

Press Release

Advisory for Adventure Watersports operators

It has come to the notice of the Directorate of IP&T, that some adventure watersports operators (Scuba Diving, Sea Walk, Parasailing, Kayaking, and Snorkelling Guides) have been indulging in fraudulent and unethical practices, including misrepresentation of services, irresponsible conduct, and violations of the prescribed A&N Islands Watersports Guidelines – 2015 and associated terms and conditions.

Such malpractices not only damage the reputation of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands as a safe and reliable tourist destination but also undermine the interests of genuine service providers/operators.

In view of the above, all adventure watersports operators operating at Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep, and Sri Vijaya Puram are hereby directed to:

- i. Strictly adhere to the prescribed Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
- ii. Maintain professional conduct while dealing with tourists at all times.
- iii. Refrain from any fraudulent, misleading, or unethical activities that may compromise tourist safety or confidence.


Any violation, misconduct, or fraudulent activity reported against an operator will be dealt with strictly, and appropriate action, including suspension or cancellation of registration, will be initiated by this Directorate.

Tourists who encounter fraudulent practices or misconduct by any operator are advised to lodge their complaints with the Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T), A&N Administration at the following:

- **Phone:** (03192) 232694
- **Email:** touristhelpdeskandamans@gmail.com

This has approval of the Competent Authority.


Assistant Director (Admn.)


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पर्यटननिदेशालय; /Directorate of Tourism

Dated the 16th Sept, 2025

Copy to:

1. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams with the request to publish the above Press release as news item on 17/09/2025.
2. The Chief Editor, Dweep Samachar with the request to publish the above Press release as news item on 17/09/2025.
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.
6. All adventure watersports operators.
7. All Beach Officers.

Copy also forwarded for information to:

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


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