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## 59 Grams Ganja Recovered from 23-Year-Old at Modi Tikery Parangara in North and Middle Andaman District



**Tarun Karthick**

**Sri Vijaya Puram, 09 January 2025**

In a significant operation on January 6, 2025, the Kalighat Police, led by Sub-Inspector (SI) Ashok Kumar Baghel, intercepted a 23-year-old suspect near Modi Tikery Parangara and recovered 59 grams of ganja hidden inside motorcycle seat.

The operation unfolded after SI Ashok Kumar Baghel received a tip-off about the suspect, Tarun Kumar Bepari, traveling on a motorcycle from Paschimsagar to Kalapahad carrying contraband Ganja. Following directives from Mr. Ankesh Yadav, DANIPS, SDPO Diglipur, a raiding team

was formed, comprising SI Baghel, Head Constable (D) Rupesh Kumar, and Police Constables Subrata Biswas and Vijay Kumar.

The team, equipped with investigation kits and other tools, departed from Kalighat Police Station. They also enlisted two independent witnesses to accompany them during the search operation.

The team intercepted the suspect near Modi Tikery Parangara under the supervision of SDPO Mr. Ankesh Yadav. Upon searching the motorcycle, a red carry bag containing ganja wrapped in brown tape was found concealed inside the

seat. The substance, confirmed to be ganja using a drug detection kit, weighed 59 grams.

The ganja and the motorcycle were seized on the spot. The suspect, Tarun Kumar Bepari, admitted to procuring the ganja with the intent to sell it. He was subsequently arrested under Section 20(b)(ii)A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

The operation concluded with the suspect and the seized contraband being brought to Kalighat Police Station for further legal action. The coordinated efforts of the police team ensured the successful interception of the contraband.

## Draft Policy for Comprehensive Fisheries Development in A&N Islands Open for Public Feedback



**Tarun Karthick**

**Sri Vijaya Puram, 09 January 2025**

Directorate of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) Administration, has unveiled a Draft Policy on the "Comprehensive Development of Fisheries in A&N Islands." This initiative reflects the Administration's commitment to the sustainable utilisation of marine fisheries resources and the promotion of emerging sectors such as mariculture, coastal aquaculture, and freshwater aquaculture.

The Draft Policy encompasses various developmental aspects, including Marine Fisheries, Fishing Technology, Post-Harvest Handling and Processing, Aquaculture, Capacity Building, and Fisheries Management.

To ensure inclusivity and gather diverse

perspectives, the policy has been placed in the public domain for comments and suggestions from the general public, fisheries stakeholders, research institutes, and departments within the A&N Administration.

The document is accessible on the official website of the A&N Administration at <https://andaman.gov.in>.

Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their inputs in writing to the Directorate of Fisheries at Sri Vijaya Puram or via email to [dirfish.and@nic.in](mailto:dirfish.and@nic.in). The deadline for submitting feedback is 30 days from the date of publication.

This participatory approach is expected to refine the policy framework and address the needs of the local fishing community while fostering sustainable growth in the fisheries sector.



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# Andaman Tourism Stall Promotes Island Attractions at 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas



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Bhubaneswar, Odisha, is hosting the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD), a flagship event organized by the Government of India, from January 8 to 10, 2025. This biennial event aims to

strengthen the bond with the Indian diaspora and recognise their invaluable contributions to the nation's growth and development.

This year's PBD is expected to attract around 4,000 delegates from across the globe. The theme reflects India's focus

on fostering cultural, economic, and diplomatic ties with its diaspora, making it a significant platform for collaboration and engagement.

The event will officially commence on January 9, with the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, inaugurating the occasion. The date holds historical significance as it marks the return of Mahatma Gandhi to India from South Africa in 1915. The valedictory session on January 10 will feature the Hon'ble President of India, Mrs. Droupadi Murmu, who will


present the prestigious Samman Award to distinguished members of the Indian diaspora.

Dignitaries of Indian origin from various countries will attend as chief guests, underscoring the unity and influence of the global Indian community.

Andaman and Nicobar Administration's Tourism Department is also making its presence felt at the event. A dedicated promotional stall will showcase the islands' rich cultural heritage, iconic national

monuments, and tourism initiatives, aiming to capture international attention and boost the region's visibility.

Held in Bhubaneswar, a city celebrated for its vibrant culture and historical significance, the 18th PBD provides an ideal setting to honour the achievements of non-resident Indians. It will also explore new avenues for collaboration in trade, technology, and cultural exchange, reinforcing the event's role as a vital bridge between India and its global diaspora.




