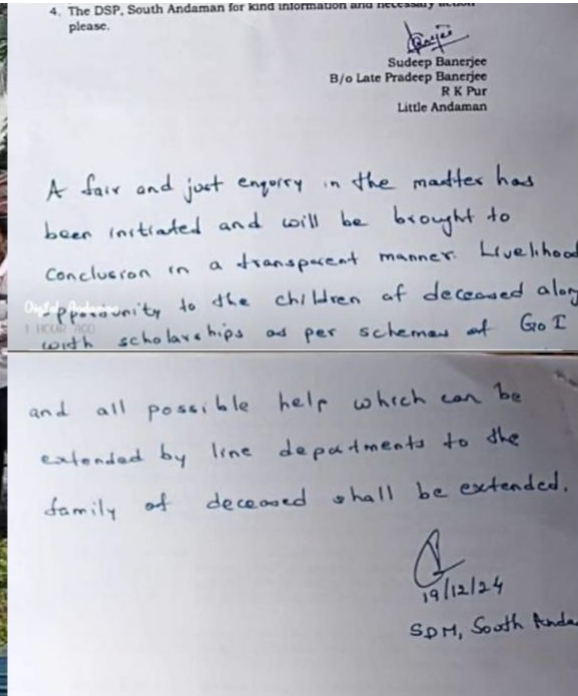


20 DECEMBER 2024 | FRIDAY | SRI VIJAYA PURAM | WWW.NICOBARTIMES.COM

Disclaimer: This is not a digital version of any printed newspaper. It is a compilation of News published by Nicobar Times, a digital news publisher recognized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GOI.

Protests Called Off in Little Andaman After Written Assurance from SDM



Tarun Karthick

**Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024**

Protests in Little Andaman, sparked by the tragic suicide of tea shop owner Pradeep Banerjee, were called off on 19th December 2024, following a written assurance from the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM). In the assurance, the SDM wrote:

"A fair and just enquiry in the matter has been initiated and will be brought to conclusion in a transparent manner. Livelihood opportunity to the children of deceased along with scholarships as per schemes of GoI and all possible help which can be extended by line departments to the family of deceased shall be extended."

Following this assurance, the family agreed to proceed with the cremation

of Mr. Banerjee's body, which had been withheld as part of the protests.

The Incident:

On December 15, 2024, Mr. Pradeep Banerjee was reportedly detained under allegations of drunk driving. Community and the family claim he was merely standing beside his fuel-depleted bike when plainclothes officers arrived, refueled the vehicle, and took him to the police station. Banerjee was released several hours later without any charges or a challan.

According to his family, Banerjee did not return home after his release. Tragically, he was found to have taken his own life shortly thereafter.

The family and community allege that police misconduct during his detention directly contributed to his suicide.

Banerjee's brother demanded the suspension of the officers involved, the filing of an FIR against them, and compensation for the victim's three young children.

Protests and Response:

The situation escalated as the family refused to cremate the body until their demands were met. Protesters rallied in support of the family, demanding justice and accountability. In response to the public outcry, three police personnel were suspended. However, the family remained firm in their call for an FIR and assurances for the children's compensatory employment.

The SDM's written assurance ultimately pacified the protesters, promising not only a thorough and transparent investigation but also tangible support for the bereaved family.

District Administration South Andaman Slaps Rs. 1.24 Crore Penalty on Quarry Operator for Illegal Mining and Transportation of Minor Minerals



Tarun Karthick

**Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024**

In a significant crackdown on illegal mining, the District Administration, South Andaman, has imposed a hefty penalty of Rs. 1.24 crore on a quarry operator recently for unauthorised extraction and transportation of minor minerals. The action comes under the purview of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Minor Mineral Rules, 2012, and the Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulation, 1966.

The violation was identified following an investigation, and the defaulter was served notices to justify their actions. However, failing to respond or appear before authorities, the penalty—Rs. 1,24,88,000—was calculated in accordance with Section 34 of the Minor Mineral Rules and Section 201(6) of the Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulation.

The administration has directed the violator to deposit the penalty with the Cashier, District Office, South Andaman, within seven days of receiving the order. Non-compliance will result in the

penalty being recovered as arrears of land revenue, with corresponding entries in the violator's Record of Rights (RoR).

Reiterating its zero-tolerance approach, the District Administration has warned against any further illegal activities, promising stricter action in the future if such violations persist.

