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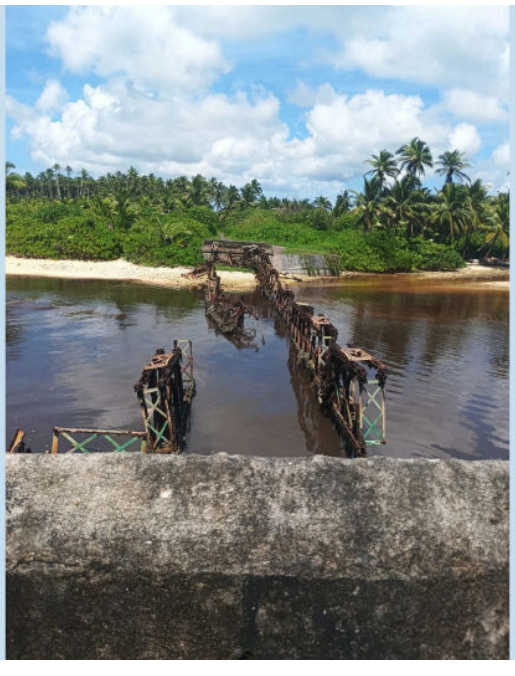


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HRS Seeks Urgent Reconstruction of Collapsed Bailey Bridge at Kimious Nallah in Car Nicobar



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Hindu Rashtra Shakti, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, has submitted a representation to the Lt. Governor, Member of Parliament and Chief Secretary, seeking urgent reconstruction of the collapsed Bailey

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Applications Invited for Stall Allotment at Island Tourism Festival 2026



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The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, has invited applications from interested participants for the allotment of food stalls, general stalls, kiosks and open spaces for the Island Tourism Festival (ITF)-2026, scheduled to be held from December 27 to 31 at the ITF Ground.

Applications have been invited from hoteliers, restaurant owners, private firms, food vendors, Self-Help Groups

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Bridge over Kimious Nallah at Car Nicobar.

The organisation stated that youth from Car Nicobar recently visited the site and photographed the present condition of the bridge. The 180-foot-long Bailey Bridge was inaugurated on December 8, 2011, by the then Chief Secretary, Mr. Shakti Sinha. However, nearly 15 years later, only a broken and rusted iron structure remains, lying in the waters of the nallah. The approach road reportedly ends at a concrete wall bearing the words 'Stop Dead End'.

The collapse of the bridge has caused considerable hardship to residents, including schoolchildren, elderly persons, pregnant women, patients, farmers, fishermen and daily wage workers. The organisation stated that during the monsoon, high tides and rainy weather, people are forced to cross through unsafe water passages, putting their lives at risk.

State Youth President Mr. Angshuman Roy said that the youth of Car Nicobar had brought the issue to the organisation's attention, following which it decided to take up the matter with the Administration.

In its representation, the organisation has sought an immediate joint inspection of the site, followed by the construction of a new, permanent and strong RCC bridge on a priority and time-bound basis. It has also demanded the provision of a safe temporary crossing facility for the public until the new bridge is completed.

Further, the organisation has called for monitoring of the entire process at the highest level and timely communication of the project schedule to the people of Car Nicobar to ensure transparency.

Hindu Rashtra Shakti expressed confidence that the Administration would address the long-pending issue and complete the reconstruction work at the earliest.

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through the Rural Development Department and other eligible participants.

The allotment of stalls will be conducted through a lottery system by a designated committee to ensure transparency and equal opportunity. Interested applicants will be required to submit duly completed application forms along with the prescribed rent, security deposit and an acknowledged copy of the Terms & Conditions.

Application forms will be made available on the Directorate of IP&T's official website, https://tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in/, under the 'What's New' section from November 11, 2026. The last date for submission of applications is November 25, 2026.

The allotment of stalls through lottery is scheduled for December 1, 2026, while allotment letters will be issued to successful applicants on December 12, 2026.

Applicants can download the prescribed application form from the website and submit the completed and signed form, along with the requisite documents and payments, to the Tourism Department (Operational Section), Directorate of IP&T, Sri Vijaya Puram, by the stipulated deadline. Incomplete applications and those received after the prescribed closing date and time will not be entertained.

Detailed information regarding stall categories, rental charges, security deposits, application procedures and other applicable Terms & Conditions will also be available on the Directorate's website from November 11.

For queries regarding the application process and stall allotment, interested applicants may contact the Manager (Operations/Tourism), Directorate of IP&T, during office hours between 9 am and 5 pm.

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Missing Woman from Billiground Traced Within 15 Hours



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The North & Middle Andaman District Police traced a missing woman from Hari Nagar, Billiground, within 15 hours of receiving a missing complaint.

According to the police, a missing complaint was received on November 8, 2026, following which a case was registered at Billiground Police Station. Taking prompt action, a police team launched a search operation and made sustained efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of the woman.

