 6
CRC A&N Islands in collaboration with Veer Savarkar International Airport, Sri Vijaya Puram organized an awareness programme on 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan & Disability Inclusion at Airports' advancing accessibility and fostering an inclusive travel environment. This programme engages staff members from all levels to ensure a comprehensive, grassroots approach to integrating inclusive practices within airport operations.

This programme is a follow-up initiative to 'Sugamya Yatra - A Walk for Divyangjan' event which was conducted on February 7, 2025, in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare, A&N Administration. The event featured a symbolic walk from Cellular Jail to Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram, alongside

Divyangjan participants under the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, aimed at eliminating barriers and enhancing the travel experience for individuals with disabilities. The event brought together industry experts, distinguished administrators, and frontline staff at airport to build a unified vision for accessibility in travel and to drive sustainable improvements in infrastructure and service delivery.

Shri Udaya Kumar, IAS, Disability Commissioner, A&N Islands inaugurated the session through online platform and emphasized the critical importance of accessibility and outlining actionable strategies for implementing inclusive practices across all service touch points.

Smt. Sumithamol S, Director, CRC A&N Islands, welcomed all the

participants, setting the stage for collaborative dialogue and engagement.

Shri Keshab Sarkar, Officiating Director and JGM, CNS, Veer Savarkar International Airport presented the Airport's vision and shared its ongoing commitment to creating a barrier-free travel environment.

Shri T. Y. Abid, Lecturer in Physiotherapy, Shri Biswajit Roy, Administrative Officer, Smti Saranyah, Rehabilitation Officer & Shri Venket Ramana, Assistant, CRC A&N Islands provided information on Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, challenges faced by the Divyangjan at Airports and roles and responsibilities of airport staff in disability inclusion, a press release from CRC A&N Islands said.

Chess in Schools prog. concludes with thrilling Rapid Chess Tournament

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6
The three-day Chess in Schools (CIS) Programme, an initiative of the Department of Education, A&N Administration, concluded today with a Rapid Chess Tournament for the 2nd-year trainees of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, District Institute of Education & Training (DIET), Garacharma.

The tournament commenced with Shri J. D. Pushparaj, Principal, GSSS Bathubasti, making the ceremonial first move on the top board against A. Anisha, a second-year trainee. Addressing the gathering, the Principal emphasized the significance of the Chess in Schools initiative and



commended the Education Department for promoting chess as an educational tool.

A total of 60 second-year trainees participated in the tournament with great enthusiasm. Avinash Toppo remained unbeaten and secured first place, followed by A. Anisha in second place. Akshay Kumar Roy claimed the third place, while Kiran and Bhumika Sarkar finished in fourth and fifth places, respectively.

The winners were honoured with trophies.

The closing ceremony was graced by Shri Mohd. Irshad Ahmed, Assistant Director (PE/Sports), Department of Education and Shri Biswanath Sen, Assistant Director (Sports), Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, A&N Administration, who distributed the trophies to the winners, a press release from Education Department said.

Deptt. of S&YA to conduct various events as part of Women's Day celebration on March 8

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

The Department of Sports and Youth Affairs will be celebrating Women's Day on March 8, 2025 at Netaji Stadium Complex, Sri Vijaya Puram. In this connection, the Department will be organizing various sports competition for women (Govt. Servant and general public) as given below.

S.No	Age Group	Time	Events
1.	Above 18 yrs to 40 yrs	08.30 AM 3.00 PM	5 A side Football, Volleyball, Badminton (Doubles), Cycling & Chess 100 mts Sprint, 4x100 mts Relay, Shot Put) and Sack Race
2.	Above 41 to 60 yrs	3.00 PM	Walking Race, Spoon Marble Race, Reverse Walking and Passing the Ball and Tug of War

All registered participants have been requested to report on March 8, 2025 as per the given timing, a press release from Department of Sports and Youth Affairs said.

Members, non-members & general public urged to avail different services at Fitness-cum-Conditional Hall (Gym) at Netaji Stadium Sports Complex

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

The Fitness-cum-Conditional Hall (Gym) of Netaji Stadium Sports Complex, Department of Sports and Youth Affairs is providing the services of cardio vascular, endurance, cross fit training, resistance training, diet and nutrition, obesity and weight management at Netaji Stadium Complex, Sri

Vijaya Puram for the members, non-members & general public. The assigned timing in respect of the Fitness-cum-Conditional Hall are as under:

S.No	Particulars	Timing
1.	Men	5 am to 7 am & 6.30 pm to 9 pm
2.	Family	7 am to 9 am
3.	Women	4 pm to 6.30 pm

All the interested members, non-members and general public have been requested to register their names with Shri Jackson Narayan, Gym Instructor, Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram, Mobile No. 9933269214, a press release from Department of Sports and Youth Affairs said.

Training prog. for preparation of Business...

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celebration of International Year of Cooperative 2025, aims to enable PACS to function as Multiple Service Centres.

The programme was inaugurated by the DGM NABARD (Faculty) BIRD Kolkata, who encouraged participants to make the most of the training. The Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies (HQ) and Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies (Apex & Central Cooperatives Societies) sensitized participants about the objectives of celebrating International Year of Cooperative and the major initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Cooperation for the development of Cooperative Sectors.

The Ministry's initiatives include strengthening Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), computerization of PACS, establishing new multipurpose PACS, etc. The Assistant Registrar appealed to the participants to create awareness about these initiatives among cooperative members and villagers, enabling them to benefit from the Government's vision of 'Sahkar se Samridhi', a press release from RCS said.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands Industrial...

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the "Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Industrial Estate) Rules, 1976" shall stand repealed.

The notification can be seen in the Industries Department website <https://industries.andaman.gov.in>, a press release from Directorate of Industries said.

Secretary (Health) inaugurates New Sub ...

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marks a significant step in the development of healthcare in North and Middle Andaman, with hopes to further expand medical services to other remote areas in the near future. This initiative is expected to have a transformative impact on the health and well-being of residents in Wrafter's Creek and surrounding villages.

The event concluded with the vote of thank by Dr. Nadia Rahman, Medical Officer I/C, PHC Baratang, who expressed her gratitude to the Administration and all the PRI members in making this initiative a reality, a press release from PHC, Baratang said.

District Administration, SA takes swift ...

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from engaging in unlawful practices. The Administration seeks the full cooperation of residents in safeguarding public assets and ensuring their proper utilization for the benefit of the community.

To report illegal encroachments and other unlawful activities or seek further information, the public is encouraged to contact the District Control Room via phone at 03192-240127 / 238881 / 1070 or through Whats App at 9531888844. The Administration assures that the identities of informants will be kept strictly confidential to ensure their safety and protection, a press release from DC, SA said.

Badminton Tournament to be conducted at Netaji Stadium on March 15 & 16

Sri Vijaya Puram, Mar. 6

JNRM, DBRAIT, Law College, ANCOL, ANIIMS and IIT.

The matches will be conducted in doubles categories (men & women) on March 15 & 16, 2025 at Badminton Hall, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram from 4 pm to 8.30 pm. The tournament promises to be a thrilling experience for players and spectators alike.

For further details and registration, one may contact Shri Uday Kumar, Coach (Badminton) over phone no: 9474295025 to confirm their entries by 14.03.2025, a press release from Directorate of SYA said.