Additionally, the administration has appealed to stakeholders to comply with existing laws to ensure the sustainable and legal use of natural resources. It has emphasized that unauthorized mining or mineral transportation not only undermines public interests but also threatens environmental sustainability.

To strengthen vigilance, the District Administration has introduced confidential reporting channels. Residents can report illegal mining, encroachments, or unauthorized construction by contacting the District Control Room at 03192-240127/238881/1070 or through WhatsApp at 9531888844. The identity of informants will remain strictly confidential.

WTi cabs

Your Flight
Is on-time,
**Make sure
you are too!**



☎ 9289925535
9289925534

WTi cabs
Wise Travel India Limited
**@ Sri Vijaya Puram
(Port Blair)**



WTi cabs

**Any Hour,
Day or week...**
Take WTi cabs whenever you need.



www.wticabs.com



Goenka's TRENDS
(UNIT OF GOENKA'S)

**Khushiyon
Ka Season**

SHERWANIS | INDOWESTERN | JODHPURI SUITS | COAT SUITS

THE FINISHING TOUCH TO YOUR WEDDING STORY

📍 Aberdeen Bazaar | Bambooflat

DreamDzyner

**TO REPORT A NEWS CALL OR WHATSAPP
ON 7063998178**

A&N Traffic Police Issues Directives to Tackle Abandoned Vehicles and Ensure Road Safety



Rohit Kumar

Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024

In a bid to enhance road safety and address traffic congestion, the Andaman and Nicobar Traffic Police convened a crucial meeting with garage owners under the chairmanship of Mr. Ajay Kr. Rai, DANIPS (Dy. SP Traffic). The meeting

focused on tackling the issue of abandoned vehicles and enforcing compliance with road safety norms. Key directives issued during the meeting include:

1. Removal of Abandoned Vehicles: Garage owners have been directed to remove unused or abandoned vehicles from roadsides and footpaths within one month. This measure aims to decongest public spaces and ensure smoother traffic flow.
2. Scrapping of Unclaimed Vehicles: Vehicles that remain unclaimed for an extended period, or those whose owners refuse to claim them, will be processed for scrapping or dealt with through legal channels.
3. No Roadside Repairs: Garage owners are instructed to conduct all repair and maintenance work within their premises. Performing such activities on public roads is strictly prohibited.

4. RC Verification: Before undertaking major repairs that could alter a vehicle's identity, garage owners must verify the vehicle's Registration Certificate (RC). These vehicles must not be worked on without clearance from law enforcement agencies. Additionally, garage owners are expected to cooperate fully in the recovery of stolen vehicles.

5. Prohibition on Unauthorised Modifications: Any modifications that compromise a vehicle's safety are strictly banned. The Traffic Police emphasised that compliance with these directives will be closely monitored. Strict action will be taken against those who found violating these guidelines. Garage owners must ensure compliance with this directive.

6. Handling of Stolen Vehicles: In cases where suspected stolen vehicles are brought for repairs or modifications, garage owners are required to report them immediately to the Traffic Police. This initiative by the Traffic Police underscores their commitment to fostering safer and more organised road usage in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

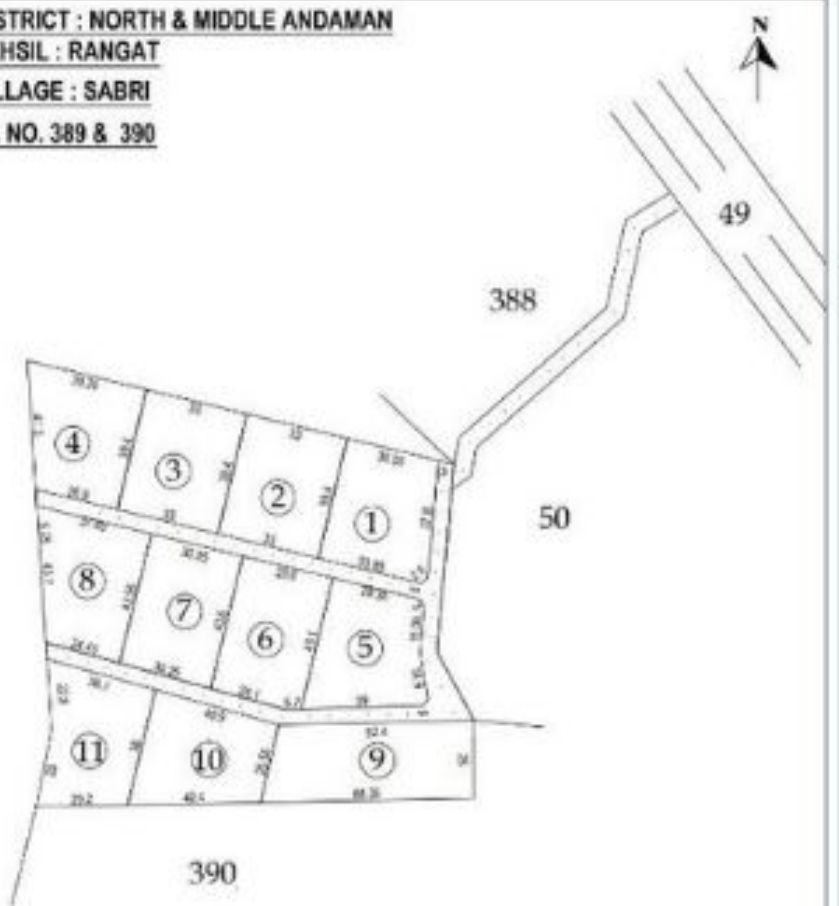
**Hilly Land Plots for Sale
at Sabri in Rangat Tehsil**

