

Safer Internet Day 2026 Celebrated with Awareness Sessions Across Andaman & Nicobar Islands

The **National Informatics Centre (NIC)**, Sri Vijaya Puram, in collaboration with C-DAC under the ISEA Project, organized a series of awareness sessions across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands on the occasion of **Safer Internet Day 2026** on 10th February, 2026. The events were conducted under the global theme:

“Smart Tech, Safe Choices – Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of AI.”

The sessions aimed to educate citizens about safe online practices, cyber hygiene, protection against digital threats, and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence.

Awareness sessions were held at TGCE, Sri Vijaya Puram, Mahatama Gandhi Govt College, Mayabunder, and DC Office Conference Hall, Car Nicobar, Nicobar District.

The awareness session at TGCE witnessed enthusiastic participation including students of TGCE, JNRM, IT Cadre Officials and Team NIC. The Guest of Honours were Smt. Manju Lata Rao, Principal, TGCE, Shri Gautam Gupta, SIO NIC Andaman and Nicobar UT Centre. SIO NIC gave a detailed presentation on Safer Internet access, cybersecurity best practices, online fraud prevention, responsible internet usage, effective digital safety measures. In his presentation SIO explained about Spam mails, Scam calls, Digital Arrest and other cyber scams.

Shri Vindo NC, HoD Computer Sc. JNRM, Shri Sajith, Assistant Branch Manager, SBI, Rakshavihar Branch and Shri Hari, SI from Cyber Crime Cell, AN Police gave awareness tips on Cyber frauds, how to prevent and how one can protect from these cyber frauds.

NIC North and Middle Andaman District Unit officials organised awareness session at Mahatama Gandhi Govt College, Mayabunder, North and Middle Andaman district. The Chief Guest was Shri Krishna Chaitanya, Additional District Magistrate, North and Middle Andaman District. Guest of Honour was Sh RVR Murthy, Principal MGGC. Smt Gracy Field, Inspector, Mayabunder, Shri Pratik Yadav, SBI, Mayabunder and Smt.

Babita Devi, Assistant Manager (IT) addressed during the session. The session was conducted by Shri Sunil Yadav, DIA, NIC North and Middle Andaman district.

The workshop at DC Office Conference Hall, Car Nicobar, Nicobar district witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, HoDs of all departments, shopkeepers and general public. The Chief Guest was Shri John Levi Deputy Vice Chief Tribal Council. The Guest of Honours was Smt Jayanthi, Vice Prinicipal, GSSS Lapathy. Smt Hemavathi, SHO Nicobar, Shri A K Singh, Inspector (S P Office), Shri Samuel Livingston, SI, Shri Chander Shekhar, Branch Manager, SBI, Car Nicobar, Shri Praveen Kumar Yadav, Nursing Officer and Shri Puspendra Kumar, Nursing Officer also addressed the audience. The session was conducted by Shri Prakash Yadav, DIA, NIC Nicobar district.

Shri Gopal Krishna, Scientist-B NIC conducted a short quiz session with the participants. Representatives from SBI Bank and Police conducted interactive sessions with the audience.

The event concluded with a pledge on Safer Internet Day, administered by SIO, NIC to promote awareness and a commitment to fostering a safer and more responsible digital ecosystem. Shri Devashish Das, Sc-C delivered Vote of Thanks to all. The initiative received positive feedback, with participants expressing their gratitude for the informative and engaging sessions.