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Fishermen Welfare Association Seeks Compensation for Boat Lost in Ferry Collision, Meets Fisheries Secretary



Sri Vijaya Puram | November 18, 2026

A delegation of the Fishermen Welfare Association, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, met Secretary (Fisheries), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Pallavi Sarkar, IAS, and sought compensation for fishermen whose fishing boat sank following a collision with a passenger ferry on November 13, 2026.

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Gau Samman Aahvan Abhiyan Delegation Meets Lieutenant Governor, Submits Memorandum on Cow Welfare



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A delegation of the Gau Samman Aahvan Abhiyan met Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Prof. (Dr.) Dinesh Sharma, on Nov. 16 and held discussions on cow protection and welfare in the islands.

The delegation met the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of Sant Prakash Narayan Giri Maharaj (Nand Baba), who is currently visiting the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The delegation included Anil Goyal, Sambhag Prabhari of the Gau Samman Aahvan Abhiyan, and Anoop Gopinathan, Sah

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The delegation, led by B. Hema Raju, General Secretary of the Fishermen Welfare Association, and S. U. Maheswar Rao, Chairman of ANIFCOFED and Junglighat Small Boat Association, apprised the Secretary of the incident that occurred in the sea between Phoenix Bay and Bamboo Flat Jetty.

The collision resulted in the complete sinking of the fishing boat, causing substantial financial loss to the affected fishermen and severely impacting their livelihood.

The delegation urged the Secretary to take up the matter with the Andaman & Nicobar Administration and facilitate appropriate compensation to the fishermen for the loss of their boat and livelihood.

Pallavi Sarkar reportedly assured the delegation that the matter would be taken up with the concerned authorities for consideration and necessary action.

The Fishermen Welfare Association expressed gratitude to the Secretary for hearing their concerns.

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During the meeting, discussions were held on various aspects of cow protection and welfare, including measures to promote Gau Samvardhan in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Lieutenant Governor also deliberated with the delegation on possible steps to take forward initiatives related to cow welfare in the islands.

The delegation submitted a memorandum to the Lieutenant Governor seeking to strengthen efforts towards cow protection and Gau Samvardhan in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The Gau Samman Aahvan Abhiyan is being conducted across the country to promote the service, protection and honour of cows through peaceful and constitutional means.

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MY Bharat Organises Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Kanyapuram on 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat'



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MY Bharat, Sri Vijaya Puram, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, organised a Block-Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament on the theme "Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat" at GMS Hall, Kanyapuram, on November 17, in coordination with Kanyapuram Gram Panchayat.

Around 80 participants from schools and youth clubs in the Wimberly Zone attended the programme, which aimed to provide young people with a platform to express their views, discuss the challenges of substance abuse and suggest measures to build a healthy, responsible and drug-free society.

The programme began with a welcome address and presentation of bouquets to the dignitaries, followed by a briefing on the objectives and schedule of the event by Mr. Gopal Ch Biswas, APS (OSD), MY Bharat, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Mr. Rajee George, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), South Andaman, attended as the Chief Guest, while Ms. Jyothi, District Education Officer (DEO), Wimberlygunj, was the Guest of Honour. Dr. P. Abdul Basheer, Pradhan, Kanyapuram Gram Panchayat, attended as the Special Guest.

Other dignitaries present included Ms. D. S. Shobha, Headmaster, GMS Kanyapuram; Mr. K. Mohammed, retired teacher; Mr. M. Jalil, Sarpanch; Mr. Ali Khan, social worker; and Mr. Biswanath Sen, Assistant Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Wimberlygunj, along with PRI representatives and local residents.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries highlighted the importance of protecting young people from substance abuse and encouraged them to lead healthy, disciplined and productive lives. They stressed the role of education, sports, community participation and collective responsibility in building a drug-free society.

The technical sessions and discussions featured Dr. Partha Mondal, Medical Officer (AYUSH), PHC Wimberlygunj, who spoke about drug addiction, substance abuse, its health consequences and preventive measures. Mr. Md. Mohammed Saleem, Physical Education Teacher, GMS Kanyapuram, highlighted the harmful effects of drugs on youth and the importance of rehabilitation, sports and constructive engagement.