**Each Plot Measures
1300 Sq. Meters**

Rs. 16,00000

**Call Now
9531823544 &
9474213634**

DISTRICT : NORTH & MIDDLE ANDAMAN
TEHSIL : RANGAT
VILLAGE : SABRI
SY. NO. 389 & 390



PLOT NO 9 = 1625 SQMTRS.
REMAINING PLOTS = 1300 SQMTRS.

Chief Secretary Advocates for Biodiversity Conservation at ZSI Workshop



Tarun Karthick

Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024

Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration, emphasized the need to conserve the Islands' unique biodiversity while addressing a three-day training workshop on "Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems." The event, organized by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Andaman & Nicobar

Regional Centre, is being held at the ZSI Auditorium. Sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, the workshop aims to train personnel from various services.

Highlighting the integral role of flora and fauna in traditional knowledge, the Chief Secretary noted their presence in folklore and cultural narratives. He stressed the importance of reconnecting with nature, particularly for younger generations, and called for a

deeper understanding of the Islands' rich biodiversity.

Chief Secretary underscored the responsibility of conserving the Andaman & Nicobar Islands' natural heritage, which includes 96 Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks, each with unique floral and faunal species. He emphasized addressing sensitive biodiversity issues carefully while promoting knowledge sharing across regions to enhance conservation efforts.

Chief Secretary also acknowledged the vital role of institutions like ZSI in blending scientific research with community engagement. He encouraged training programs that balance these aspects and foster mutual learning among participants.

Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Department of Environment

and Forests, was the special guest at the event. He highlighted the ecological significance of the Islands, home to numerous endemic species, and their vulnerability to environmental and anthropogenic changes. He also discussed the intricate interdependencies within island ecosystems and the need for a sensitive approach to conservation.

In his welcome address, Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Course Director, outlined the objectives of the training course. The program includes classroom sessions, field visits to Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park and Chidiyatappu Biological Park, and hands-on training on intertidal marine biodiversity at Burmanallah. He also emphasized ZSI's role in conducting research and capacity-building programs.

The workshop's technical sessions began with Dr. M.

Vinod Kumar, Zonal Director, Fisheries Survey of India, delivering a talk on marine fishery resources in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Dr. C. Sivaperuman presented an overview of coastal and marine biodiversity, followed by Dr. K. Sivakumar, Professor at Pondicherry University, who spoke about the management of coastal and marine biodiversity in India. Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan discussed human-animal interactions with a focus on crocodile management in island ecosystems, while Prof. P.M. Mohan elaborated on the mangrove ecosystems of the Islands.

The workshop, which commenced on December 19, will continue until December 21, with participants from various departments, including the Indian Coast Guard, Andaman & Nicobar Police, CISF, Directorate of Agriculture, CBI, Directorate of Fisheries, and others.



G's Goenka's

Shimmer & Shine, it's Christmas time!

Our Exclusive Christmas Collection is here!

