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Swift Rescue by Kadamtala Marine Police Operational Centre Saves Four Fishermen Stranded at Sea



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In a swift and successful operation, the Marine Police Operational Centre (MPOC) at Kadamtala, under the Police Marine Force of the Andaman & Nicobar Police, rescued four fishermen stranded in deep-sea waters due to an engine failure on November 11, 2024.

The rescue mission was launched following a distress message received from the Fisheries Department in Mayabunder, North & Middle Andaman. The message reported that a fishing dinghy with four fishermen on board had drifted roughly 16 kilometres

offshore after its engine failed, leaving the men stranded in open waters.

Responding immediately, MPOC Kadamtala dispatched personnel HC/2379 K. Jagdeswar Rao and PC/2978 M.K. Giri to conduct the rescue. The team located and assisted the fishermen, identified as residents of Dignabad, Sri Vijaya Puram: Mr. Dharma Rao, Mr. Appalawamy, Mr. CH Gurumurthy, and Mr. CH Veeraswamy. The fishermen, while unharmed, were in need of water and food, which the rescuers promptly provided to ensure their immediate well-being.

After stabilizing the

fishermen's conditions, the team towed the disabled dinghy back to Baratang Jetty, where repairs on the engine were arranged. The operation, lasting nearly four hours, concluded successfully with both the fishermen and the rescue team returning safely.

This prompt and dedicated response by MPOC Kadamtala underscores the commitment of the Police Marine Force in safeguarding those at sea. Through their professionalism and courage, the officers prevented a potentially life-threatening situation, reaffirming their dedication to the safety and security of island residents and fishermen.

Govt. to Host Investors' Meet for Fisheries and Aquaculture in A&N Islands on Nov 14



Rohit Kumar

**Sri Vijaya Puram,
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In a significant push to boost the fisheries and aquaculture industry in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, and the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, is organizing an 'Investors' Meet' on November 14, 2024, at Taj Exotica in Swaraj Dweep.

This Investors' Meet will focus on developing a comprehensive roadmap to harness the vast fisheries and aquaculture potential of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The discussions will cover key areas, including the utilization of the 65,400 MT tuna resource, plans for launching commercial seaweed farming and cage culture, and the optimal use of identified brackish water areas for shrimp farming and crab fattening.

The A&N Administration will deliver a lead presentation on the current state of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the islands, highlighting recent achievements, future goals,

and the support mechanisms available for investors interested in establishing fisheries-related businesses in the region.

Several key organisations will also contribute insights during the event. The Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Cochin, will lead a session on export promotion opportunities, while the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) will outline a roadmap for advancing mariculture in the islands. Additionally, the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BoBP-IGO), Chennai, will discuss the development of tuna fisheries and related value chains within the islands.

Interactive sessions are also planned with representatives from industry groups such as FICCI, ASSOCHAM, Confederation of Indian Industry, Seafood Exporters Association of India, Seaweed Association of India, and the Andaman and Nicobar fisheries industry.

This event aims to bring together investors, industry leaders, and policymakers to explore the untapped opportunities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' fisheries and aquaculture sector and establish a robust framework for sustainable development in the region.

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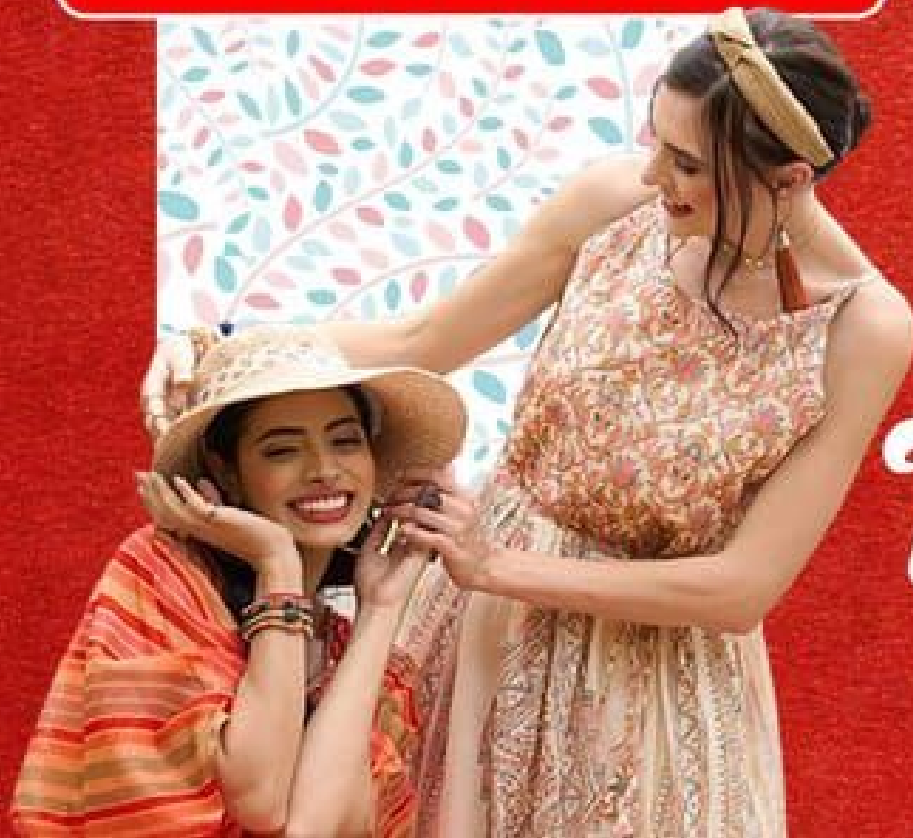
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Training Program Empowers Rural Women to Take Active Role in Panchayat Development



