

## Press Release

### **Training-Cum-Awareness Programme on VAT Implementation Conducted at Tagore Government College Auditorium:**

Port Blair, dated 27.08.2024: A Training-cum-Awareness programme on implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT) in A&N Islands was successfully conducted on 27.08.2024 at the Tagore Government College Auditorium, Port Blair. The event witnessed active participation from VAT officials and stakeholders across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, both in person and through an online Google Meet session.

The program was inaugurated by Smti. Nandini Maharaj, IAS, Joint Commissioner (VAT), who briefed the stakeholders on the importance of VAT and its implementation in these Islands. She emphasized the necessity of stakeholders to be well-informed about the VAT Regulation & Rules to ensure its smooth execution.

Following her address, Shri Balbir Singh, VATO (HQ) and Shri Y.V.Prem Kumar, AVATO commenced the session to discuss the implementation process and the key features of VAT Regulation, Rules including assessment procedures, remittance of VAT, filing of VAT returns & penalties pertaining to non-compliance of VAT. The session provided valuable insights and practical guidance for the stakeholders for compliance of VAT.

Upon completion of the session, Shri Anand Vardhan Mishra, DANICS, Assistant Commissioner (VAT), briefed the gathering about VAT compliance in A & N Islands. During this interactive segment, he addressed various queries raised by the stakeholders and urged them to cooperate with the VAT Department for the seamless implementation of VAT across the Islands. He also assured that all concerns and queries raised during the session would be duly addressed by the Department.

This marks a significant step by the VAT Department towards ensuring that all the stakeholders are well-prepared and informed about the VAT frameworks, which is crucial for the economic growth and regulatory compliance in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

