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Deadline for Making Declaration on Great Nicobar Airport Land Acquisition Extended by One Year



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The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has extended by one year the statutory period for making the declaration under Section 19(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, in connection with the proposed Greenfield International Airport Project in Great Nicobar Island.

The extension has been notified through Notification

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Dweep Pujan Programmes Held Across Three Islands of Nicobar District



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Collective Dweep Pujan programmes were organised across three major islands of Nicobar District—Great Nicobar, Car Nicobar and Kamorta—on the eve of Diwali, with the participation of local residents, devotees and members of various social organisations.

The programmes were organised under the leadership of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The tradition of collective Dweep Pujan in the Nicobar Islands began in 2022 during the visit of Mr. Avinash Gaur, Sangathan Mantri of VHP, Andaman & Nicobar Prant, to Campbell Bay. Under his guidance and the chairmanship of the then Campbell Bay Prakhand Mantri, Mr. Rajan Singh, the first collective Dweep Pujan programme in the Nicobar Islands was

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No. 280/2026/F.No.34-725/2026-Rev., dated November 2, 2026, published in the Andaman and Nicobar Gazette Extraordinary. The period has been extended from November 6, 2026, up to and including November 5, 2027.

The preliminary notification for the acquisition of 834.6437 hectares of land in Gandhi Nagar and Shastri Nagar villages of Campbell Bay Tehsil, Nicobar District, was issued on November 6, 2025, for the public purpose of the Greenfield International Airport Project.

Under Section 19(7) of the Act, a preliminary notification is deemed to have been rescinded if the declaration under Section 19(1) is not made within 12 months from the date of the preliminary notification. However, the provision empowers the appropriate Government to extend the period if circumstances exist justifying the extension, subject to the decision being recorded in writing and notified.

The Administration stated that the Rehabilitation and Resettlement process has substantially progressed, but certain mandatory procedures remain to be completed before the declaration can be issued. These include the review of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Scheme by the Project-level Rehabilitation and Resettlement Committee, approval of the Scheme by the Commissioner for Rehabilitation and Resettlement, publication of the approved scheme and deposit of the prescribed amount by the requiring body.

The notification stated that allowing the preliminary notification to lapse would render the statutory work already completed infructuous and require the land acquisition process to be initiated afresh.

The notification further clarifies that the extension does not alter the extent, description, boundaries or public purpose of the land specified in the preliminary notification.

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organised at Campbell Bay. Since then, the programme has witnessed growing public participation and an increase in the number of diyas illuminated each year.

At Campbell Bay, the programme was organised under the leadership of VHP and the guidance of Nicobar Zila Samiti Adhyaksh Mr. Rajan Singh. Mr. Mohan, Nicobar Zila Sanyojak of Bajrang Dal, was entrusted with the responsibility of organising the event. Mr. Venkat, Pradhan of Govind Nagar Panchayat, along with office-bearers and members of the local Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, participated in the programme, which also witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents and devotees.

At Car Nicobar, the district headquarters, a collective Dweep Pujan programme was organised for the first time at Kuchat Park Headquarters, where 501 diyas were illuminated. The programme was conducted in the presence of Nicobar Zila Samiti Mantri Mr. Sunil Gupta and under the leadership of Zila Sah-Mantri Mr. Anvesh, with the support of the local Sanatani community.

The first diya was lit by Ms. Hemawati, Station House Officer of Car Nicobar Police Station, as a mark of respect for Matrushakti and a symbol of women's empowerment. Members of Matrushakti and Durga Vahini participated in the programme along with local residents, government

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employees and followers of Sanatan Dharma.

The diyas were arranged in the shape of a Trishul. With the electric lights switched off, the illuminated arrangement created a striking visual spectacle at Kuchat Park. The contributions of Mr. Shankar, Mr. Subramaniam and other local supporters were acknowledged by the organisers.