Mr. Prakash Khule, Assistant General Manager, BSNL, shared insights on de-addiction,

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counselling and the role of young people in society, while Dr. P. Abdul Basheer also spoke about drug-related challenges and the need for community-level action.

An interactive question-and-answer session was held during the programme, in which participants raised questions on the causes of substance abuse, the availability and prevention of illegal drugs, the role of law enforcement, health consequences, counselling and rehabilitation facilities, awareness among students, and the responsibilities of families, educational institutions and Gram Panchayats.

The resource persons and dignitaries responded to the queries and clarified the concerns raised by the participants, encouraging them to become responsible change-makers and actively contribute to awareness and prevention initiatives in their communities.

During the concluding session, Mr. Prakash Khule emphasised the importance of awareness, positive thinking and collective efforts in building a drug-free society.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Gopal Ch Biswas, APS (OSD), MY Bharat, Sri Vijaya Puram, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, resource persons, PRI representatives, participating youth, Kanyapuram Gram Panchayat and all stakeholders for their support and cooperation.

The initiative reaffirmed MY Bharat's commitment to youth engagement, leadership development and community-led initiatives towards the vision of a drug-free youth and a developed India.

Lt. Governor Approves Rs 5 Crore Proposal for 40 Km Optical Fibre Cable from Laxmi Nagar to Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar Island



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Lieutenant Governor Dr. Dinesh Sharma has approved a proposal for laying approximately 40 km of All-Dielectric Self-Supporting (ADSS) optical fibre cable from Laxmi Nagar to Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar Island at an estimated cost of ₹5 crore.

The project aims to address telecommunications infrastructure and connectivity requirements in Great Nicobar Island by strengthening the communication network in the region.

The proposed optical fibre cable infrastructure is expected to ensure reliable communication connectivity, strengthen administrative functioning and enhance disaster management capabilities in Great Nicobar Island.



Andaman Law College Organises Disaster Preparedness Awareness Programme in Collaboration with NDRF



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Andaman Law College, in collaboration with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), organised a Community Awareness Programme on Disaster Preparedness, Emergency Response and Life-Saving Techniques for students on Tuesday, with the aim of equipping young people with essential knowledge and practical skills to respond effectively to natural and man-made disasters.

During the programme, Mr. Kaushal Kumar Parary, Team Commander and Sub-Inspector of NDRF, sensitised students on the importance of disaster preparedness, timely response, rescue operations and coordination during emergency situations. He also explained the key aspects of responding to disasters and the importance of being prepared to handle unforeseen emergencies.

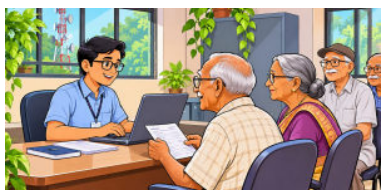
Special emphasis was laid on identifying and prioritising vulnerable individuals during disasters, including children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities and others requiring special assistance. The programme highlighted the importance of ensuring that such individuals receive timely support and assistance during emergency situations.

Students actively participated in the interactive sessions and gained practical insights into emergency response and life-saving techniques, helping them understand the importance of applying practical knowledge rather than relying solely on theoretical learning.

Principal Dr. P. V. N. Sarma also addressed the students during the programme.



Pension Adalat, DLC 5.0 Campaign for DoT & BSNL Pensioners to Be Held at Rangat on Nov. 23



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The Office of the Joint Controller of Communication Accounts, Andaman & Nicobar Circle, will conduct a Quarterly Pension Adalat and the Digital Life Certificate (DLC) 5.0 campaign for Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and BSNL pensioners at the BSNL office in Rangat on Nov. 23, 2026, from 10 AM.

DoT and BSNL pensioners of Andaman & Nicobar Circle have been requested to submit their grievances, if any, through post or email at dyccaan.and@nic.in, so as to reach the office by Nov. 20, 2026.