Aberdeen Bazaar | Bambooflat | Bathu Basti | Diglipur



Andaman & Nicobar Islands to Observe 20th Anniversary of the 2004 Tsunami



earthquake off the coast of Sumatra, Indonesia, was one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history. With a magnitude of 9.1–9.3, the earthquake unleashed a series of colossal waves that ravaged coastal areas across 14 countries, including India.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands bore the brunt of the catastrophe due to its proximity to the epicentre. Thousands of lives were lost, and thousands were displaced as entire villages were swept away. The southern group of islands suffered extensive destruction.

Nicobar Group of Islands, home to the Nicobarese tribal community, was particularly hard-hit, with villages left in ruins. The tsunami wiped out homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods, leaving survivors to rebuild from scratch. The islands' geographic isolation compounded relief efforts, but the resilient spirit of the local communities and coordinated efforts by the administration and armed forces brought much-needed relief and reconstruction.

In the two decades since the disaster, significant progress has been made in disaster preparedness and infrastructure development in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Early warning systems, better communication networks, and disaster response training have been implemented to mitigate the impact of such calamities in the future. The annual observance of this day serves as a poignant reminder of the lives lost and a commitment to resilience and preparedness.

The 20th anniversary commemoration will reflect on the profound loss endured and honour the enduring strength of the communities that have rebuilt their lives in the wake of tragedy.

Tarun Karthick

Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024

Andaman and Nicobar Administration will solemnly observe the 20th anniversary of the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami on December 26, 2024, at the

Tsunami Memorial, Andaman Water Sports Complex, Aberdeen.

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands will lead the commemoration by offering floral tributes at the Memorial, followed by other dignitaries paying homage to those who lost their lives in the disaster. An All-

Religion Prayer Meeting (Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha) will also be conducted at the Memorial, symbolising unity and remembrance.

The Assistant Commissioner (Headquarters), South Andaman, has appealed to the general public, PRI Members, Heads of Departments, and

Officers and Officials of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration to participate in the event. The main function will commence at 7:30 AM, and the public is encouraged to gather at the Memorial to honour the departed souls.

The 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, triggered by a massive undersea

TEXTILE LAXMI

NEERAJ TEXTILE

MERRY

Christmas

Glamour Meets Christmas Fashion Magic!

Visit your nearest showroom

Aberdeen Bazaar | Bathu Basti

Block Level Training Programme Held in Ferrargunj to Strengthen Role of Rural Women in Governance and Economy



“Women are pivotal in leading sustainable development and driving transformation in rural areas,” the BDO stated, urging attendees to leverage the training to make meaningful impacts in their communities.

The program featured expert sessions by renowned professionals. Dr. Pooja Kapoor, a Subject Matter Specialist from ICAR-CIARI, delivered an insightful session on ‘Strategies for Integrated Agriculture and Sustainable Livelihoods,’ highlighting the importance of combining modern agricultural techniques with traditional practices. Ms. Deepa Biswas, a Domain Expert in Livelihood, focused on ‘Sustainable Entrepreneurship Strategies for Rural Women,’ encouraging participants to embrace innovation in business ventures. Additionally, Mr. Seemon Mitra, the Branch Manager of SBI, Wimberlygunj, provided valuable insights into institutional support available for women entrepreneurs, emphasising the role of financial inclusivity in rural empowerment.

Rohit Kumar

Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024

A block-level training program on ‘Promoting Progressive Rural Entrepreneurship - Strategies in

Livelihood Generation’ was organised at the CMTC Building in Ferrargunj to empower women leaders and foster sustainable development in rural communities.

The initiative, which witnessed the participation of 125 individuals,

including elected women representatives, Community Resource Persons (CRPs), and members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), aimed to strengthen the role of women in rural governance and economic activities.

The program provided practical insights into entrepreneurship and

livelihood strategies, equipping participants with the tools to drive rural transformation.

The Block Development Officer (BDO) of Ferrargunj inaugurated the event, emphasizing the critical role women play in shaping rural progress.

The event showcased the commitment of stakeholders to empower women as key drivers of rural development. By enhancing their entrepreneurial skills and knowledge, the program seeks to build resilient communities and sustainable livelihoods across the region.