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A Block-Level Training Session titled **“Strengthening of Institutions of the Poor - Empowering Rural Women to Participate in Panchayat Development”** was held recently at the CMTB Building in Ferrargunj. The session aimed to educate and empower rural women, particularly

Elected Women Representatives (EWRs) and Community Resource Persons (CRPs), equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed for active participation in Panchayat development. The program commenced with a warm welcome from Mrs. Lalita Tigga, Block Development Officer (BDO) of Ferrargunj,

who greeted the attendees and highlighted the importance of women’s involvement in local governance. Ms. C. Vijaya, a domain expert from the Department of Rural Development (RD), introduced the session by discussing the pivotal role of women’s engagement in Panchayat affairs. Emphasizing the transformative power of women in leadership roles, she noted that the initiative strives to build a more inclusive, participatory, and sustainable grassroots governance model with women at its core. Ms. Agnes Bartholoma, Police Sub-Inspector, Station Ograbraj, led an

informative session on discussions on women’s the legal rights and empowerment, Ms. Mariyam Bibi, Zilla Parishad Member representing Hope Town/Bambooflat, shared insights on the Panchayati Raj System and the critical role women play within it. The training also featured Ms. Shanti Murugesan, In-Charge of the One Stop Center (OSC) under the Directorate of Social Welfare, who elaborated on OSC’s essential role in assisting women facing violence and abuse. The session underscored the support systems available for women in distress and how OSC can be a vital resource for their safety and well-being. Adding to the

discussions on women’s the legal rights and empowerment, Ms. Mariyam Bibi, Zilla Parishad Member representing Hope Town/Bambooflat, shared insights on the Panchayati Raj System and the critical role women play within it. The training concluded with a vote of thanks from Mrs. Lalita Tigga, expressing appreciation for the participants and speakers who contributed to this impactful event. This initiative is expected to foster an inclusive environment in local governance, empowering rural women to become active agents of change in their communities.

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World Pneumonia Day Marks Launch of SAANS Campaign to Combat Childhood Pneumonia



Tarun Karthick

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The State and District Level observance of World Pneumonia Day took place today, marking the official launch of the SAANS (Social Awareness & Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully) Campaign. Coordinated by the

District Health Society (SA), the State Health Society, and the Directorate of Health Services, the campaign aims to raise awareness about the prevention and treatment of childhood pneumonia. The initiative will run until February 28, 2025. The event, held at the Directorate of Industries' Conference Hall,

featured a one-day training session for Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), aimed at equipping them with the skills necessary to educate communities on pneumonia prevention and early identification. The training emphasised enhancing awareness and providing proper care for children affected by pneumonia.

Dr. Suja Antony, Director of Health Services, was present at the event alongside Dr. Avijit Roy, Deputy Director/JS (FW), Dr. Sunil Kumar, Chief Medical Officer (S), Mr. B. Nagendra, District Programme Manager of DHS (SA), and Medical Officers from the Rashtriya Bal

Swasthya Karyakram promoting (RBSK). During the event, Dr. Antony and Dr. Roy highlighted the significance of the SAANS Campaign, particularly its goal to empower AHSA workers and ANMs to raise awareness at the community level. They stressed the importance of strengthening the health system to effectively manage childhood pneumonia.

The SAANS Campaign, which carries the tagline "Pneumonia nahi, toh bachpan sahi" (No pneumonia, a healthy childhood), emphasizes the critical role pneumonia prevention plays in ensuring a healthy childhood and

overall development. Dr. Shweta, Medical Officer from RBSK, welcomed the gathering and called for strong community support. The public has been encouraged to assist ANMs and ASHAs in early detection and treatment of pneumonia in children under five years of age.

The SAANS Campaign aims to significantly reduce childhood pneumonia cases through public awareness, community engagement, and strengthened healthcare services. Continued public support is crucial for the success of this important initiative.

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India Post Payments Bank Partners with DoPPW for Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 3.0



together to streamline the process.

