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## Banned & Highly Dangerous Sedative Methaqualone Surfaces in Car Nicobar: Growing Drug Menace in Islands



Image: Methaqualone Seized by DRI Pune Regional Unit in August 2023.

**Tarun Karthick**  
**Sri Vijaya Puram,**  
**16 June 2025**

A troubling case of drug consumption has come to light in Car Nicobar, where police (in an FIR) confirmed the presence of Methaqualone—a banned and highly dangerous substance. The incident took place in Tapoiming village

and was reported by a local resident who became alarmed by the erratic behaviour of her brother.

According to the report lodged at Car Nicobar Police Station, the woman approached the Second Captain of the village on the night of June 13 and explained that her brother was behaving in a very unusual manner. He was

reportedly sweating profusely, pulling his own hair, and shifting rapidly between uncontrollable laughter and crying. When she tried to help him change clothes after bathing him, she discovered a plastic packet with white, crystal-like contents inside his black bag marked "Supreme." Suspecting this substance to be the cause of his condition,

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## MP Bishnu Pada Ray Meets Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Seeks Action on Key Andaman & Nicobar Issues



**Tarun Karthick**  
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Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble Member of Parliament from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, recently met with Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah at the latter's residence in New Delhi to discuss a series of critical concerns affecting the people of the Islands.

During the meeting, MP Ray conveyed the growing dissatisfaction among island residents regarding the current administrative leadership. He strongly urged the removal of Admiral D.K. Joshi from the post of Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, advocating for the appointment of a development-focused and welfare-oriented individual who would

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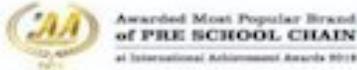


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she immediately alerted the village second captain.

The next day, the woman, accompanied by her family and the village second captain, went to the Car Nicobar Police Station with the bag and the packet. Inspector T. Hemavathi, Station House Officer, conducted a field test using the Narcotic Drugs Detection Kit available at the station. The test result confirmed that the substance was Methaqualone. The packet was then weighed and found to contain 22.4 grams of the drug. The police promptly registered a case under Section 22(b) of the Narcotic

Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and took the substance into custody.

Methaqualone is a powerful sedative-hypnotic drug that was once used as a medical treatment for insomnia and anxiety, but is now banned in India and many other countries due to its high potential for abuse and dangerous side effects. It works by depressing the central nervous system and can produce a false sense of calm or euphoria. However, its use can also lead to confusion, loss of motor control, slurred speech, nausea, and in severe cases, respiratory failure,

and coma, or death. When used repeatedly, Methaqualone can cause strong physical and psychological addiction, making it extremely dangerous.

What makes this case particularly alarming is the fact that the substance was discovered in a remote village of Car Nicobar Island.

While methamphetamine use has been reported in the Islands before, the emergence of Methaqualone suggests a new and worrying trend in the local drug scene. The variety and potency of drugs now being found raise the risk of serious public health issues and signal that traffickers may be

expanding their reach. This development adds to growing concerns about the spread of drugs in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It is not only the increasing number of cases that is troubling, but the fact that newer, riskier substances are making their way into secluded communities.

The case also raises several urgent questions. How are banned substances like Methaqualone reaching the Islands? Are there individuals or groups actively distributing these drugs to the youth of the Islands? Could the drug have been brought in by sea, or even washed ashore—raising another

serious concern about what is happening along the coastline? If these substances are being trafficked via maritime routes, what systems are in place to detect and stop them? And if they are arriving accidentally, as part of larger illegal shipments dumped at sea, why are such materials reaching Nicobar's shores?

Authorities have yet to provide answers, but the matter has to certainly draw enough attention to the urgent need for better coastal monitoring, community awareness, and drug prevention efforts. The threat has arrived in the Islands—and it must be addressed before it grows further.

## Contd..Pg 1..MP Bishnu Pada Ray Meets Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Seeks Action on Key Andaman & Nicobar Issues

work in the best interests of the Islanders. Mr. Amit Shah gave a patient hearing and assured that the sentiments expressed would be given due consideration, adding that a replacement would be made.

The MP also highlighted the pressing issue of inadequate financial support for local governance bodies, including Panchayati

Raj Institutions and the Municipal Council. He noted that severe funding curtailments have stalled developmental works such as road construction, drinking water pipeline projects, and civic infrastructure improvements—

despite over three years having passed in the current term of these bodies. The Home Minister assured MP Ray

that the matter would be looked into, and also agreed to meet PRI representatives in ten days for detailed deliberations.

Healthcare emerged as another major point of concern during the meeting. Mr. Ray stressed the

urgent need to upgrade medical infrastructure and improve healthcare services across the Islands. In response, Mr. Amit Shah

assured that the matter would be seriously addressed.

Additionally, MP Ray requested the Hon'ble Minister's intervention in expediting the appointment of a new State President and General Secretary (Organisation) for the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands to strengthen the party's

organisational framework in the territory. The Home Minister assured that the issue would be resolved soon.

Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Amit Shah for the warm reception and for positively responding to the concerns raised, reaffirming his commitment to the welfare of the Islanders.

## Massive District-Wide Cleanliness Drive Conducted in Nicobar under Swachh Bharat Mission



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India's flagship initiative, the Swachh Bharat Mission.

In a resolute step towards promoting hygiene, public health, and community well-being, the District Administration, Nicobar, conducted a massive district-wide cleanliness drive on June 14, 2025, under the Government of

The extensive campaign spanned all villages, schools, healthcare facilities, markets, parks, and public spaces across the Nicobar District, mobilising departments, institutions, and local communities in a

united effort to maintain cleanliness and foster a healthier environment.

The initiative aligns with the resolutions adopted during the 18th NCORD (National Committee on Drug Law Enforcement) Meeting, where it was unanimously decided to hold cleanliness drives on a fortnightly basis. These regular drives aim not only to improve sanitation but also to reinforce the vision of a drug-free and addiction-free society.

Under a coordinated framework, each department has been

assigned specific villages to maintain, promoting ownership, accountability, and long-term impact. The drive saw enthusiastic participation from line departments, Tribal Councils, school authorities, health institutions, and—most importantly—local villagers, whose active involvement was instrumental in the campaign's success.

Deputy Commissioner Mr. Amit Kale, IAS, commended the efforts of all stakeholders and lauded the strong community engagement. He emphasized

consistent public participation is essential to achieving lasting goals of cleanliness and fostering an addiction-free environment. "Let us take pride in keeping our surroundings clean, green, and healthy," he urged.

This comprehensive drive marks a significant stride toward building a cleaner and more sustainable Nicobar District, reaffirming the Administration's commitment to inclusive governance and grassroots-driven development.

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## Renowned Marine Biologist Delivers Lecture on Turtle Nesting and Sustainable Tourism in Andaman & Nicobar Islands



emphasized how integrating conservation efforts with tourism can offer enriching, sustainable experiences while protecting biodiversity.

Secretary (Tourism), Ms. Jyoti Kumari, IAS, in her address, highlighted the Department's renewed thrust on alternative and off-season tourism strategies. She noted that the ongoing lecture series are part of a broader initiative to explore niche tourism segments, aiming to redefine the Islands' tourism landscape beyond the traditional peak seasons. "These initiatives aim to establish clear deliverables that can be translated into tangible, measurable outcomes," she stated.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from tourism stakeholders, local entrepreneurs, students, and environmental enthusiasts, underscoring a shared vision for eco-conscious development.

With such initiatives, the Department of Tourism continues to affirm its commitment to promoting responsible tourism that safeguards the ecological richness of the Islands, aligning with the long-term vision of making the Andaman & Nicobar Islands a benchmark for sustainable travel.

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The Department of Tourism, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in collaboration with the Andaman and Nicobar

Environment Team (ANET), organized an insightful lecture titled "From Hatchling to Hope: Leveraging Turtle Nesting for Sustainable Tourism in the Islands" on 14th June 2025. The lecture was delivered by acclaimed marine biologist Prof.

Dr. Kartik Shanker of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

The session focused on the ecological importance and tourism potential of turtle nesting sites across the Islands.

Prof. Shanker shared in-depth insights into the life cycle of sea turtles, the critical nesting habitats in the region, and global examples of eco-tourism models that successfully balance conservation with community-based tourism. He

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## CHC Nancowry Observes World Blood Donor Day with Community-Wide Participation



vital role of a safe and consistent blood supply in saving lives. He urged all eligible individuals to make blood donation a regular practice and become active participants in this life-saving mission.

Naval personnel from INS Kardip, staff from various government departments, and villagers across the region came forward to pledge their support. Many registered as voluntary blood donors, reaffirming the community's commitment to healthcare and solidarity.

CHC Nancowry extended its gratitude to all contributors for their enthusiastic support and for helping make the program a resounding success.

For more information on blood donation and HIV/AIDS-related services, the public is encouraged to contact the Toll-Free AIDS Helpline at 1097 or follow the A & N AIDS Control Society on its official social media platforms.

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In a heartfelt tribute to the spirit of voluntary blood donation, the Community Health Centre

(CHC) Nancowry, in community participation. collaboration with the A & N AIDS Control Society and the State Blood Transfusion Council, observed World Blood Donor Day on 14th June 2025 with great enthusiasm and

from various departments including the armed forces. This year's theme, "Give Blood, Give Hope: Together We Save Lives", inspired a strong turnout from healthcare professionals, local residents, and personnel

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# Harit Yoga Organised in Run-Up to 11th International Day of Yoga in Andaman & Nicobar Islands



Other upcoming activities include a special antenatal yoga session at G.B. Pant Hospital and an inter-college quiz competition to engage students with the principles of yoga. Summer yoga camps for children are also being organized throughout the Islands to encourage healthy lifestyles.