A collective Dweep Pujan programme was also organised for the first time at Radha Krishna Temple in Kamorta Island, in the Nancowry group of islands. Organised under the leadership of Campbell Bay Prakhand Mantri Mr. Govinda, the programme witnessed the participation of members of the local fishing community led by Mr. Chandrashekhar and Mr. Pandi Rajan.

A total of 101 diyas were illuminated within the temple premises with the support of local devotees and followers of Sanatan Dharma. The programme marked the beginning of a new tradition of collective Dweep Pujan on Kamorta Island.

On the occasion of Diwali, Mr. Avinash Gaur, Prant Sangathan Mantri of VHP, extended greetings to devotees and emphasised the importance of worshipping Mata Lakshmi, Mata Saraswati and Bhagwan Ganesh during the festival. He stated that prosperity represented by Mata Lakshmi could be utilised wisely when accompanied by knowledge and the blessings of Bhagwan Ganesh. He also appealed to people to celebrate Diwali in accordance with Indian culture and traditions.

Nicobar Zila Samiti Adhyaksh Mr. Rajan Singh, in his message, appealed to people to light at least one diya for the happiness and prosperity of their families as well as the well-being of the nation. He said Diwali should also be an occasion to pray for national unity, collective prosperity and a bright future for the country.

The organisers expressed gratitude to the local administration, Police Department and Fire Services for their cooperation in conducting the programmes in an orderly manner. VHP's Nicobar Zila Samiti also acknowledged the contributions of Panchayat representatives, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Matrushakti, Durga Vahini, Bajrang Dal, local communities, government employees, devotees and other supporters who contributed to the successful organisation of the events.

Our Rights Organization Flags Poorly Maintained Children's Play Equipment at Marina Park



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Our Rights Organization has raised concerns over the poor maintenance and unsafe condition of children's play equipment at Marina Park in Sri Vijaya Puram, urging the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council to take immediate corrective measures.

In a grievance letter dated November 6, 2026, addressed to the Secretary of the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council, the organisation's Chairman, C. Saravanan, highlighted the deteriorating condition of recreational facilities at the park, which is under the administrative control of the Municipal Council.

The organisation stated that several playground structures, including slides, ladders and swings, require urgent maintenance and repairs. According to the complaint, the equipment has visible damage,

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including broken and cracked portions, rusted metal components, worn-out steps and damaged supporting structures.

The organisation expressed concern that the deteriorated condition of the equipment could pose safety risks to children and other visitors, potentially leading to accidents and injuries.

Seeking intervention from the Municipal Council, Our Rights Organization has requested an immediate inspection of the park and an assessment of all recreational facilities. It has also called for the repair or replacement of damaged playground equipment and temporary restriction of public access to facilities identified as unsafe until the necessary repairs are completed.

The organisation has further urged the Council to ensure regular maintenance, cleanliness and safety inspections of the park, along with fixing responsibility and establishing a periodic monitoring mechanism to prevent recurrence of such issues.

Highlighting the importance of Marina Park as a recreational space for residents of Sri Vijaya Puram, the organisation has appealed to the Municipal Council to initiate necessary action without delay to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families visiting the park.

TSG Bhasker Graces Grand Finale of Birsa Munda Rolling Cup Hockey Tournament



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Mr. TSG Bhasker, Chairman of the Campaign Committee–ANTCC, graced the grand finale of the Birsa Munda Rolling Cup Hockey Knockout Tournament held at Vivekananda Nagarpalika Vidyalaya Ground, Ranchi Basti, Dairy Farm. The tournament was organised by the Ranchi Association and sponsored by ANIIDCO.

Mr. TSG Bhasker witnessed the final matches and distributed prizes to the winning and runner-up teams in both boys' and girls' categories. He congratulated the players for their sporting spirit, dedication and performance.

He also appreciated the Ranchi Association for organising the tournament and providing a platform for young sporting talents to showcase their abilities.