SURGERY CAMP

21st DEC 2024 (SATURDAY) TIME : 10:00 AM ONWARDS



Dr. ANTAN URESH KUMAR
MBBS, MS, FMAS, MCh (Urology),
Laparoscopic Kidney Transplant Surgeon &
Expert in Stone , Prostate Surgery

GET AN EXPERT OPINION ON YOUR UROLOGY PROBLEMS

CONSULTATION AVAILBLE FOR :

- ❖ Urology And Oncology
- ❖ Uro-oncology
- ❖ Cancer In Adrenal ,Bladder, Kidney, Prostate
- ❖ Kidney Stone
- ❖ Kidney Failure
- ❖ Kidney Or Bladder
- ❖ Urinary Incontinence
- ❖ Urothelial Cell Cancer
- ❖ Invasive Urology
- ❖ Endo-Urology
- ❖ Reconstructive Urology
- ❖ Wilms tumor

#192, GARACHARMA MAIN ROAD, PORT BLAIR,SOUTH ANDAMAN -744105

FOR APPOINTMENT CALL: +91-9531807777, 03192-252 052 /03192-252 522

Refresher Training Program for ANMs Held at BJR Hospital in Car Nicobar



Superintendent of BJR Hospital, delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the vital role of ANMs as frontline health workers. She stressed the importance of continuous professional development through refresher training to strengthen the capacity of healthcare workers and improve the overall health and well-being of the community. Dr. Johnson Sameer, Senior Medical Officer at BJR Hospital, encouraged participants to actively engage in the training to enhance their professional competence.

The training program featured a series of technical sessions led by experts from BJR Hospital. Dr. Sahina, Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Partha Mondal, Medical Officer (Ayurveda), Dr. Ruth, Dental Surgeon, Dr. Deepika Sharma, Medical Officer (RBSK-Ayurveda), and Dr. Jiji Paul, Medical Officer (RBSK-Homoeo), all contributed their expertise and knowledge to the training, addressing various key aspects of healthcare relevant to the ANMs' work.

This initiative highlights the ongoing commitment to improving healthcare delivery in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, particularly in the remote areas where ANMs play a critical role in providing essential healthcare services to local communities.

Tarun Karthick

Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024

A one-day Refresher Training program for Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) was

successfully conducted at the Conference Hall of Bishop John Richardson (BJR) Hospital in Car Nicobar. The program aimed to enhance the participants' skills and knowledge, focusing on delivering quality healthcare

services tailored to the unique challenges of remote island settings. The training covered crucial updates in maternal and child health, immunisation practices, infection prevention protocols,

dental care, and community engagement strategies. It also introduced emerging technologies to help ANMs deliver efficient and effective services in the region. Dr. Grace, the Medical



SASTIKA TEXTILES

CHRISTMAS SALE

[SHOP NOW](#)





Branded Jeans
Starts at ₹ **599**



T Shirts
Starts at ₹ **199**



Saree
Starts at ₹ **249**



Branded Shirts
Starts at ₹ **499**



Kurti
Starts at ₹ **199**



Purchase over Rs.1500 to receive
Amazing Gifts

Maharashtra Mandal, Near Light House, Port Blair | 03192 239640

Orientation Training on Tuberculosis Held at CHC Nancowrie



various critical aspects of TB management. He highlighted the importance of Active Case Finding (ACF), early diagnosis, and symptom identification. Stressing the need for prompt detection and treatment, Dr. Tanzeer outlined strategies for managing presumptive TB cases to ensure effective disease control.

Adding to the discourse, Mr. D. Suresh Kumar (STS), provided a detailed briefing on TB medications and the Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course (DOTS) strategy. He also emphasized the importance of screening high-risk groups, including Antenatal Care (ANC) patients, individuals with diabetes, and close contacts of diagnosed TB patients.

The training underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in eradicating TB and called on healthcare workers to play a proactive role in identifying and treating cases promptly. Participants left the session better equipped to combat TB, reinforcing the shared commitment to public health in the region.

Tarun Karthick

**Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024**

A one-day orientation training


session on Tuberculosis (TB) was successfully conducted at the Community Health Centre (CHC) Nancowrie, aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills of healthcare professionals. The program, held in the CHC conference hall, saw active participation from Nursing Officers, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), Multi-Purpose Health Workers (MPHWs), Community Health

Officers (CHOs), and other paramedical staff.

Dr. M. A. Tanzeer, Medical Officer at CHC Nancowrie, led the session with an in-depth discussion on

No.1
Wedding Mall
in Andaman

A Trend with the Beauty of **Ethnic Wedding Collection**
BEST WEDDING & SILK COLLECTION

 **Goenka's TRENDS**
Aberdeen Bazaar | Bambooflat
+91 76950 72471 | +91 76950 73026

Transport Department Announces Apprenticeship Opportunities for Youth in Southern Group of Islands



Technology (DBRAIT) and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), the department offers certification programs in technical trades relevant to transportation. These certifications will make candidates eligible for apprenticeships in various trades under the Transport Department.