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## CD Block Little Andaman Hosts Training Program on 'Strategies for Creating a Comprehensive Block Panchayat Development Plan'



importance of the Block Panchayat Development Plan (BPDP) and the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) in fostering sustainable growth at the grassroots level.

Keynote speaker Mr. Mohammed Arif, State Programme Manager, provided an in-depth explanation of the framework for preparing the BPDP. He detailed the steps involved and stressed the need for integrating government schemes to maximise development outcomes.

The event also featured insightful discussions led by experts, including Mr. G. Santosh Kumar, AE (PRI), Mr. G. Venkata Ramana, JE (PRI), and Ms. E. Maheswari, Panchayat Samiti Member. Topics covered included the preparation of GPDP and BPDP, conducting effective Gram Sabhas, and leveraging government-sponsored schemes to address local needs.

The training program was lauded as a significant step toward strengthening grassroots governance and ensuring holistic development across the block.

Tarun Karthick

Sri Vijaya Puram,  
09 January 2025

The CD Block of Little Andaman organised a Block Level

Training Program on "Strategies for Creating a Comprehensive Block Panchayat Development Plan" at the Panchayat Samiti Hall on 8th January 2025. Conducted under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA),

the event aimed to empower local officials, including Block Planning Committee and Panchayat Samiti members, with the tools to enhance panchayat development.

The program was inaugurated by Mr. Raja, Up-Pramukh of Panchayat Samiti, Little Andaman. Addressing the participants, Mr. Belthazer, Block Development Officer (BDO), emphasized the

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## Chief Secretary Attends New Year Celebration by CRC Organised in Collaboration with PANKH NGO



A cultural performance by special children and their parents showcased remarkable talents, while fun games for families added a lively and engaging atmosphere to the celebration.

The programme was also attended by key dignitaries, including Mr. L. Kumar, IAS, Secretary of Social Welfare, and Ms. Geeta Rani Verma, IPS, IGP (Narcotics) of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Earlier, Ms. Sumithamol, Director of CRC, A&N Islands, extended a warm welcome to all attendees. The highlight of the celebration was the special acknowledgment of Mrs. Komal Anand, Founder & President of PANKH NGO, Sri Vijaya Puram, whose vision and dedication played a crucial role in making this event possible. PANKH NGO sponsored the entire programme and generously donated a water cooler to CRC, reinforcing their unwavering support for Divyangjan and their families. Swami Suddhananda Saraswati from Chinmaya Mission also graced the event.

The celebration concluded with the Chief Secretary leading the New Year Cake Cutting Ceremony and distributing prizes and gifts to winners of various activities and CwSN, leaving everyone inspired and motivated.

Mr. Jeo Paul, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology at CRC, proposed the vote of thanks, rounding off a truly memorable and empowering event.

**Rohit Kumar**  
**Sri Vijaya Puram,**  
**09 January 2025**

The Composite Regional Centre (CRC) in A&N Islands witnessed an inspiring and momentous New Year celebration on 8th January 2025, in

collaboration with PANKH NGO. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary of A&N Administration, who served as the chief guest. This gathering exemplified the Administration's steadfast commitment to empowering persons with disabilities and fostering an inclusive society.

Dr. Kumar, in his address, highlighted the energy and resilience of the Divyangjan, praising their enthusiasm and unique abilities as a beacon of inspiration for a more inclusive community. "Their enthusiasm and unique abilities remind us of the boundless possibilities within each individual," he emphasized.

The celebration featured an ADIP (Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances) distribution ceremony, during which the Chief Secretary personally distributed aids and appliances to beneficiaries, empowering them to lead more independent lives.



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## New LPG Showroom of Consumers Co-operative Stores Limited in Aberdeen Bazar Inaugurated



Council, Mr. Sudeep Rai Sharma; Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha of South Andaman, Mrs. M. Rajani; Up-Adhyaksh of South Andaman, Mr. P.A. Sharfuddin; Municipal Councillors; officials from Indian Oil Corporation; CCS Board members; public figures; political leaders; shareholders; and CCS employees.