Mr. TSG Bhasker was accompanied by Mr. Febiyanus Toppo, President of the Ranchi Association; Mr. Prakash Minj, General Secretary; Mr. Sebastian Tirkey, Secretary; Mr. Y. Joga Rao, Councillor, Ward No. 14; Mr. Padmanabhan, Councillor, Ward No. 15; Mr. Eswar Rao, Congress leader from Ward No. 02; and several other dignitaries.

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₹90,000 Lost in Cyber Fraud Following Alleged Installation of Short Video App in Sri Vijaya Puram



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A resident of Birdline, Sri Vijaya Puram, has allegedly lost ₹90,000 in a cyber fraud after installing a short video application on his mobile phone. The Cyber Crime Police Station has registered an FIR in the case under Sections 318(4) and 319(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

According to the complaint, the victim had unknowingly installed an application named 'TUBY' from Google in September 2026 to watch short videos. He uninstalled the application after two days. However, between September 29 and 30, his mobile phone reportedly began hanging frequently, and several applications stopped functioning properly, including Google Pay.

On September 30, at around 10:00 AM, when he opened Google Pay, a message stating "Google device is updating" appeared within a minute, following which the mobile phone became completely unresponsive.

At around 10:10 AM, he checked the Google Pay application and discovered that ₹90,000 had been debited through four transactions to an unknown recipient. The transactions included debits of ₹39,000, ₹30,000, ₹11,000 and ₹10,000.

Suspecting that his mobile phone had been compromised, he approached the Cyber Crime Police Station and lodged a complaint on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal on October 1, 2026.

The FIR was registered on October 1.

Senior Healthcare Professional in Sri Vijaya Puram Reports ₹16.43 Lakh in Unauthorised Transactions; FIR Registered



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Sri Vijaya Puram, A senior healthcare professional in Sri Vijaya Puram has reported unauthorised transactions amounting to ₹16,43,456.50 from his bank accounts and credit cards, following which the Cyber Crime Police Station, South Andaman, registered an FIR on October 31, 2026.

According to the FIR, the incident began at around 1:02 AM on October 28, 2026, when the complainant received an automated call from a number associated with Indian Bank seeking his consent for a high-value transaction from his savings account. He denied permission for the transaction but immediately began receiving multiple SMS alerts regarding unauthorised transactions.

The complainant attempted to contact the national cybercrime helpline 1930 but could not communicate properly due to network issues. Subsequently, he received a call from the Cyber Crime Police Station helpline, and the staff advised him to switch off mobile data, suspecting that the fraudster

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might be accessing his mobile phone through the internet. However, he continued receiving SMS alerts in bulk, including messages regarding transactions involving his Indian Bank, HDFC Bank and SBI credit cards, which he used for UPI payments.

The complainant stated that he opened the Indian Bank mobile application and downloaded the transaction details. He also attempted to block the cards that were still active. As he continued receiving numerous unrelated messages, he switched off his mobile phone on the advice of the cybercrime helpline personnel.

On October 28, he visited the Cyber Crime Police Station and lodged a complaint regarding the unauthorised transactions. He also provided the information sought by the police. However, the continuous SMS bombing reportedly delayed the collection of transaction details.

Later in the evening, the complainant discovered multiple unauthorised transactions from his ICICI Bank savings account, which he also used for UPI transactions. He contacted the bank's customer care and blocked further transactions. He then visited the ICICI Bank branch, obtained the transaction statement and returned to the Cyber Crime Police Station to submit the complaint and the transaction details.

As per the FIR, the SMS bombing stopped at around 4:35 AM on October 29, 2026. The complainant had also registered complaints on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal on October 28, 2026.

The total amount involved in the unauthorised transactions was reported as ₹16,43,456.50.

The Cyber Crime Police Station, South Andaman, registered FIR No. 0050/2026 under Sections 318(4) and 319(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

MY Bharat Organises District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2027 in Sri Vijaya Puram

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Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Andaman & Nicobar Islands, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, organised the District-Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament (VBYP) 2027 on November 5 at the Lecture Gallery of JNRM, Sri Vijaya Puram. The programme was conducted as part of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027 initiative.