The police also coordinated with other police stations across North & Middle Andaman District as part of the search operation.

Through continuous efforts and effective coordination, the missing woman was traced at Kadamtala on November 9, within 15 hours of receipt of the complaint.

The North & Middle Andaman District Police reiterated its commitment to prompt response, effective policing and public assistance.

Six-Day Training Programme on Homestay Operations Commences in Sri Vijaya Puram



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A six-day comprehensive Training and Certification Programme on Homestay Operations – Room Division and Sustainable Tourism Management commenced on Monday at the Training Hall of the Directorate of Disaster Management.

Organised by the Department of Tourism in association with the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition (IHM), Mumbai, under the RAMP Scheme, the programme will continue until November 14.

The initiative aims to equip existing homestay operators, aspiring entrepreneurs and their staff with practical skills in homestay operations, room division management, housekeeping standards, guest services and sustainable tourism practices.

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The sessions on Monday were conducted by Ms. Chandrakala Biswas, faculty expert from IHM Mumbai. The training covered housekeeping fundamentals, cleaning schedules, room preparation, cleaning equipment and agents, surface care, linen handling, and basic hygiene and sanitation standards.

Participants were also oriented on the tourism potential of the islands, profiles of domestic and international visitors, the role of local enterprises, evolving tourist expectations and professional guest service behaviour.

While several registered homestay operators and aspiring entrepreneurs are already attending the programme, other interested individuals planning to start or operate a homestay have also been invited to join the ongoing training.

For registration and further information, interested individuals may contact the Planning Section of the Department of Tourism by November 10, 2026.

NVBDCP-DHS Conducts Weekly Anti-Larval and Source Reduction Activities Across Municipal Area



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The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) Unit of the Directorate of Health Services (DHS), Sri Vijaya Puram, is conducting weekly anti-larval and source reduction activities across the municipal area to prevent mosquito breeding and reduce the risk of vector-borne diseases such as Dengue, Malaria and Chikungunya.

As part of the initiative, NVBDCP teams are regularly inspecting potential mosquito breeding sites, identifying and eliminating stagnant water collections, and undertaking anti-larval measures in water-holding containers and other breeding habitats. Awareness activities are also being conducted among residents to promote preventive measures.

The weekly programme has been designed to ensure systematic coverage

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of different localities within the municipal area. The schedule of activities has been displayed for the information and cooperation of the general public.

Residents have been requested to extend their cooperation to the field teams during their visits and facilitate the inspection of their premises. The public has also been advised to prevent water stagnation in and around houses, regularly empty and clean water storage containers, keep overhead tanks and drums covered, and remove discarded tyres, coconut shells, plastic containers and other articles that may collect rainwater or dewdrops.

Maintaining cleanliness in the surroundings and ensuring proper disposal of solid waste have also been emphasised.

The NVBDCP Unit has stated that mosquito control is a shared responsibility and that active participation from every household and community is essential to maintaining a healthy environment.

The unit has appealed to all residents to strictly follow the recommended preventive measures and extend their support to the weekly programme for effective mosquito breeding control across the municipal area.

Weekly Programme / Schedule:

ANIBA to Conduct State Selection Trials for Senior National Badminton Championships on November 21 and 22



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The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Badminton Association (ANIBA) will conduct State Selection Trials on November 21 and 22, 2026, to select players in the Senior Men's and Women's categories for Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles events to represent the Islands in the forthcoming National Badminton Championships.

The players selected through the trials will represent the Andaman & Nicobar Islands at the Senior National Badminton Championships, scheduled to be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from

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December 17 to 24, 2026.

Interested players have been advised to submit their entries through the Google Form on or before November 16, 2026.

For further clarification, players may contact 9531916580. Eligible players have been encouraged to participate in the selection trials and avail themselves of the opportunity to represent the Islands at the national level.

Island Beach Games 2026 Scheduled for November 13 and 14 at Wandoor and Ramnagar



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The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, has rescheduled the Island Beach Games 2026 to November 13 and 14. The two-day sporting event will be held at Wandoor Beach and Ramnagar Beach in Diglipur as part of the approved Tourism Calendar of Events.

The event is being organised in coordination with the District Administration, North & Middle Andaman, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Directorate of Education, Sports & Youth Affairs and other concerned stakeholders. It aims to promote beach tourism, encourage sporting talent, foster healthy competition and strengthen community participation.

The competitions will include Beach Volleyball, Tug of War, Arm Wrestling and 100-Metre Sprint in both men's and women's categories. The event will provide an opportunity for local youth and sports enthusiasts to showcase their skills while highlighting the potential of the islands as destinations for beach-based sports and recreational

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tourism.

Winners of the competitions will be suitably awarded.

Interested participants can register for events at Wandoor by contacting the Volleyball Coach, Youth & Sports Affairs, at 9434290640 or the HK Assistant Manager, Directorate of IP&T, at 9434282324.