All DoT and BSNL pensioners of the circle have also been invited to attend the DLC 5.0 campaign at the venue to avail the facility for submission of their Digital Life Certificates.

For enquiries or further information, pensioners may contact the Assistant Accounts Officer (Pension) at 8900900528.

IP&T Invites Applications for Stalls at Island Tourism Festival 2026



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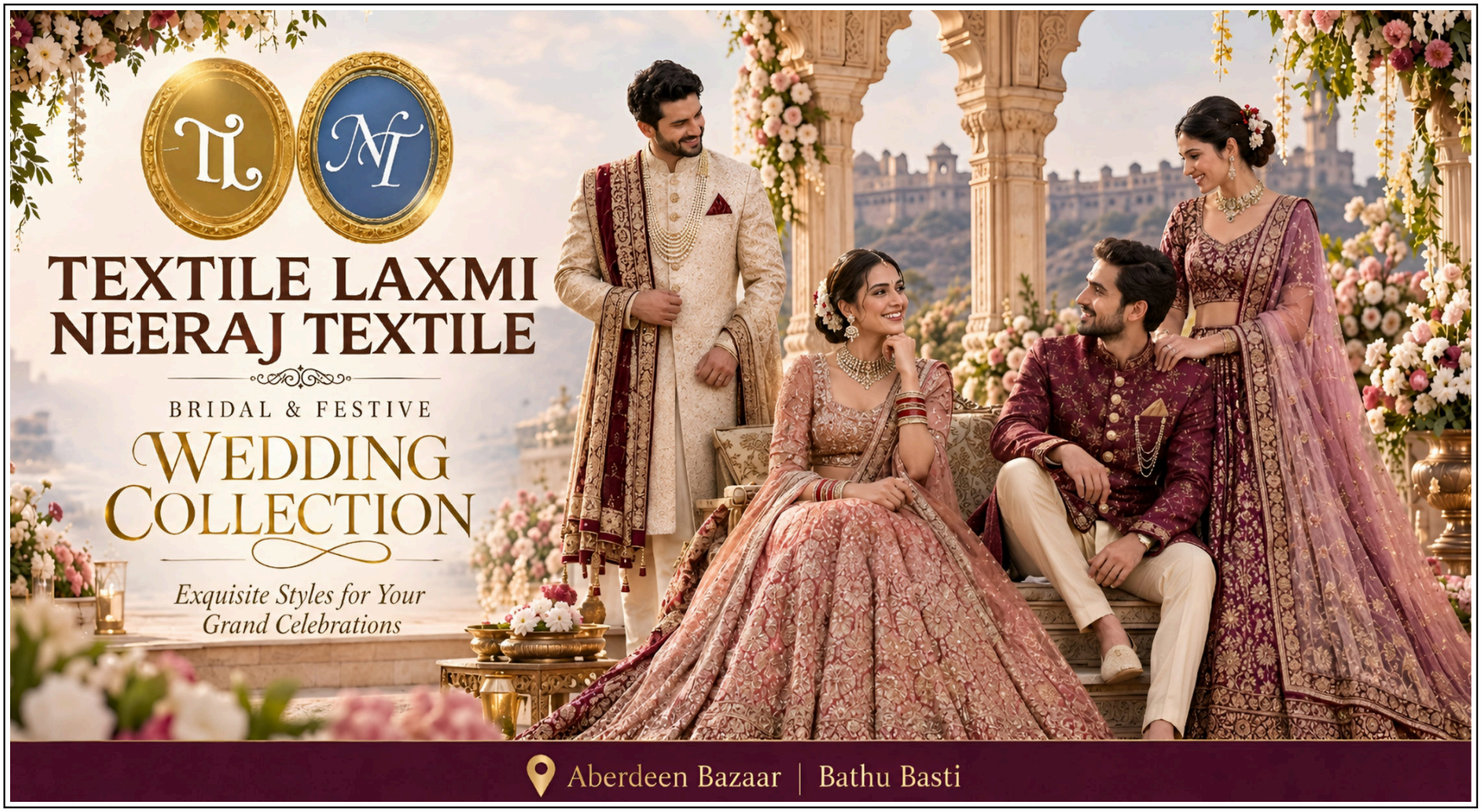
The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T), Andaman & Nicobar Administration, has invited applications from hoteliers, restaurant owners, private firms, food vendors, local artisans and other eligible participants for allotment of food stalls, general stalls, kiosks and open spaces during the Island Tourism Festival (ITF)–2026.