More than 90 youth registered for the programme, of whom 37 participants presented their views on the topic "One Nation, One Election", with each participant allotted three minutes to speak. The presentations covered electoral reforms, democratic accountability, administrative efficiency, election expenditure and constitutional considerations, including the relevance of the subject to the geographical and administrative conditions of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Following the evaluation, the merit list of the Top 10 participants was announced.

The programme was attended by Mr. Mohit Mishra, DANICS, Director of Social Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, as the Chief Guest; Swami Suddhanand Saraswati,

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Secretary, Chinmaya Mission, as the Guest of Honour; and Mr. Sanjay Kumar, President, World Human Rights Association, Andaman & Nicobar, as a distinguished guest.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest appreciated MY Bharat for providing young people with a platform to participate in democratic discussions. He encouraged the participants to understand constitutional values, develop leadership qualities and contribute actively towards nation-building and the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. The other dignitaries also emphasised the importance of upholding democratic values and responsible citizenship.

Mr. Sukha Ranjan Biswas, Joint Director, MY Bharat, briefed the gathering on the objectives and guidelines of VBYLD 2027 and highlighted the importance of youth participation in democratic processes. Earlier, Mr. Deepak Kumar, District Youth Officer, MY Bharat, welcomed the dignitaries, jury members and participants and outlined the aims and objectives of the programme.

The competition was evaluated by a six-member jury comprising Dr. Rashida Iqbal, Retired Assistant Director; Mr. Govind Ram, DANICS (Retired); Ms. R. Renu Bala, Retired Professor; Mr. S. P. Suresh, Lions Club; Mr. Prakash Khule, Assistant General Manager, BSNL; and Mr. Rakesh Chander Lal, Retired Media Person. Participants were assessed based on the prescribed evaluation criteria to ensure a fair and merit-based selection process.

Further participation in the State-Level Youth Parliament will be in accordance with the prescribed VBYLD 2027 guidelines and selection procedure.

The programme was coordinated by Mr. Gopal Ch. Biswas, Accounts and Programme Supervisor (APS), MY Bharat, with the assistance of Dr. Sunil Saini, Assistant Professor, TGCE, and Ms. Disha Singh, National-Level participant of VBYLD 2026. Mr. Gopal Ch. Biswas also proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, jury members, participants and supporting institutions for their cooperation.

The programme reaffirmed MY Bharat's commitment to nurturing informed, confident and responsible young citizens and encouraging their active contribution towards building a developed India by 2047.

MY Bharat Organises State-Level Diwali Sneh Milan with Enthusiastic Participation of Youth Volunteers



Sri Vijaya Puram | November 9, 2026

MY Bharat, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, organised a State-Level "Diwali Sneh Milan – MY Bharat Ki Yuva Umang, Diwali Ke Deepon Ke Sang" at Andaman Mahila Mandal (Old NYK Office), Sri Vijaya Puram, on Saturday under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat – 100 Weeks Campaign. The programme marked the eighth week of the campaign and witnessed enthusiastic participation of around 70 MY Bharat Youth Volunteers.

Swami Suddhanand Saraswati, Secretary, Chinmaya Mission, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour and inaugurated the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp. In his address, he appreciated the initiative of MY Bharat and highlighted that Diwali Sneh Milan provides a meaningful platform to promote love, harmony, mutual respect and togetherness among youth. He encouraged

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everyone to celebrate festivals responsibly and contribute towards building a peaceful and drug-free society.

The occasion was also graced by several distinguished guests, including Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Associate Professor; Dr. Patrick; Mr. Prakash Khule, AGM, BSNL; Dr. Sunil Saini, Assistant Professor; Mr. Sanjay Kumar, President, World Human Rights Association; Mr. Gorakhnath Patil, President, Maharashtra Mandal; Ms. Geeta, President, Andaman Mahila Mandal; and Dr. Sunita Patil, Secretary, Andaman Mahila Mandal. Their presence added significance to the celebration and encouraged the participating youth volunteers.