For participation at Ramnagar Beach, Diglipur, interested persons may contact Block Development Officer Bijoy Kumar Das at 9531829647 or Assistant Manager (Tourism) Krishna Kumar at 9434290132.

The Directorate of IP&T has invited local youth, sports enthusiasts and members of the general public to participate in the event and make Island Beach Games 2026 a celebration of sportsmanship, tourism and community spirit.

Asmita Women's Basketball League Championship to Be Held in Sri Vijaya Puram on November 15



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The Asmita Women's Basketball League Championship will be conducted at Sri Vijaya Puram on November 15, 2026, in the Open Age Category. Girls' basketball teams have been invited to participate in the championship.

The ASMITA League, formerly known as the Khelo India Women's League, is an initiative of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The initiative aims to promote gender equality and provide competitive exposure to women athletes across different age groups in the country.

ASMITA stands for "Achieving Sports Milestone Inspiring Through Action".

Interested teams can submit their entries at the State Olympic Office, Netaji Stadium, Sri Vijaya Puram, on or before November 14, 2026. For further information and participation-related queries, teams may contact 7063957589.



ANRC-AnSI Organises Awareness-cum-Training Programme on POSH Act



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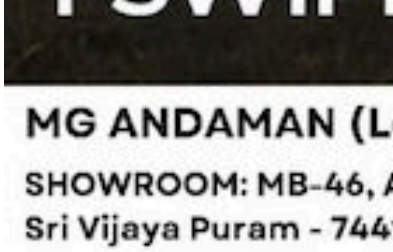
The Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre (ANRC) of the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Sri Vijaya Puram, organised an awareness-cum-training programme on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, commonly known as the POSH Act, on November 3.

During the programme, Ms. Rubina Siddiqui, social worker, master trainer and POSH Act consultant, spoke about appropriate and inappropriate behaviour at the workplace, the legal and procedural provisions of the Act, and the mechanisms available for addressing complaints of sexual harassment.

She also highlighted the responsibilities of employees in ensuring a safe, respectful and professional working environment.

The programme was organised under the guidance of Mr. Satyaki Paul, Head of Office, ANRC.

JNRM Organises Essay and Quiz Competitions to Promote Electoral Awareness



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The Electoral Literacy Club of Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya (JNRM) recently organised essay writing and quiz competitions at the college's Lecture Gallery to promote electoral awareness and encourage democratic participation among students.

The competitions were organised in accordance with the initiatives of the Election Commission of India to sensitise young people about the electoral process and their role in strengthening democracy.

A total of 25 students participated in the essay writing competition, which featured two themes: 'Importance of Voting' and 'Importance of Electoral Rolls'.

The quiz competition witnessed

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the participation of 30 students, organised into 15 teams comprising two members each.

Dr. Pearl Devdas, Principal of JNRM, inaugurated the competitions and encouraged students to actively participate in such activities. She also sensitised the student community about the importance of electoral awareness and responsible participation as citizens in the democratic process.

Tsunami Awareness Programmes Held in Car Nicobar to Strengthen Community Preparedness



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The Directorate of Disaster Management, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, in coordination with the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, and the District Administrations of South Andaman, North and Middle Andaman, and Nicobar, is undertaking various activities to strengthen disaster risk reduction at the grassroots level.

As part of this initiative, an Outreach Tsunami Awareness Programme was conducted at the Teetop Village Community Hall, Car Nicobar, on November 5, covering the villages of Teetop and Sawai. Another programme was organised on November 9 at the Arong Village Community Hall, Car Nicobar.

The programmes were organised by the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), under the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District, with the objective of strengthening tsunami awareness and enhancing disaster preparedness among local communities.

During the

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programmes, participants were sensitised about tsunami hazards, their causes and potential impacts, natural warning signs of an approaching tsunami, and the importance of early warning systems.

Awareness was also imparted on tsunami alerts, emergency communication mechanisms, and the need to respond promptly to official warnings.

Heavy Rainfall, Thunderstorms Likely in A&N Islands Till November 15



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Heavy rainfall is likely at isolated places over the Nicobar Islands, while thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds are expected at isolated places across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands from November 10 to 15.

Heavy rainfall ranging from 7 to 11 cm is very likely at one or two places over the Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds reaching 40–50 kmph are also very likely at isolated places over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on November 10, 11, 12 and 13.

On November 14 and 15, thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds reaching 30–40 kmph are likely at one or two places across the Islands. Heavy rainfall of 7–11 cm is also forecast at isolated places over the Nicobar Islands on November 14.

Meanwhile, squally weather with wind speeds reaching 40–50 kmph and occasionally gusting to 60 kmph is very likely to prevail along and off the Andaman and Nicobar coasts on November 10, 12 and 13.

In view of the prevailing weather conditions, fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea along and off the Andaman and Nicobar coasts on November 10, 12 and 13.