Previously, pensioners were required to submit paper-based life certificates, a time-consuming and cumbersome procedure. The new system removes the need for physical visits to pension disbursing agencies and offers an easy-to-use digital submission platform. The adoption of Aadhaar-enabled biometric authentication for the generation of Jeevan Pramaan ensures a seamless and quick process for senior citizens.

IPPB had initially introduced the Doorstep Digital Life Certificate service in 2020. The service allows pensioners of Central, State, and Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) to generate their life certificates without visiting the pension disbursing offices. A nominal fee of Rs. 70 (including GST) is charged for doorstep service, where the nearest Postman or Gramin Dak Sewak visits the pensioner's address to complete the process.

Pensioners can also generate the DLC by visiting their nearest post office. Once the process is completed, the pensioner will receive a confirmation SMS, and the certificate will be accessible online the following day at <https://jeevanpramaan.gov.in/ppouser/login>.

This collaborative effort promises significant ease for pensioners, particularly senior citizens, reducing the time and effort traditionally involved in the certification process.

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India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has teamed up with the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) to launch the nationwide

Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 3.0. Running from November 1 to 30, 2024, the initiative covers over 800 cities and towns, aiming to enhance the convenience of pensioners, especially those in remote areas.

The DLC Campaign 3.0 leverages cutting-edge face authentication and

fingerprint biometric technology, enabling pensioners to submit their life certificates digitally. This modern approach aims to ease the submission process, particularly for those in rural or inaccessible regions, ensuring that pensioners can complete the process with minimal effort, right at their doorsteps.

As part of the collaboration, IPPB and DoPPW are providing DLC services through post offices, pensioners' doorsteps, and dedicated DLC camps, supported by a robust network of Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks. This initiative is further supported by Pensioners' Welfare Associations, UIDAI, and other stakeholders, working

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Andaman & Nicobar Police's Ladies Pipe Band Set for National Debut at 25th All India Police Band Competition



six-month training with the First Gorkha Rifles. This rigorous preparation saw 24 women refine their skills, achieving proficiency in a full-band march and mastering 14 intricate tunes on various instruments, including pipes, tenor drums, and bass drums.

Before their journey to Nagaland, the Ladies Pipe Band demonstrated their readiness at a special event held at Parade Ground, Army Camp. Their performance was attended by DGP (ANI), CoS (ANC), and other senior officers, who observed the band's polished presentation and musical prowess.

The participation of the Ladies Pipe Band at the All India Police Band Competition is more than just a performance; it embodies the spirit and cultural heritage of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The community is filled with pride and anticipation as the band prepares to represent the islands on this esteemed national platform, with hopes that this talented group will make a lasting impression and bring accolades back to the region.

Tarun Karthick

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In a historic debut, the Andaman & Nicobar Police Ladies Pipe

Band is set to make its mark on the national stage at the 25th All India Police Band Competition.

The event, taking place in Shokuvi, Dimapur, Nagaland, from November 16 to 22, 2024, will bring together police bands from

across the country, showcasing remarkable talent and dedication in a spirited competition.

Formed in 2014, the Ladies Pipe Band of the Andaman & Nicobar Police initially started with 27

volunteer female personnel. Since then, the group has honed its craft, with guidance from the Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) over the years. As the band readied itself for its national debut, members completed an intensive



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ABVP Sri Vijaya Puram Unit Organises Study Circle on 'Swami Vivekananda's Transformative Ideas on Education'



of students as future leaders in building a knowledgeable and responsible society.

Swami Maharaj, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, then guided a meditation session, encouraging attendees to cultivate mindfulness and internal focus. This collective reflection set the stage for a discourse on Swami Vivekananda's educational ideals, which prioritize character building, self-confidence, and moral integrity.

Swami Maharaj shared that education should not only empower individuals but also inspire them to contribute positively to society. He passionately advocated for a learning approach centred on holistic personal growth rather than mere academic success.

The study circle concluded with a vote of thanks from ABVP Secretary Mr. Satyajit Halder, who expressed gratitude to the revered guests and coordinators, including Dr. Kandimuthu and ABVP Joint Secretary Mr. Kunal Bain, for their roles in making the event meaningful. Halder reaffirmed ABVP's commitment to promoting educational dialogues that inspire and motivate young minds across the region.

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Campbell Bay,
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The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Sri Vijaya Puram

Unit organized a study circle at Ramakrishna Mission on November 10, 2024, bringing together college students and ABVP members from the region. This gathering, titled "Gyanam," featured insightful discussions

aimed at fostering education rooted in values, inspired by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The event opened with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony led by Chief Guest Swami Om

Karatmanandan Maharaj, symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance through knowledge. ABVP President Mr. Tejinder Singh welcomed the attendees, emphasizing the power of collaborative learning and the role



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