

National Immunization Day 2026: 98% Polio Vaccination Coverage Achieved Across Andaman & Nicobar Islands

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/The National Immunization Day (NID) for Polio Immunization was observed across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands today. The programme aimed to ensure that every child below



five years of age received bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV), thereby strengthening protection against poliomyelitis and supporting India's commitment to maintaining a polio-free status.

A total of 447 fixed vaccination booths were established across the Union Territory. Special arrangements were made at bus terminals, sea ports, inter-island vessels, and Veer Savarkar International Airport to vaccinate children travelling with their families. This extensive planning ensured maximum outreach and accessibility.

On the first day of the campaign, 18958 children out of an estimated target of 19,343 children in the 0-5 years age group were administered the polio vaccine, achieving an overall coverage of 98 percent. The district-wise coverage was as follows:

Sl No	District	Estimation	Coverage	Percentage
1	South Andaman	13065	12628	96.66%
2	North and Middle Andaman	4369	4396	100.6%
3	Nicobar	1909	1934	101.3%
	Total	19,343	18958	98.01%

Following the booth-based activity, house-to-house visits will be conducted on 29th & 30th June, 2026 to identify and vaccinate any children who may have been missed during the initial phase. Private medical practitioners and healthcare workers also actively participated in the campaign, contributing significantly to its success.

The State-level inaugural ceremony was held at Urban Health Centre (UHC), Junglighat. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. H. M. Siddaraju, Director of Health Services, who administered the first dose of Oral Polio Vaccine. During his address, he emphasized the importance of universal immunization and appealed to parents and guardians to ensure that every eligible child receives the vaccine. Shri Aziz Ur Rahman, Councillor Ward No.6, SVPNC, Dr.Avijit Roy, Deputy Director (Health)/State Immunization Officer, along with other officials from the Directorate of Health Services, were also present on the occasion.

The successful implementation of National Immunization Day 2026 demonstrates the strong commitment of the Health Department, partner agencies, and the community towards safeguarding children from vaccine-preventable diseases. The achievement of nearly 100 percent coverage reflects effective planning, coordination, and public participation, ensuring continued protection of children and strengthening public health in the Islands, a press release from DHS said.

Rangat Monsoon Marathon 2026 to be Held on July 4; Open Invitation for Students, Sportspersons and Public

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/The "Rangat Monsoon Marathon - 2026" is scheduled to be held on 04.07.2026 as per the timings detailed below. The event is open for



participation by school students, sportspersons and general public who are willing to participate. The route are as under:

Sl. No.	Event	Category	Starting Point
1.	10 Km Run (Men)	Men (Open-To-All)	Nimbutala Chowk
Route For Men: Nimbutala Chowk-Kallimandi-Ambuk-Chitrakut-Near Morcodera via same route (Finishing point)			
2.	5 Km Run (Women)	Women (Open-To-All)	Nimbutala Chowk
Route For Women: Nimbutala Chowk-Kallimandi-Ambuk- Near Chitrakut via same route (Finishing point)			

Further, all participants have been requested to wear white T-shirt along with half pant/trouser during the marathon. (color not compulsory)

The winners shall be awarded prizes as notified earlier, as detailed below:

- 1st Prize: Rs. 10,000/- + Medal
- 2nd Prize: Rs. 7,000/- + Medal
- 3rd Prize: Rs. 5,000/- + Medal

Participants have been requested to report at Nimbutala Chowk before 5.20 AM positively. The race will commence at 5.30 AM.

ANPCC Conducts Awareness Programme on E-Waste Management Rules, 2022 for Stakeholders in A&N Islands

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/The Andaman and Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC) organized an awareness programme on the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 in the Conference Hall of Department of S&T, Dollygunj, for Commercial Establishments, Bulk Consumers, Small Generators and Retailers. The programme was attended by proprietors of electrical and electronic shops, retailers, repair, service centres and hoteliers. The participants were sensitized on their responsibilities under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, including proper segregation, safe storage, documentation and disposal of e-waste only through authorized entities.