To build capacity in yoga instruction, a Training of Trainers (ToT) program on the Common Yoga Protocol was held at the Yoga Unit of AYUSH Hospital, involving staff members from multiple departments. A dedicated yoga session for girl children was conducted at Pranab Kalyan Ashram.

The signature 'Yoga Samavesh' event is scheduled at CRC Brookshabad and Abhyudaya Complex, Ferrargunj, designed to welcome Divyangjan, senior citizens, and children, emphasizing yoga's inclusive benefits.

Additionally, a Beach Yoga session at Wandoor Beach involved local villagers, offering a tranquil environment where participants could experience yoga alongside the calming ocean atmosphere, helping reduce stress and promote environmental appreciation.

These activities aim to build enthusiasm for the International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2025, while promoting wellness, environmental stewardship, and community spirit throughout the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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As the 11th International Day of Yoga approaches on June 21, the Directorate of Health Services and the A & N State AYUSH Society, in

collaboration with the Forest Department, have launched a series of 'Harit Yoga' initiatives across the Islands to promote health, environmental conservation, and community participation.

At Ayushman Arogya Mandirs in

Teylerabad and Guptapara, around 55 participants took part in combined yoga sessions alongside tree plantation drives and clean-up activities, fostering both physical well-being and ecological awareness.

Yoga sessions at Nature Park, Wildlife

Division, Haddo, and Marina Park have provided opportunities for participants to connect with nature while practicing yoga. Y-Break sessions have been conducted for government officials across various departments to integrate yoga into their daily work routine.



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# DEO Wimberlygunj Successfully Conducts 'Run with Nature' Marathon



valedictory address, Mr. Singh encouraged the younger generation to adopt sports as a means to maintain a healthy lifestyle and steer clear of drug abuse.

Awards for the women's category were distributed by Dr. Shweta, accompanied by Mrs. Rasheeda, Pradhan of GP Hopetown, and Ms. Mariyam Bibi, Zilla Parishad Member. Meanwhile, Mr. Niti Bhardwaj, Assistant Branch Manager, SBI, and Dr. Manoharan, DEO of Wimberlygunj, honoured the winners of the senior citizens' category.

Special recognition was also given to the participant with Children With Special Needs (CWSN) and to the youngest participant who completed the marathon, highlighting the event's inclusive spirit.

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Sri Vijaya Puram,  
16 June 2025

The Deputy Education Office,

Wimberlygunj, successfully organized the much-anticipated 'Run with Nature' Marathon on Saturday, drawing over 200 enthusiastic participants. The event featured a 10 km run for men, a 5 km run for women, and a 4 km Walkathon specially designed for senior citizens, all starting and concluding at Chunnabatta-North Bay-Chunnabatta.

The marathon was officially flagged off by Mr. Vikram Singh, Director (Education/Sports), who later presented cash awards and trophies to the winners of the men's category. In his

The 'Run with Nature' Marathon not only celebrated physical fitness but also reinforced community spirit and the importance of leading a drug-free life.

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## BJP Sri Vijaya Puram City District Organizes Tree Plantation Drive at Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram



Narayan, District President of Sri Vijaya Puram. The plantation drive saw enthusiastic participation from Mrs. Sheela Singh, State Vice President and State Programme Incharge, elected representatives, programme coordinators for the district, party leaders, and state-level archery participants from Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The BJP Andaman and Nicobar Islands reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a greener, cleaner, and more sustainable environment, reflecting the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi for a Swachh and Swasth Bharat.

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As part of the month-long campaign of Sri Vijaya Puram celebrating World Environment Day, the June 2025, at Vanvasi Bharatiya Janata Party Kalyan Ashram in Shadipur. The event was led by Mr. M. Vinod, State Vice President and Programme Incharge for Sri Vijaya Puram District, along with Mr. Jitendra

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## AATO Participates in ZSI's Swachhata Pakhwada Campaign Promoting "Zero Waste Tourism – A Sustainable Goal"



clean tourist destinations while minimizing environmental impact.

Presiding over the programme as Chief Guest, Mr. M. Vinod emphasized the crucial role of tour operators and visitors in supporting sustainable tourism. Mr. Avinash Kumar Singh, Superintendent Engineer of Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour, while Mr. K. Hamza, General Secretary of AATO, also attended the programme.

Speakers highlighted the importance of the Swachh Bharat Mission and urged all stakeholders to reduce plastic usage significantly with the goal of completely eliminating it in the near future.

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A delegation from the Andaman and Nicobar Association of Tour

Operators (AATO), led by June 2025. The event focused on the theme "Zero Waste Tourism – A Sustainable Goal", featuring interactive sessions, awareness

talks, and distribution of educational materials aimed at promoting hygiene and sustainability in tourism. Participants were encouraged to adopt practices that help maintain

The programme was attended by AATO members, research scholars, and staff members of ZSI, marking a collective commitment towards a cleaner and greener environment.