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Republic Day Celebrations



Two AWWs from this UT of A&N Islands Smti. Naw Rosline & Smti. Sarita Kumari accompanied by their spouses visited New Delhi to witness the Republic Day celebration on 26th January 2026 as a Special Guest also attended a grand lunch & Meet-up with Smti. Annapuran Devi Ji, Cabinet Minister for the Ministry of Women & Child Development and Smti. Savitri Thakur Ji, Union Minister of State Women & Child Development & Shri. Anil Malik Ji, Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development.

Commendation Certificates to AWW & AWH

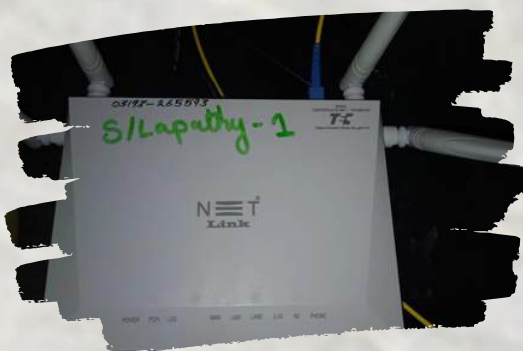


Saksham Anganwadi

Transforming Anganwadi Centres into Smart, Inclusive and Nutrition-Focused Hubs

The Department of Social Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, is taking significant steps towards strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) services through the upgradation of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) into Saksham Anganwadis. This initiative focuses on creating child-friendly, digitally enabled, and nutritionally supportive environments for holistic development. 140 AWCs covered under the initiative and equipped with 5 components (Wifi, RO water purifier, ECCE material, Smart TV & Poshan Vatika) ensuring improved service delivery

5 Components under Saksham Anganwadi



The Saksham Anganwadi initiative is not just an infrastructure upgrade—it is a transformative effort to ensure that every child receives quality care, nutrition, and early education in a supportive environment. By integrating technology, health, and nutrition, these centres are becoming pillars of community development and child well-being.

This progressive initiative reflects the Administration's commitment to building a strong foundation for the future.

Sampoorntha Abhiyan 2.0 by NITI Aayog - Accelerating Development Saturation

Officials Visited the Aspirational District at Nicobar under Sampoorntha Abhiyan 2.0

The Launch of Sampoorntha Abhiyan 2.0 under the Aspirational Block Programme held at Perka Village, Car Nicobar on 9th february 2026. The program was launched by the Deputy Commissioner of the Nicobar District. The six key development indicators targeted under the initiative. These include enhanced coverage of supplementary nutrition for children and pregnant women, proper growth monitoring of children in Anganwadi Centres, functional toilets and safe drinking water facilities in Anganwadis under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), provision of adequate girls' toilets in schools, and vaccination of bovine animals against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). The various highlight of the event was Paustik Aahar Mela, Growth Mointoring, PMMVY registration camp and dissemination of Govt. Welfare schemes.



“Men-Streaming Activities” at AWCs in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Recognizing the important role of fathers and male care givers in ensuring the health, nutrition, care, and development of children, the Directorate of Social Welfare has undertaken several initiatives to promote men's participation in Anganwadi Centre (AWC) activities under the “Active Fatherhood Initiative”. The initiative aims to foster shared responsibility in child care, nutrition, early childhood development, and maternal well-being. As part of this initiative, Men-Streaming activities organized for fathers, grandfathers, community leaders, and other male caregivers are encouraged to actively participate in Anganwadi activities,

The programme saw active participation from Pradhans & PRI members, para medical staff, Anganwadi staff, and community members. The key highlight was the introduction of the “**Buddy Father**” concept, encouraging experienced fathers to mentor others in positive parenting and support in childcare practices. During March 2026, 4,288 activities were conducted with active participation of **1,800** male caregivers.

The initiative successfully emphasized the vital role of fathers/male caregivers in early childhood development, with enthusiastic participation reflecting a growing commitment to responsible parenting.