The programme was conducted with the objective of creating awareness on the statutory provisions of the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, and promoting environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic waste in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

During the programme, officials of ANPCC highlighted the responsibilities of various stakeholders, particularly the obligations of bulk consumers under Rule 8 of the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022. Participants were informed that e-waste must be channelised only through registered producers, refurbishers or recyclers, and proper records of generation, storage, transportation and disposal must be maintained.

Special emphasis was laid on the prevailing scenario in the Islands, where e-waste is required to be transported to authorised facilities on the mainland in accordance with the prescribed transportation procedures, including the manifest system and other regulatory requirements, available at <https://dstpcc.andamannicobar.gov.in>.

The programme also covered Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), safe storage practices, documentation requirements, transportation procedures, environmental and health risks associated

with improper disposal of e-waste, and best practices for government offices, educational institutions and commercial establishments.

Participants actively interacted with the officials and sought clarifications on practical aspects of e-waste management, transportation, inventory maintenance and compliance with the Rules.

ANPCC also informed the participants that, in compliance with the directions of



the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), an e-waste inventorisation exercise is being undertaken across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. A Online Forms developed by an internship student of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT) for the inventorisation of e-waste was demonstrated during the programme. The form will shortly be circulated to waste generators and bulk consumers for collection of information on e-waste generation. Stakeholders have been requested to furnish the required details within the stipulated time to facilitate the preparation of a comprehensive e-waste inventory for the Union Territory.

ANPCC encouraged all stakeholders to adopt environmentally sound e-waste management practices by ensuring segregation, safe storage, proper documentation and disposal of e-waste only through authorised channels, thereby contributing to environmental protection and sustainable resource management in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Transport Department Conducts Road Safety Enforcement Drive, 17 Vehicles Penalised for Violations

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/Increasing number of road accidents especially fatal road accidents and involving grievous injuries in the UT is an area of serious concern for the UT Administration. Sensing the criticality of this road safety aspect and on the direction of Secretary (Transport), Transport Department has intensified the enforcement drive with an objective of not only identifying the violators but also to sensitize them about the ill effects of violation of traffic rules.

Enforcement drive was carried out on 27.06.2024 at Sippighat and Brichgunj with the objective of ensuring compliance with motor vehicle regulations and for enhancing road safety.

During the drive, enforcement teams checked a total of 93 vehicles, including two-wheelers, three-wheelers, LMV/LGVs, trucks, and buses. Upon inspection, 17 vehicles were found to be in violation of various provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and were accordingly actions were taken against them as per the legal provisions.

The following violations were observed during the enforcement drive: Driving vehicles without fitness thereby violating section 56 of MV Act.

Driving vehicles without valid permit which is violation of Section 66 of MV Act.

SVPNC Intensifies Stray Pig Control Drive; 26 Pigs Shifted from Junglighat and Prem Nagar Areas

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPNC) has been receiving numerous complaints from residents, particularly from Wards No. 6 and 7, regarding the increasing nuisance caused by stray pigs roaming in residential localities, public roads and other public places. The Chairperson and Ward Councillors has also expressed serious concern over the growing stray pig menace and its adverse impact on public health, sanitation and the convenience of the citizens.

In its continuous efforts to ensure a clean, healthy and nuisance-free environment, SVPNC has been conducting regular pig-catching and shifting drives across the municipal area. As part of this initiative, the Council successfully conducted special drives on 25.06.2026 and 27.06.2026, during which 10 and 16 stray pigs, respectively, were caught from Junglighat and Prem Nagar areas and shifted to Brookshabad. Similar enforcement drives will continue on a regular basis in future, as and when required, to safeguard public health and maintain civic hygiene.

Despite repeated efforts and enforcement measures, it has been observed that certain livestock owners,

Without possessing valid Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUC) mandated under Rule 98 of ANIMVR, 2006.

Plying vehicle without mandatory valid insurance as required under Section 146 of MV Act.