To kickstart this effort, the department is encouraging residents of the southern group of islands who hold ITI or other technical trade certifications to seize the opportunity to work as apprentices in trades such as Motor Mechanic, Auto Electrician, Fitter, Welder etc. in Transport Department.

Eligible candidates can submit their applications online at www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in under "Apprenticeship Opportunities." For additional support, applicants may approach the Office of the Assistant Engineer, STS Unit, Car Nicobar.

Tarun Karthick

**Sri Vijaya Puram,
20 December 2024**

The Government of India's National Apprenticeship

Promotion Scheme (NAPS) continues to pave the way for skill development across the country by providing financial incentives, technological support, and advocacy. Aligned with this

initiative, the Transport Department of the Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Administration is taking proactive steps to train local youth, particularly those residing in the southern

group of islands, under various certification programs tailored to the transportation sector. In collaboration with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of



Connecting Aspirations



BEAT THE PRICE, NEVER BEFORE YEAR END OFFER FROM TATA MOTORS

BENEFITS UPTO 1.60LAKH*



HARRIER	TIGOR	PUNCH	CURVV	NEXON	TIAGO	ALTROZ	SAFARI
Price Reduced upto ₹ 1.20 Lakh* Price Starts from ₹ 14.99 Lakh* Additional Discount upto ₹ 20,000*	Price Reduced upto ₹ 20,000* Price Starts from ₹ 5.99 Lakh* Additional Discount upto ₹ 30,000*	Discount upto ₹ 25,000* Price Starts from ₹ 6.12 Lakh*	Unbelievable Introductory Price Starts at ₹ 9.99 Lakh* Valid till 31st December 2024 only	Price Reduced upto ₹ 80,000* Price Starts from ₹ 7.99 Lakh* Additional Discount upto ₹ 30,000*	Price Reduced upto ₹ 30,000* Price Starts from ₹ 4.99 Lakh* Additional Discount upto ₹ 30,000*	Price Reduced upto ₹ 45,000* Price Starts from ₹ 6.49 Lakh* Additional Discount upto ₹ 30,000*	Price Reduced upto ₹ 1.40 Lakh* Price Starts from ₹ 15.49 Lakh* Additional Discount upto ₹ 20,000*



GENNEXT MOTORS (ANDAMAN) PVT LTD

Shadipur & Jodakilan,
Sri Vijaya Puram
Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

+91 9564211998
+91 8509525570

Follow us on  **facebook**
@gennextmotors - Andaman

Follow us on  **Instagram**
@gennextmotors

ABVP Delegation Meets Newly Appointed Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Islands



and Ms. Durga Nandani, City Joint Secretary.

During the meeting, the ABVP team extended a warm welcome to Dr. Kumar by presenting a bouquet and shawl, symbolizing their best wishes for his new role. They also showcased the organisation's legacy and commitment to student welfare through a "Dheya Yatra," highlighting ABVP's 75 years of dedication to the student community.

The interaction was cordial, with Dr. Kumar. He extended his best wishes to the members, encouraging them to continue their work for the welfare of students and society. The Chief Secretary assured the delegation of his support and cooperation in their initiatives for the betterment of the student community.

Rohit Kumar Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad Dr. Chandra Bhushan Singh, City President; Mr. (ABVP), Andaman and Kumar, IAS. Satyajit Halder, City Secretary and NEC Secretary and NEC Member; Mr. M. Vinesh, City Secretary of the Andaman Dr. Kandi Muthu, Vibhag Joint Secretary; Ms. Tanuja and Nicobar administration, Pramukh; Mr. Tejinder Saha, Co-Chatra Pramukh;

Sri Vijaya Puram, 20 December 2024

A delegation from the Akhil and Nicobar administration, Pramukh;

EXCHANGE OFFER



ISLAND MEGA FAIR

EXCHANGE OFFER

MINIBAY



BRING YOUR OLD APPLIANCES AND GET NEW ON DISCOUNTED PRICE

SPECIAL OFFER UP TO 30% OFF



32", 42", 55" ALL SIZES 7063955144

EMI MELA

BAJAJ FINSERV

WASHING MACHINE, AIR CONDITIONER, LED TV, FRIGDES, SOFA SETS, AND MANY MORE

ISLAND MEGA FAIR MINIBAY 7063955144

