



MP urges PM, HM to ensure fair compensation and rehabilitation for Great Nicobar Project affected families

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JULY 27--/The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, has submitted a detailed representation to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah seeking their kind and urgent intervention to ensure fair compensation, proper rehabilitation and livelihood protection for the families affected by the proposed Greenfield International Airport under the Great Nicobar Infrastructure (GNI) Project.

While expressing sincere gratitude to the Government of India for launching the historic Great Nicobar Infrastructure Project, Shri Ray stated that the project is of immense national strategic importance and will significantly strengthen India's maritime security, connectivity and economic growth. He appreciated the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister for according unprecedented importance to the comprehensive development of Great Nicobar Island.

The MP clarified that the affected families of Gandhi Nagar and Shastri Nagar are not opposing the GNI Project. They fully support this nationally important initiative and are willing to cooperate with the Government. Their only request is that the land acquisition process should be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013, ensuring fair compensation, proper rehabilitation, livelihood security and employment opportunities.

Shri Ray pointed out that most of the affected families are ex-servicemen settler families who were rehabilitated by the Government in the late 1970s and have already suffered repeated displacement, including after the 2004 Tsunami. They are now facing displacement for the third time due to the proposed airport project. Considering their extraordinary sacrifices in safeguarding India's southern maritime frontier for decades under difficult conditions, he stated that they deserve a more liberal and compassionate rehabilitation package.

The MP also stated that several claims and objections submitted by the affected families against the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Report have not yet been fully examined after providing them an opportunity of hearing as required under the RFCTLARR Act, 2013. He cautioned that finalising the Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) Package without completing the mandatory legal process may lead to avoidable disputes and delay in the

implementation of this prestigious national project.

Shri Ray further observed that the draft R&R Package prepared by the UT Administration does not adequately address the genuine concerns of the affected families. He expressed concern that the land valuation has been based on outdated circle rates notified in the year 2000 instead of adopting a fair market value. He suggested that the land value determined during the 2006 Tsunami rehabilitation process, along with appropriate appreciation and statutory benefits, should also be considered while determining compensation.

The MP further highlighted that rehabilitation packages provided for Greenfield Airport projects in several other States are comparatively more beneficial, despite those projects not carrying the same level of national strategic importance as the Great Nicobar Infrastructure Project. He urged that the affected families in Great Nicobar should receive a rehabilitation package commensurate with their unique sacrifices and the national significance of the project.

Shri Bishnu Pada Ray also recalled that during the visit of Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands in January 2026, he had personally raised the issue of fair compensation and rehabilitation for the affected families. After hearing the matter, the Hon'ble Home Minister had assured that the Government would consider providing a fair and just compensation and rehabilitation package. The MP has requested that this assurance may kindly be honoured while finalising the R&R Package.

In his representation, Shri Ray has requested the Hon'ble Home Minister to convene, at the earliest, a meeting under his chairmanship with the participation of the UT Administration, the Member of Parliament and representatives of the affected families, including their Association, so that their concerns may be heard directly and a fair, lawful and mutually acceptable Rehabilitation & Resettlement Package may be finalised.

The MP expressed confidence that if the genuine concerns of the affected families are addressed in a fair, transparent and humanitarian manner, they will fully cooperate with the Government, thereby ensuring the smooth, timely and litigation-free implementation of the Great Nicobar Infrastructure Project in the larger national interest.



Tree plantation drive by Mercantile Marine Dept, DBRAIT

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JULY 27--/The Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Sri Vijaya Puram, in collaboration with the NSS Unit-II of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT), organized a Tree Plantation Drive under the Hon'ble Prime Minister's flagship initiative "Ek Ped MaaKe Naam." The programme was held in association with the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) and the Andaman Nicobar Ship Owners Association (ANSOA).

The drive was inaugurated by Shri Gopikrishna C., Engineer & Ship Surveyor-cum-Deputy Director General (Tech) and Surveyor-in-Charge, MMD, Sri Vijaya Puram, who briefed the participants on the objectives of the plantation drive and emphasized the importance of geo-tagging the



planted saplings to facilitate their monitoring and long-term maintenance.