Non-payment of road tax as required under A&N Tax Regulation,

Instances of carrying ticketless passengers in public transport vehicles by private Stage Carriage buses violating section 124 of the Act have also been observed.

Carrying more passengers than the registered seating capacity by violating Section 194 (A) of the Act.

Violators were penalized and an amount of Rs. 40000/- have been realized from the violators.

All the drivers have also been sensitized about the importance of adherence to Motor Vehicle Laws. Transport department therefore earnestly appeal all the users of motor vehicles to strictly follow the Motor Vehicle Laws in true spirit and any lackadaisical approach will have dangerous consequences for the driver as well as fellow road users. Considering the importance of road safety, Transport Department will continue to undertake such drives at regular intervals across different locations all across the UT.

Alert Night Patrolling Leads To Apprehension Of Suspected Temple Theft Accused

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/The vigilant night patrolling by the staff of PS Billiground led to the apprehension of a suspected habitual temple thief before he could commit any offence in the North & Middle Andaman district.

During routine night patrolling on the intervening night of 24/06/2026, police personnel HC(SG)IRBnRanjan Halder, PCs Rakesh Das, Rahul Mondal and HG(V) Sudeb Roy noticed a suspicious individual loitering in the Billiground market area. On being intercepted and questioned, he was identified as Nayan Barr (23) yrs S/o Shri Bikash Barr R/o Bakultala, Rangat. On preliminary enquiry revealed that, he is allegedly involved in multiple theft cases, particularly targeting temples. It further came to light that, after allegedly committing thefts in South Andaman, he had moved towards the North & Middle Andaman district with the suspected intention of committing similar offences.

Earlier, 02 theft cases against unknown persons were registered at PSPahargaon vide FIR No. 101/26 dated 25.06.2026 U/s 305(a)/331(4) BNS, 2023 and FIR No. 102/26 dated 26.06.2026 U/s 305(d)/331(4) BNS, 2023. During sustained interrogation, accused Nayan Barr disclosed his involvement in both the above-mentioned cases and confessed to having committed the offences. Later, the accused has been handed over to PS Pahargaon for further course of investigation.

The general public is requested to remain vigilant and promptly report any anti-social activities including even petty thefts, to the nearest Police Station or by calling 100, 112 or 03192-273344. Timely reporting enables the police to take swift and effective action to prevent and control criminal activities. The identity of the informants will be kept strictly confidential and they will be suitably rewarded for providing credible information.

Social Welfare Department Declares Result for Manager-cum-Coordinator (SAA) Posts Under Mission Vatsalya Scheme

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/The Department of Social Welfare had invited applications from eligible candidates for filling up two (2) posts of Manager-cum-Coordinator (SAA) under the Mission Vatsalya Scheme on a contractual basis in the Directorate of Social Welfare. The interview for the said post was conducted on June 12, 2026.

The result of the interview has been displayed on the notice board of the Social Welfare Department and uploaded in the 'WHAT'S NEW' section of the departmental website: <http://andssw1.and.nic.in/socialwelfare/>.

ICAR-KVK Nimbudera Conducts Awareness Programme on Sustainable Farming Practices Under Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/ICAR-KVK, Nimbudera, organized a series of awareness programmes on sustainable farming practices under "Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026" during 25-26 June, 2026 at Subhasgram and Madhupur villages of Diglipur Block, North & Middle Andaman, in collaboration with UTATMA, Department of Agriculture, A & N Administration.



The programme aimed to create awareness among farmers about sustainable agricultural practices for enhancing crop productivity, conserving soil health, improving resource-use efficiency, reducing dependency on external inputs, and increasing farm income.

During the programme, farmers were sensitized on various components of sustainable agriculture & educated about the importance of adopting improved crop varieties, and quality seeds of improved paddy and vegetable varieties were distributed to encourage the adoption of better-performing crops and enhance farm productivity.