During his address, Chairman Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma commended the current Board of Directors of CCS Limited for their dedicated efforts towards the development of the society. Mrs. Pushpanjali Raju, Chairman of CCS Limited, also spoke at the event, addressing the gathering with words of appreciation and vision for future developments. Mr. Abdul Siddique, Secretary of CCS Limited, provided a brief overview of upcoming projects and concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

**Tarun Karthick**

**Sri Vijaya Puram,  
09 January 2025**

The Consumers Co-operative Stores Limited (CCS) has

officially relocated its LPG showroom from Delanipur to the newly constructed showroom on the 1st floor of the CCS Head Office building at Aberdeen Bazar, Sri Vijaya Puram. The inauguration

ceremony of the new showroom took place on 08th January 2025 at 11:00 a.m. and was attended by a large gathering.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma,

Chairman of the A&N State Cooperative Bank, was the chief guest at the event. He inaugurated the showroom in the presence of prominent personalities, including the Chairman of the Municipal

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## PS Billiground Team Busts Illegal Liquor Operation in Badamnallah Forest



of Lehan, along with various production materials carefully concealed within the dense jungle. All confiscated items were promptly destroyed, delivering a significant setback to the illicit liquor manufacturing network operating in the region.

The operation was carried out under the vigilant supervision of Mr. Rahul L. Nair, IPS, SDPO Rangat, and directed by Ms. Shweta K. Sugathan, IPS, Superintendent of Police, N&M Andaman District.

The police urge the general public to come forward with any credible information regarding illegal activities or crimes. Residents are encouraged to share information with the nearest police station or contact emergency numbers 100, 112, or 03192-273344. Informers' identities will be kept confidential, and those providing valuable information will be suitably rewarded.

This successful operation stands as a clear warning to those involved in illegal activities—authorities are committed to safeguarding the region and ensuring that law and order prevail.

Tarun Karthick  
Sri Vijaya Puram,  
09 January 2025

On January 7, 2025, the PS Billiground team successfully conducted a swift and efficient operation targeting illegal liquor activities in the dense forest area of Badamnallah.

Acting on a timely tip-off, SI M.V Shiju Kumar, SHO of PS Billiground, formed a specialised team consisting of PCs Anirudra Das, Biplab Bachar, and HG(R) Thatha

Rao. During the operation in the remote Badamnallah forest, the team uncovered a hidden site used for the illegal production of liquor. They seized approximately 500 litres

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# Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoī Conducts Successful Dermatology Camp at Swaraj Dweep (Havelock)



The event witnessed a positive response from the community, emphasising the critical role of such healthcare services in island areas.

Dr. Arisha Salam, along with a dedicated team from DHS and PBGKR, worked diligently to ensure the camp's success.

Mr. Mandeep Grewal, Founder and President of PBGKR, expressed his satisfaction, stating, "The camp has not only improved the health and well-being of the patients but also raised awareness about dermatological issues and the significance of timely medical intervention."

He further extended gratitude to DHS and Dr. Arisha Salam for their invaluable support and dedication. PBGKR remains committed to organising similar health camps in the future, continuing its mission to serve and uplift the community.

**Tarun Karthick**

**Sri Vijaya Puram, 09 January 2025**

Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoī (PBGKR) successfully

completed a One-Day Dermatology Camp on 8th January 2025 at the Primary Health Centre (PHC), Swaraj Dweep (Havelock), offering essential dermatological care to 35 patients from the local community. This initiative, conducted in collaboration with the Directorate of Health Services (DHS), aimed to address the growing need for accessible healthcare in remote areas.

The camp, led by Dr. Arisha Salam, provided comprehensive skin check-ups, consultations, and treatments, ensuring patients received personalised care and appropriate medical




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## Frequent Power Outages Causing Street Light Shutdown in South Andaman: Dhairya VP Urges Action in Letter to Electricity Department



prolonged darkness, according to the letter, fosters an environment conducive to crimes and unlawful activities, posing threats to the lives and property of residents.

Despite repeated grievances from the community, the issue remains unresolved, raising serious concerns about public safety and security. Sajid Shan emphasised the need for swift intervention, pointing out that addressing the problem would not only prevent potential mishaps but also restore public confidence in the efficiency of the department.

The letter appeals to the department to prioritise resolving the matter and reaffirms trust in its commitment to serving the community.

Tarun Karthick  
Sri Vijaya Puram,  
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Electricity Department, particularly in areas like Sri Abdul Sajid (Sajid Shan), Vijaya Puram. Abdul Sajid Vice President of the NGO addressed the issue in an official letter to the Executive Engineer, urging Dhairya has raised concerns about persistent power outages and non-functional streetlights, the recurring problem.

The letter highlights the severe impact of power interruptions on public safety and convenience, especially with streetlights becoming non-operational during outages. This

As the region awaits action, residents hope for a prompt resolution to ensure safety and improve the quality of life in South Andaman.

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