The festival is scheduled to be held from December 27 to 31, 2026, at ITF Ground, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Interested applicants can download the application forms, along with detailed guidelines, rental charges and terms and conditions, from the official tourism website at https://tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in/. Duly filled application forms, accompanied by the required supporting documents and Demand Drafts towards the prescribed stall rent and security deposit, must be submitted to the Operational Section of the Directorate of IP&T by November 25, 2026, before 5 PM.

The scrutiny of application forms will be conducted on November

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27, while vacant stalls, if any, will be re-advertised on November 30. The allotment of stalls through lottery by the committee is scheduled for December 4 at 3 PM, and allotment letters will be issued to successful applicants on December 7.

The Directorate has stated that the use of single-use plastic will be strictly prohibited at all stalls throughout the festival. Stallholders and participants are required to comply with the prohibition, and any violation of the prescribed terms and conditions may lead to cancellation of allotment without prior notice.

For further information regarding the application process and stall allotment, interested applicants may contact the Manager (Operations/Tourism), Directorate of IP&T, during office hours from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Divya Kala Shakti and Divya Kala Mela Held in Nancowrie to Showcase Talents of Specially-Abled Students



Kamorta | November 18, 2026

The Block Project Office of Samagra Shiksha, Nancowrie Block, organised Divya Kala Shakti–2026 on November 17 and Divya Kala Mela–2026 on November 18 at GMSS Kamorta Hall, Nancowrie, under the Inclusive Education component of Samagra Shiksha.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Ms. Ireena, AEO, Nancowrie, as the chief guest and began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Mr. Kushal Roy, Special Educator.

Divya Kala Shakti featured cultural competitions, including solo singing, solo dance, fancy dress and poetry, with 45 participants taking part. Divya Kala Mela featured food stalls, art and craft stalls, painting displays and yoga activities, with 43 participants.

Both events witnessed enthusiastic participation from Children with Special Needs (CwSN), teachers and parents. CRC Kapanga also participated in the programme through online mode.

The competitions were evaluated by appointed

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judges, and prizes and certificates were distributed to participants in recognition of their efforts and achievements.

The two-day programme aimed to provide an inclusive platform for Children with Special Needs to showcase their talents, creativity and abilities while promoting self-confidence, equal opportunities, social inclusion and meaningful participation.

The programme was coordinated by Mr. Kushal Roy and Mr. Naveen Singh, Special Educators, with the support of teachers, parents and other personnel associated with Samagra Shiksha, Nancowrie Block.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Naveen Singh, Special Educator. The events reaffirmed Samagra Shiksha's commitment to promoting inclusive education and recognising the talents and potential of every child.

Applications Invited for Opening of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Andaman and Nicobar Islands



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Individuals, entrepreneurs, NGOs, charitable organisations, trusts, societies, firms and private companies have been encouraged to explore the opening of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).

The initiative aims to promote the availability of quality generic medicines at affordable prices to the public.

Eligible applicants can apply directly through the official Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) portal, subject to the scheme's prevailing guidelines, eligibility criteria and statutory requirements.

Applicants are required to fulfil the prescribed conditions, including arranging suitable premises, engaging a qualified registered pharmacist, obtaining the requisite drug licence and submitting all necessary documents as specified by PMBI.

Interested applicants

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can access the detailed guidelines, application procedure and list of required documents through the official website at https://www.janaushadhi.gov.in/apply-for-kendra.

For further information regarding the scheme, applicants may contact the Chief Executive Officer, Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), at B-500, Tower B, 5th Floor, World Trade Center, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi – 110029, or call 011-49431800.