Prof. (Dr.) Sanmukh Kaur, Principal, DBRAIT, motivated the participants by emphasizing the importance of collective action in protecting the environment and making the plantation drive a meaningful success. Dr. Muthu Kumarar E., NSS Programme Officer, Unit-II, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the significance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's flagship initiative "Ek Ped MaaKe Naam," which encourages every citizen to plant a tree in honour of their mother. Captain R. Ananth Kumar, Master Mariner, appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Mercantile Marine Department, DBRAIT, IRS, and ANSOA in organizing the programme and encouraged continued partnerships for environmental sustainability.

Around 100 saplings were planted across the institute campus with the enthusiastic participation of B.Tech students, faculty members, staff, and officials from the collaborating organizations. The programme concluded with a theme to nurture the planted saplings and work collectively towards.

Veterinary health camp conducted at Annapurna Gaushala, Calicut

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JULY 27--/The Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS), through the Senior Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Hospital Garacharma and team, conducted a comprehensive Veterinary Health Camp at Annapurna Gaushala, Calicut on 25th July 2026.

During the camp, systematic health monitoring of the animals was carried out. A total of 23 blood samples and 22 dung samples were collected and sent to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL), Dollygunj for detailed laboratory examination. The samples were tested for blood protozoa, blood parasites, Complete Blood Count (CBC), Renal Function Test (RFT), Liver Function Test (LFT) and serum electrolytes to assess the overall health status of the animals.

For proper identification and record keeping, one damaged ear tag was replaced with a new ear tag and two newly inducted animals were tagged. A total of 24 animals were dewormed as a preventive health measure. Feed supplements - Profeed and liquid Phytocal Ruchi - were also provided to support the nutritional requirements and improve the general condition of the animals.

The caretaker of the Gaushala was advised in detail regarding scientific feeding practices. Emphasis was laid on the balanced provision of green fodder, dry matter, concentrate feed and adequate clean drinking water for better animal health, productivity and overall welfare.

The Department of AH&VS continues to provide regular veterinary support, diagnostic services and technical guidance to Gaushalas across the Islands to ensure proper care, disease prevention and improved health of animals under their shelter, a press release from Dept. of AH&VS said.



UT-Level Master Trainer Capacity Building Workshop-cum-Handholding Exercise on Operationalizing Solid Waste Management, Plastic Waste Management

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JULY 27--/The Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC), Department of Science & Technology, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in collaboration with the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi, is organising a UT-Level Master Trainer Capacity Building Workshop-cum-Handholding Exercise on Operationalizing Solid Waste Management and Plastic Waste Management on 28th and 29th July, 2026 at the Training Hall, Directorate of Disaster Management, Sri Vijaya Puram.

The workshop is being conducted under the India-Norway Marine Pollution Initiative (INMPI) Phase-II of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, with the objective of strengthening institutional capacities for the effective implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended).

The 2-day programme will bring together officials from Government Departments, Urban and Rural Local Bodies, waste management agencies, bulk waste generators, Self-Help Groups, Non-Governmental Organisations, and other key stakeholders. Technical experts from MoEF&CC's partnered institution like the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi and ANPCC will conduct interactive sessions on source segregation, waste quantification and characterisation, Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), plastic waste management, Bulk Waste Generator compliances and other best practices for sustainable waste management in the Island ecosystem.

ANPCC has extended invitations to concerned Government Departments and stakeholders to participate actively in the programme, which aims to develop a pool of Master Trainers capable of promoting effective implementation of waste management rules across the Union Territory. The initiative reflects the Administration's commitment to environmental protection, sustainable waste management, and a cleaner and healthier A&N Island.

Inter School Upper Primary Level Football Knockout Tournament

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JULY 27--/The Inter School Upper Primary Level Football Knockout Tournament for Boys & Girls 2026-27 is being organised by the Deputy Education Office, South Andaman. In the Boy's Semi-final matches played today, PM SHRI GSSS Prothrapur defeated GDMs(S) by 4-2 (Tie Breaker) and SSS KEMS defeated GMS Dollygunj by 3-0 goals.

