The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism, A & N Administration is to inform that a "Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for Boat Snorkeling Activity In A&N Islands," has been prepared in-coordination and consultation with National Institute of Watersports, Goa, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

The draft SoP outlines key safety procedure, required gears and equipment, identifying risk, pre-trip briefing, environmental briefing etc.

The Standard Operating Procedure is placed in the public domain for information of the general public/tourism stakeholders including boat operators, snorkeling guides, environmental experts and their feedback, if any. The SoP is available in the official website of Directorate of IP&T https://www.andamantourism.gov.in and www.mygov.in.

All feedback may be submitted to Directorate of IP&T by 30.04.2025.

Asst. Director (Admin.)

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Sri Vijaya Puram, dated April, 2025

## Copy to:

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- 1. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams with the request to publish the above Press release as news item on \( \text{9.04.2025} \) \( \text{8.13.04.2025} \)
- 2. The Chief Editor, Dweep Samachar with the request to publish the above Press release as news item on 09.04.2025 &13.04.2025
- 3. The Public Relation Officer, DIPT with the direction to publish the news item in the local newspapers.
- 4. The Editor, All India Radio, Sri Vijaya Puram.
- 5. The Editor, Doordarshan Kendra, Sri Vijaya Puram.
- The Nodal Officer (IT), DIPT with the direction to upload the press release in the official website of Tourism Department. https://www.andamantourism.gov.in and www.mygov.in alongwith "Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) For Boat Snorkeling Activity In A&N Islands".

## Copy also forwarded for information to:

- 1. The PS to Secretary (IP&T) for kind information.
- 2. The PA to Director (Tourism) for kind information.

Asst. Director(Admn.)