The opening and operation of each Jan Aushadhi Kendra will be subject to approval by PMBI and compliance with all applicable statutory and scheme requirements.

CITU Delegation Raises Workers' Issues with Chief Secretary



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A delegation of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), Andaman & Nicobar State Committee, met the Chief Secretary of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration on November 17, 2026, and submitted a memorandum highlighting various issues faced by workers employed in government and private sectors across the islands.

In the memorandum, CITU demanded regularisation of the services of all daily-rated, contractual and part-time mazdoors working under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration through suitable schemes, instead of resorting to what it termed unnecessary and unwarranted litigation by the government.

The union also sought the extension of the financial benefit of 1/30th of pay plus Dearness Allowance (DA) to all remaining daily-rated workers employed under the Municipal Council, Gram Panchayats and the Forest Department.

CITU urged the Chief Secretary to review the existing policy of outsourcing regular government work and take steps to recruit workers directly through the concerned departments. It said the move would help prevent exploitation of workers, provide employment opportunities to unemployed youth and ensure dignified livelihoods.

The memorandum also called for avoiding unnecessary appeals before higher courts,

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MG ANDAMAN (Legacy Automobiles Pvt. Ltd.)

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strict implementation of minimum wages, discontinuation of consolidated pay below the prescribed minimum wages, timely payment of wages and extension of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) coverage to all workers.

The delegation comprised R. Surendran Pillai, President; B. Chandrachoodan, General Secretary; Anand Rajan, Treasurer; and D. Ramakrishna, G. Vijay Bharati and R. Selvam, members of the CITU State Committee.

A&N Police Recruitment 2026: Document Verification to Begin from November 30



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The Andaman and Nicobar Police has announced that document scrutiny and verification for candidates who qualified in the Physical Measurement & Endurance Test (PM&ET) conducted between September 7 and October 13, 2026, will commence from November 30, 2026.

The physical tests were conducted at four venues across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Candidates who qualified in the tests will now have to undergo document verification to establish their eligibility for the respective posts.

The detailed schedule for document verification at Sri Vijaya Puram, Mayabunder, Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay is expected to be published between November 20 and 23, 2026, on the official website of Andaman and Nicobar Police.

Candidates have been advised to regularly visit https://police.andamannicobar.gov.in for the detailed schedule and further instructions regarding document verification.

For clarification or queries, candidates may contact the Recruitment Cell at Police Headquarters, Sri Vijaya Puram, through email at recruitment.phq@and.nic.in or telephone 03192-230735, between 9.30 AM and 5 PM on working days.

Candidates have been advised to take note of the announcement and ensure that they comply with the prescribed document verification schedule.



Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Celebrated at Car Nicobar to Honour Bhagwan Birsa Munda



Car Nicobar | November 18, 2026

The District Administration, Nicobar District, in association with the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP), Car Nicobar, celebrated Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on Nov. 15 at Bal Bhawan, GPS Kinyuka, Car Nicobar, commemorating the 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the tribal freedom fighter who fought against British rule for the rights, dignity and welfare of tribal communities.

Mr. Amit Kale, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District, attended the programme as the chief guest, while Mr. Lionel Nicomed, Chairman, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar, was the guest of honour and Mr. Rahul L. Nair, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Nicobar District, was the special guest.

The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries, followed by floral tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and Bishop John Richardson (BJR), remembering their contributions and legacy. The celebration highlighted the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters and the rich cultural heritage, traditions and identity of tribal communities.

Schoolchildren presented cultural performances, including traditional dances showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the Nicobarese community, adding colour and enthusiasm to the celebration.

On the occasion, DC Commendation Certificates were presented by the dignitaries to tribal officials in recognition of their dedicated service, sincerity and valuable contributions in the discharge of their official duties.

The programme witnessed the participation of around 200 people, including officials, representatives of the Tribal Council, community members and students. The celebration served as an occasion to honour tribal icons, remember their contributions and reaffirm the importance of preserving and promoting the cultural heritage and traditions of tribal communities.