Meanwhile, in the Girl's Semi-final matches played, GSSS Bathubasti defeated PM SHRI GSSS Garacharma by 1-0 goals and GSSS School Line defeated GSSS Model by 3-0 goals.

The tournament will continue with the upcoming final matches, promising more excitement and competitive spirit. The final match will be held on July 28 at GSSS Bathubasti Ground at 8.30 am.

Weather Forecast

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JULY 27--/Thunderstorm with gusty wind (40-50 kmph) and lightning is very likely to occur at one or two places over the district. Squally weather with wind speed reaching 35 - 45 kmph occasionally gusting 55 kmph is likely to prevail along and off A&N Coasts till July 29. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the Sea along and off A&N Coasts till July 29.

Updated panel of resource persons/ guest faculty in MGGC, Mayabunder.

SRI VIJYA PAURAM, JULY 27--/The Updated Panel of Resource Persons/ Guest Faculty for the Academic Year 2026-2027 is uploaded in the website <https://mggcm.and.nic.in> and www.andamannicobar.gov.in. The selected candidates are asked to bring their original Educational Testimonials along with Local Certificate, if any for verification at the time of reporting. The Demo classes shall be conducted online for Non-Local candidates and offline for Local candidates. The date and time for Demo classes shall be intimated over phone.

Tribute to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on his death anniversary

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JULY 27--/The death anniversary of former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was observed today. To mark the occasion, the ANTCC leaders paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr. Kalam at a solemn event held in the premises of the Education department. Dr. Kalam's life is a symbol of simplicity, knowledge and patriotism. He dedicated his entire life to science, education and the bright future of youth. Speakers on the occasion said that his contribution as a teacher, scientist and President will always be remembered.

AATO delegation meets DGP, discusses measures to strengthen tourism

SRI VIJAYA PURAM, JULY 27--/A delegation of the Andaman Association of Tour Operators (AATO), led by its President, Shri M. Vinod, General Secretary, Shri Saikat Biswas, and Vice President, Shri K. Hamza, paid a courtesy visit to the Director General of Police, Andaman & Nicobar Police, Shri Ravindra Singh Yadav, IPS, to congratulate him on assuming office and discuss key issues concerning the tourism sector in the islands.

During the meeting, the delegation highlighted several operational challenges affecting the tourism industry and sought the support of the Police Department in improving visitor experience while ensuring safety and compliance with regulations.

One of the key issues raised was the introduction of an online permit issuance system for vehicles travelling through the Jirkatang-Middle Strait Convoys. The delegation explained that an online system would streamline the permit process, reduce waiting time, and improve convenience for both tourists and tour operators.

The delegation also requested the introduction of an additional convoy exclusively for commercial trucks to reduce congestion in the existing convoys, thereby ensuring smoother movement of tourist vehicles travelling to North and Middle Andaman.

Emphasising the importance of responsible tourism, AATO proposed that the Police Department conduct regular awareness and sensitisation programmes for tour operators, drivers, tour coordinators, and other tourism professionals. The proposed training programmes would focus on the ill effects of alcohol and drug abuse, legal responsibilities, road safety, and awareness of important laws and regulations, particularly those relating to the ANPAT Regulations and other regulations governing tourism activities in the islands.

Shri Ravindra Singh Yadav, IPS, appreciated the constructive suggestions put forward by the delegation and immediately passed necessary instructions to the concerned officers to initiate regular awareness and sensitisation training programmes for tourism stakeholders. He also assured to examine and take forward the proposal for implementing an online permit system for the Jirkatang-Middle Strait Convoys.



Basic training for civil defence volunteers commences at PS Diglipur

DIGLIPUR, JULY 28--/Diglipur has commenced the 10-day Basic Training Programme for Civil Defence Volunteers (CDVs) at Police Station Diglipur with the objective of strengthening community preparedness and enhancing the emergency response capabilities of the



volunteers.