Mr. Sukhranjan Biswas, Joint Director, MY Bharat, briefed the gathering about the objectives of the initiative. He stated that the programme was organised under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat – 100 Weeks Campaign to appreciate the contributions of youth volunteers, strengthen community participation and promote traditional festive values alongside the collective commitment towards a drug-free India.

During the interaction, the distinguished guests appreciated the initiative and highlighted the importance of cultural values, teamwork, humanity, mutual respect, discipline and active youth participation in community development. They encouraged young volunteers to remain united and contribute positively towards nation-building.

As part of the celebration, youth volunteers enthusiastically participated in traditional Diya lighting, creative Rangoli designing and distribution of sweets. Various recreational activities and games, including Musical Chair, Pass the Balloon, Save the Balloon and Memory Test, were organised to promote team spirit, interaction and camaraderie. Winners of the different activities were felicitated with utility prizes in recognition of their enthusiasm and participation.

The celebration was further enlivened by the lighting of sparklers and flower pots, creating a joyful festive atmosphere. The gathering provided an opportunity for youth volunteers, dignitaries and representatives of various organisations to exchange festive greetings and strengthen the spirit of friendship, unity and social bonding.

Mr. Gopal Ch Biswas, Accounts and Programme Supervisor (APS), MY Bharat, coordinated the programme, welcomed the distinguished guests and participants and proposed the formal vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to Chinmaya Mission, Andaman Mahila Mandal, participating organisations, dignitaries and all MY Bharat Youth Volunteers for their valuable cooperation in making the State-Level Diwali Sneh Milan a success.

The programme concluded with a renewed commitment towards the vision of Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat, spreading the message that the true spirit of Diwali lies in sharing happiness, nurturing relationships and illuminating society with the light of positivity, peace and brotherhood.

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SAI STC Sri Vijaya Puram to Conduct Residential Athlete Selection Trials for Rowing, Kayaking & Canoeing and Girls' Football



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The Sports Authority of India (SAI), STC, Sri Vijaya Puram, will conduct selection trials for the induction of residential athletes in Rowing, Kayaking & Canoeing and Girls' Football to fill existing vacancies at the Centre. The selection trials will be held at Netaji Stadium, SAI STC, Sri Vijaya Puram, on November 15, 2026, at 9 AM. Boys and girls in the age group of 10 to 14 years are eligible to participate in the trials.

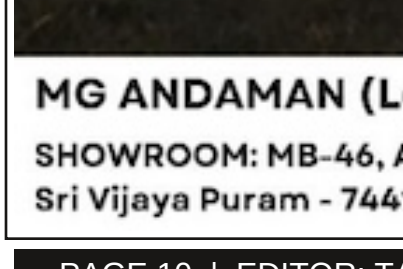
For the Rowing discipline, the minimum height requirement is 160 cm for girls and 170 cm for boys. The trials aim to identify talented young sportspersons and provide them with an opportunity to undergo professional sports training under the SAI Residential Scheme.

Under the Residential Scheme, selected athletes will be provided with free lodging and boarding, sports kits, competition exposure, educational expenses and medical insurance, as per applicable SAI norms.

Candidates attending the selection trials are required to bring their original Birth Certificate, Aadhaar Card, Sports Certificates, four passport-size photographs and Medical Fitness Certificate. They must also carry one set of photocopies of all the documents. Preference will be given to State and National-level medal winners and participants.

For further details and enquiries regarding the selection trials, interested candidates may contact SAI STC, Sri Vijaya Puram, through email at saiandaman88@gmail.com or Instagram at @sai.andaman. Candidates may also contact the Football Coach at 9531879321, Rowing Coaches at 9441188645 or 9440533793, and the Assistant Coach for Kayaking & Canoeing at 9531956474 or 6297596680.