During the farmer-expert interaction sessions, experts provided technical guidance on efficient input management, integrated nutrient and pest management, climate-resilient farming practices, and the adoption of improved agricultural technologies for sustainable crop production. A total of 42 farmers and farmwomen actively participated in the programme.

Andaman & Nicobar Pencak Silat Team Shines at 14th National Championship, Secures 19 Medals

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JUNE 28/--/The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Pencak Silat team delivered a remarkable performance at the 14th National Pencak Silat Championship 2026, held at Tapovan, Nashik, Maharashtra, from 25th to 28th June 2026.

The championship was organised by the Maharashtra Pencak Silat Association under the aegis of the Indian Pencak Silat Federation and recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Sports Authority of India.

Young athletes from the islands, aged between 5 to 16 years, competed against participants from across India in various categories including Singa, Macan, Pre-Teen, Sub-Junior, and Junior categories. The championship witnessed participation of around 1,900 athletes.

The island team showcased exceptional talent and determination, securing a total of 19 medals, including 3 Gold, 4 Silver, and 12 Bronze medals.

The consistent achievements of the Pencak Silat players have brought pride to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and highlighted the growing potential of young island athletes at the national level.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all the young champions, coaches, and team members for their outstanding achievement. Their dedication and success continue to place the islands prominently on the national sports map.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/07/2026 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-

ANDAMAN, BABULANE PORTBLAIR, 0129170700063858, 3915, 3947, 0129170730019147, 9148, BAMBOO FLAT ANDAMAN, 0129280700031257, JANGLI GHAT PORTBLAIR, 0131420700046581, 6611, 6639, 0131420730010714, 0719, 0767, OLD PAHARGAON, 0131400700038599, 8612, 8630, 0131400730008077, PATHAR GADDA JUNCTION, 0131390700049718, 9735, 9769, 9802, 0131390730009889,

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of NEFT/RTGS on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact 9072607147.

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	Government of India Ministry of Railways Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs)					
CENTRALISED EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION (CEN) No. 02/2026						
Recruitment of Technicians INDICATIVE NOTICE						
Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for various posts of Technician Grade-I Signal & Technician Grade-II given in the table below. The last date for submission of Application(s) is 29.07.2026. Applications complete in all respects must be submitted THROUGH ONLINE MODE ONLY. (https://www.rrbapply.gov.in)						
IMPORTANT DATES						
Opening date of Application(s)		: 30.06.2026				
Closing date of submission of Application(s)		: 29.07.2026 (23:59 hrs)				
Name of the post	Pay level as per 7th CPC	Initial pay (₹.)	Medical standard	Age(as on 01.07.2026)	Vacancies (All RRBs)	Total Vacancies (All RRBs)
Technician Grade-I Signal	5	29,200/-	B-1	18-33 years	323	6557
Technician Grade-II	2	19,900/-	As per detailed CEN	18-30 years	6234	
Note:						
1. Each Candidate is allowed to apply to only one RRB for a specific Pay Level, and only one common ONLINE application for any or all of the notified posts within the Pay Level.						
2. A separate application must be submitted for each Pay Level.						
3. Candidates are strongly advised to verify their primary details using Aadhaar, during filling of online application, in order to avoid inconvenience and delays due to special detailed scrutiny at every stage of recruitment process for non-Aadhaar Verified applications.						
4. In order to achieve successful verification using 'Aadhaar', Name and Date of Birth in Aadhaar shall be got updated to match 100% with the Full Name and Date of Birth available in 10th class pass certificate. Similarly, Aadhaar needs to be updated with latest photo and latest biometrics (Fingerprint & Iris) before filling the online application.						
5. This Notice is purely indicative in nature issued solely for the purpose of keeping prospective candidates informed about the forthcoming CEN and to be in readiness with necessary certificates and documents required for applying. It is also clarified that all terms, conditions, eligibility criteria, procedures and other requirements governing the recruitment shall be strictly as per detailed CEN No. 02/2026 (along with any corrigendum, which may be issued from time to time) which will be published exclusively on the official websites of all RRBs listed below:						
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