On 27.07.2026, basic training was imparted to 19 Civil Defence Volunteers by Head Constable Khokan Chandra Das. The 10-day training programme aims to equip Civil Defence Volunteers with the essential knowledge and skills required to effectively support disaster management, rescue operations, and other public safety initiatives.

North & Middle Andaman District Police remains committed to strengthening community participation and building a trained volunteer force capable of responding effectively during emergencies.

AFFIDAVIT

I, MICHAL TIRKEY, S/o Late THOMAS TIRKEY, R/o Kaushalyanagar under Rangat Tehsil, District of N & M Andaman do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows.

1. That my & my father's correct & full name is MICHAL TIRKEY, S/o Late THOMAS TIRKEY as per my Aadhar Card & others relevant documents.
2. That by wrongly / erroneously my & my father's name has been mentioned as MIKEL TIRKEY, S/o THOMAS in my licence/Land record (ROR) bearing Survey/Plot No. 8 measuring an area 0.0360 Hects., Classified as HS, comprised in new holding No.757, situated at Parnasala village under Rangat Tehsil.
3. That known MICHAL TIRKEY, S/o Late THOMAS TIRKEY and MIKEL TIRKEY, S/o THOMAS is the names of one and same person not difference.
4. This affidavit made by me for rectification of my & my father's name as MICHAL TIRKEY, S/o Late THOMAS TIRKEY instead of MIKEL TIRKEY, S/o THOMAS in the said LAND RECORD, hence forth this affidavit.

That all the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 06/07/2026

Place: Rangat

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List of pledges:-

ANDAMAN, BABULANE PORTBLAIR, 0129170700058476, 8589, 9322, 9370, 9429, 0062, 0114, 0128, 0400, 0915, 0953, 1023, 1667, 1882, 2466, 2532, 2577, 2783, 2857, 3132, 3160, 3243, 3506, 3656, 0129170730013424, 4128, 4286, 4771, 8493, 8733, 9598, 9640, 9659, 4110, 4111, 4112, BAMBOO FLAT ANDAMAN, 0129280700028639, 4918, 9642, 9852, 9887, 0282, 0649, 0928, 0940, 0978, 0996, 1288, 1289, 1305, 1356, 1395, 0129280730002891, 2972, 4249, 4802, 4912, 6664, JANGLIGHTAT PORTBLAIR, 0131420700041805, 3158, 3533, 4027, 4149, 4553, 5494, 5635, 5736, 5962, 6036, 6089, 6389, 6487, 6704, 6730, 6742, 6799, 6830, 0131420730010009, 0933, 1032, 5161, 5173, 5174, 5180, 5180, OLD PAHARGOAN, 0131400700036484, 7070, 7635, 7755, 7940, 8284, 8304, 8336, 8558, 8745, 8829, 0131400730004546, 6146, 6296, 6297, 6298, 6302, 6303, 6304, 6929, 7202, 8599, 3455, 3460, 3462, PATHAR GADDA JUNCTION, 0131390700046335, 6430, 6489, 6499, 6594, 6792, 6918, 7188, 7885, 7935, 8182, 8365, 8452, 8572, 8594, 8674, 8909, 8944, 9089, 9090, 9396, 9428, 9483, 9563, 9659, 9880, 9892, 9913, 9949, 0131390730005210, 5950, 6361, 7089, 8198, 8255, 8477, 8482, 0155, 0156, 0157, 4456, 4457, 4461, 4463,

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Authorised Officer
For Manappuram Finance Ltd

Floral tribute paid to Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on his 11th death anniversary

SRI VIJAYAPURA, JULY 27---/On 27th July 2026 on the occasion of the 11th Death Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the Missile Man of India, the entire team of Bharatiya Janata Party Minority Morcha, Andaman & Nicobar Islands paid heartfelt floral tributes at Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's Statue in front of the Directorate of Education, VIP Road, and later at BJP Bhawan, Middle Point.

All the Senior Leaders, Office Bearers, Members, and Karyakartas of Minority

Morcha marked their aracious presence and paid homage to the great visionary, scientist, and former President of India.*

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Shri. Anil Kumar Tiwari, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and under the supervision of Shri. Baby Mathew ,State President, Minority Morcha, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