ZSI Concludes Three-Day Workshop on 'Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems'



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The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre (ANRC), concluded a three-day training workshop on 'Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystems' on November 7, 2026, with a valedictory function held at the ZSI premises.

The workshop, conducted from November 5 to 7, was organised for Personnel of Other Services (Class II & III) and sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, under the 'Environment Knowledge and Capacity Building' initiative.

Addressing the valedictory function, Prof. (Dr.) P.V. Nagendra Sarma, Principal of Andaman Law College, emphasised that biodiversity conservation is a shared responsibility requiring coordinated, collective and holistic efforts involving Government Departments, scientific institutions and local communities.

Dr. S. Dinesh Kannan, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Department of Environment and Forests, attended the programme as the special guest. He highlighted the important role personnel

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from various services can play in identifying, preventing and reporting illegal activities that threaten marine biodiversity and natural resources.

In his address, Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Scientist-F, Officer-in-Charge and Course Director, ZSI/ANRC, stressed the need for a coordinated approach to conserve the Islands' unique terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems. He highlighted the importance of collaboration among scientific institutions, conservation agencies, administrative departments and local communities.

The workshop was attended by 30 participants representing various Government Departments, institutions and organisations. The programme concluded with the distribution of participation certificates by the chief guest and the special guest, marking the successful completion of the three-day capacity-building initiative.

Applications Invited for Wild Card Entries to Khelo India Youth Games 2026



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Sri Vijaya Puram, November 8, 2026

The Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, has invited applications from interested and eligible boys and girls under the age of 18 years for consideration of Wild Card Entries to represent the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2026, scheduled to be held in Telangana from December 11 to 22, 2026.

Applications are being invited for 16 sports disciplines, including Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Judo, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Thang-Ta, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Yogasana.

As per the official communication received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, the selection of athletes to represent States and Union Territories will be based on their performances in recognised international, national, state and district-level competitions held during 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The Directorate has informed that, from the applications received, the best two boys and two girls will be placed before the Wild Card Evaluation Committee (WCEC) of KIYG 2026. The athletes recommended by the committee will subsequently be nominated for participation in the Games. The names of the recommended athletes will be communicated and published through print and electronic media.

As per the prescribed eligibility criteria, athletes

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must have been born on or after January 1, 2009, to be eligible for participation in KIYG 2026.

For age verification, applicants must submit any two of the following documents: Aadhaar Card or Passport, Matriculation Certificate, or a Birth Certificate issued by a Municipal Corporation or Gram Panchayat at least five years ago, on or before January 1, 2021.

To establish eligibility to represent a State or Union Territory, applicants must submit one of the following documents: State Domicile Certificate, Passport, or a Place of Posting/Working/School Bonafide Certificate.

Interested and eligible athletes have been advised to submit their applications to the Assistant Supervisor (Sports) of the concerned Zone on or before November 10, 2026.

Applications must be submitted in the prescribed format (Annexure-A), duly filled in and signed by the applicant, along with self-attested copies of sports achievements in recognised international, national, state, UT or district-level tournaments and competitions held during 2023, 2024 and 2025. Applicants must also enclose self-attested copies of all relevant documents supporting their candidature and eligibility.

The prescribed application format (Annexure-A) and the detailed list of events are available on the Sports Department Portal at https://sports.andamannicobar.gov.in and the Andaman and Nicobar Administration's official portal at https://andamannicobar.gov.in.

Survey of Inland Vessels to be Conducted at Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep



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The Harbour Master/IV Chief Surveyor of the Port Management Board (PMB), Sri Vijaya Puram, will visit Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep on November 14 and 15, 2026, to conduct surveys and inspections of Inland Vessels.

The survey and inspection will be carried out to verify the compliance of Inland Vessels with the prescribed safety and statutory requirements.

All boat owners and operators of Inland Vessels operating at Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep have been requested to keep their respective vessels ready for survey during the scheduled visit.

The boat owners and operators may also discuss any issues, doubts or difficulties relating to the survey with the visiting official.

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