<u>Bird Watching Policy for A&N Islands-Inviting suggestions/inputs/comments on the</u> <u>draft Bird Watching Policy</u>

The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism, A&N Administration is to inform that a draft Bird Watching Policy has been prepared as part of the commitment to Sustainable Eco Tourism and Conservation.

The A&N Islands are renowned for the unparalleled biodiversity and are home to a rich variety of avian species. With the growing interest in Bird Watching and Eco Tourism in these Islands, it has become essential to formulate a comprehensive policy that ensures the conversations of these avian treasures while promoting responsible and ethical bird watching activities.

The Bird Watching Policy outlines a framework for promoting Bird Watching as a means of environmental educations, sustainable tourism, scientific research etc.

The draft policy is placed in the public domain seeking suggestions/comments/inputs from general public, tourism stakeholders, various departments etc. The draft policy is available in the official website of Directorate of IP&T <u>https://www.andamantourism.gov.in</u>. All comments/suggestions/inputs may be submitted to Directorate of IP&T within a period of **30 days** starting from **12/08/2023 to 12/09/2023**.

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Port Blair, date August 2023

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- 1. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams with the request to publish the above Press Release as news item on 12/08/2023, 16/08/2023, 21/08/2023 & 24/08/2023.
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