Men-streaming Activities



Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Mitakhadi address the community members



Activities under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)



बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ

National Girl Child Day Celebrated on January 2024



A **Beti Janmotsav** programme was organised at Anganwadi Centre (AWC), under ICDS Project Diglipur, marking a significant effort to celebrate and promote the value of the girl child in society.



Under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, a sport activity for adolescent girls was organized at the SAI Institute, Car Nicobar under ICDS Tribal Project. The Programme aimed to promote Physical fitness, self-confidence & team spirit among the participants.



Unique Disability ID (UDID) Project

- The Unique Disability ID (UDID) Project was launched in 2016 by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under the Government of India's Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to provide a unique identity to persons with disabilities and create a national database for strategic welfare planning. The Unique Disability Identity Document (UDID) is an identification card for a person with a disability (PWD).
- The card includes the demographic details and disability related information of PWD across the country. A person having a disability covered under RPWD Act 2016 is eligible for the UDID.



Celebration of Purple Fest for Divyanjans in Coordination with CRC, Brookshabad



Activities Conducted under State Child Protection Society

The State Child Protection Scheme, under the Directorate of Social Welfare, has been actively leveraging Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnerships to enhance the quality of care and development opportunities available to children residing in **Child Care Institutions (CCIs)** across the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. During the year, in collaboration with Oil India Limited, four major CSR-supported initiatives were successfully implemented, directly benefiting 243 children living in various CCIs.

As part of these initiatives, essential educational and welfare-related infrastructure was provided to the institutions, including Smart TVs, desktop computers, projectors, printers, and water purifiers.



Oil India Company sponsorship

State-Level One-Day Training on Child Protection (All Three Districts)

A State-Level One-Day Training Programme was successfully organized by the State Child Protection Society, with the participation of **57 officials from all three districts**. The programme focused on capacity building and effective implementation of key child protection initiatives, strengthening coordination and convergence at the district level. It also enhanced understanding of legal frameworks and institutional mechanisms for safeguarding children's rights across the Islands.



Activities conducted at Balika Niketan a Child Care Institution at Attam Pahad

A recreational program was conducted by Sri Sarada Sangha for inmates of Balika Niketan and residents of Ullas Old Age Home.



Observance of National Girl Child Day



Visit of Judges from District Court at Balika Niketan, for Celebration of Eid



Celebration of Holi Festival and Rangoli Competition organized for inmates of Balika Niketan.



Women's Day Celebrations

The Directorate of Social Welfare celebrated the International Women's Day 2026 on 7th March 2026 at the DBRAIT Auditorium with the theme "Give to Gain." On this occasion, the State Hub for Empowerment also launched informational pamphlets on the POSH Act, POCSO Act and Domestic Act.



A video presentation on the achievements of women-centric schemes implemented under the Directorate of Social Welfare was screened, showcasing the efforts of the State Hub for Empowerment of Women, Women Helpline and One Stop Center in advancing women's welfare and empowerment across the islands.

The program featured a vocal play by team DSW depicting the inspiring journey of a woman who empowers herself and transforms her community. The team also organized various competitions and programs for all the women of Directorate of Social Welfare.



Women's Day Celebrations

During the program 11 women change-makers and six outstanding Anganwadi Workers and Helpers were felicitated. Smti. Tapasi Saha (Pradhan), Smti. C K Rasheeda Banu (PRI Member), Smti. Reshma (PRI Member), Smti. D Padmawathi (Pramukh), Smti. Pandi Selvi Viswanathan (Councillor), Smti. Zarina Nikhat Islam (President- Crusaders Against Animal Sufferings), Dr. Jochibed Vincent (HOD English, Andaman College) Miss. Marya Sheela (Incharge - Prayas Juvenile aid center), Miss. Farida (Director- Hope Foundation NGO), Miss Elay (Student of BA B. Ed. Tagore College) and Miss Vaishali Devi (@Valishaliandaman) were recognized for their contributions towards the betterment of our society.



The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from all members of the Directorate of Social Welfare reaffirming the collective commitment towards empowering women and promoting gender equality in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.



