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Sub: Press Release on IndiaSkills-2025 Competition- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that a Union Territory-level skill competition titled "**IndiaSkills – Andaman & Nicobar Islands 2025**" is successfully conducted at the **ITI, Dollygunj** from **20th January to 22nd January 2026**.

In this regard, a press release along with photographs pertaining to the valedictory function of the said event is enclosed for publication/hosting, with a view to creating awareness among students and the general public about vocational education and skill development programmes.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully


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PRESS RELEASE

IndiaSkills Andaman & Nicobar Islands – 2025 Concludes with Grand Valedictory Function at ITI Dollygunj

Sri Vijaya Puram, 22nd January 2026

The IndiaSkills Andaman & Nicobar Islands – 2025 concluded on 22.01.2026 with a vibrant and inspiring valedictory function at ITI, Dollygunj, celebrating three days of intense competition, learning, and excellence in skill development. The event marked a significant milestone in the islands' journey towards nurturing a skilled, industry-ready workforce.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by a *large and distinguished delegation of academicians, principals of leading institutions, veteran engineers, and senior professionals*, reflecting strong institutional and professional support for skill-based education. Among the eminent guests were **Shri Manohar Singh, Retired Superintending Engineer and former Principal, DBRAIT**; **Prof. (Dr.) Sanmukh Kaur, Principal, DBRAIT**; **Dr. Manjulata Rao, Principal, TGCE**; **Prof. (Dr.) P. V. N. Sarma, Principal, Andaman Law College**; and **Dr. V. Alagusundaram, Head of Department, DBRAIT**, whose presence added academic depth and inspiration to the occasion.

At the outset, all the dignitaries *visited the competition bays and skill arenas*, where they *interacted closely with the competitors*. The dignitaries keenly observed the live demonstrations of skills across various trades and appreciated the confidence, technical proficiency, and problem-solving abilities displayed by the young competitors. The interaction served as a strong motivational experience for the competitors, who had the opportunity to directly engage with experienced academicians and engineers and reflected the spirit of mentorship that defines the IndiaSkills initiative.

The program formally commenced with the *lighting of the ceremonial lamp*, followed by a Welcome Address and Brief Report on IndiaSkills journey by the *Shri Venketesh Ch. Principal / Deputy Apprenticeship Advisor*. In his address, he highlighted that *82 competitors participated in 30 different skill categories*, making IndiaSkills Andaman & Nicobar Islands – 2025 one of the most comprehensive skill competitions conducted in the islands. He emphasized that IndiaSkills is not merely a competition, but a platform that transforms talent into capability and learning into excellence.

In the subsequent sessions, senior academicians and experienced professionals addressed the gathering. **Shri Veeraiya, Retired Deputy Director of Shipping**; **Shri Shankar Rao, HoD (Electrical Engineering), DBRAIT**; **Shri Alok Srivastava, Retired Executive Engineer, ALHW**; **Shri Sajan Thomas, Senior Lecturer (Mechanical) and Project Officer (SDP), DBRAIT**; **Shri Arun Srivastava, Retired Faculty, DBRAIT**; and **Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Dean, DBRAIT**, shared their professional experiences and urged the youth to pursue skills with discipline, innovation, and lifelong learning. The speakers extended their best wishes to the competitors selected for the IndiaSkills Regional and National competitions, encouraging them to represent the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with confidence and pride.

An engaging *audio-visual presentation* showcased the preparation, journey, and achievements of the competitors, capturing moments of perseverance, teamwork, and innovation. The presentation vividly reflected the dedication of trainees, mentors, and organizers who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the event.

A special moment of the valedictory function was the *felicitation of jury members* from various departments and institutions. They were honoured with *Certificates of Appreciation and*

mementos in recognition of their impartial assessment, technical expertise, and commitment to maintaining the highest standards of evaluation throughout the competition.

The ceremony reached its most awaited moment with the *award distribution*, during which the *winners, first runners-up, and second runners-up* were presented with *medals, certificates, and mementos* by the dignitaries. All competitors were also awarded certificates, acknowledging their dedication, effort, and enthusiasm. The applause that filled the hall reflected not only celebration, but inspiration for many young learners aspiring to participate in future editions of IndiaSkills.

The program concluded with a *Vote of Thanks by Shri K Srinivasa Rao, Labour Commissioner & DET*, followed by the *National Anthem*, marking the formal closure of the event. The successful conduct of **IndiaSkills Andaman & Nicobar Islands – 2025** underscored the islands' growing focus on vocational training, skill development, employability, and youth empowerment, sending a strong message to young aspirants that skills, when honed with passion and discipline, can open pathways to opportunity, self-reliance, and meaningful contribution to national development.

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The successful organization of **IndiaSkills Andaman & Nicobar Islands – 2025** has reinforced the islands' growing focus on vocational training, *skill development, employability, and youth empowerment*, inspiring young aspirants to pursue technical excellence and contribute meaningfully to nation-building.