NATIONAL HELPLINE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS UNDER DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE FACILITATES INTER-STATE REUNION OF ELDERLY PERSON AFTER 21 YEARS

In a major humanitarian success, the National Helpline for Senior Citizens (NHSC-14567), Andaman & Nicobar Islands, has successfully facilitated the relocation of Shri C. Radhakrishnan, an elderly resident of Abhyudaya Complex Old Age Home, to his native state of Tamil Nadu. Shri Radhakrishnan had been living in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands for nearly two decades and had lost all his identity documents during the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami. About six months ago, he was found in a vulnerable condition and later admitted to the Old Age Home at Ferrargunj. During his stay, he repeatedly expressed his strong desire to return to his native place at Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu. On his request, NHSC initiated family tracing and inter-state coordination with Tamil Nadu Elderline.

After 3–4 months of continuous efforts involving counselling, police verification, and coordination with Tamil Nadu authorities, his relatives were successfully traced. The Directorate of Social Welfare, Tamil Nadu, has confirmed arrangements for his reception in Chennai and further relocation support to Kanyakumari.

On this occasion, the Director, Social Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, first congratulated the Elder Helpline team for successfully completing this humanitarian task and enabling Shri C. Radhakrishnan to return home after 21 years. The Director stated that the Elder Helpline not only provides Information, Guidance, Emotional Support, and Field Intervention, but also plays a vital role in reconnecting people who have been separated from their families for decades. He appealed to the public to dial and use the helpline number 14567 as much as possible whenever support is required. He also conveyed his best wishes to Shri Radhakrishnan for a happy and peaceful life ahead and expressed hope that he would live his life well with dignity among his loved ones.

The Administration also acknowledges the support of Shri M.T. Mustafa, President of Island Protection Forum, who generously sponsored Shri Radhakrishnan's air ticket and extended assistance to the Elderline team during the process.

This case stands as one of the biggest success stories of Elder Helpline (14567) in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, reflecting strong inter-state coordination and the Government's commitment to ensuring dignity and care for senior citizens.

The Administration appeals to the younger generation to stand by their parents, support them emotionally and physically, and ensure that no senior citizen feels abandoned.

☎ For assistance, contact Elder Helpline – 14567



Activities conducted at Home for Children, Divyang & Old Age at Abbhyuday Complex, Ferrargunj

The Officials of Indian Navy (IN LCU L55) have visited the Abbudaya Complex, Old Age Home



Donation of essential Goods by Rotary Club for inmates of Abbhyudhay Complex



A monthly health screening program was conducted by the Primary Health Centre Ferrargunj for all inmates of Abbhyudaya Complex ferrargunj.



Outing for Old Age Home Inmates



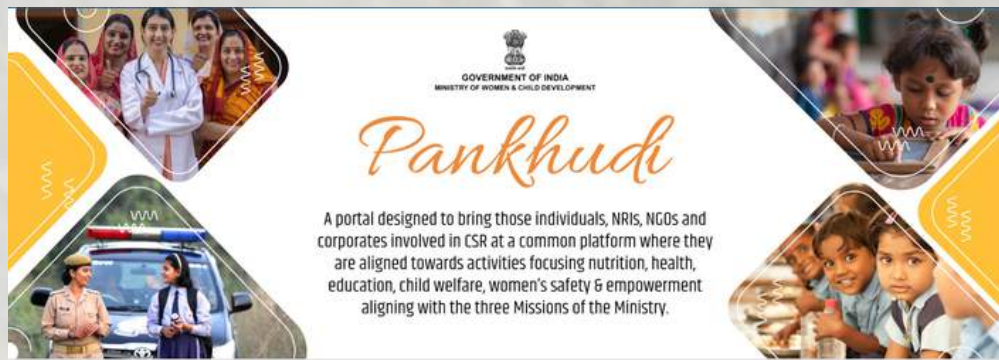
Sippighat Farm, Sri vijaya Puram



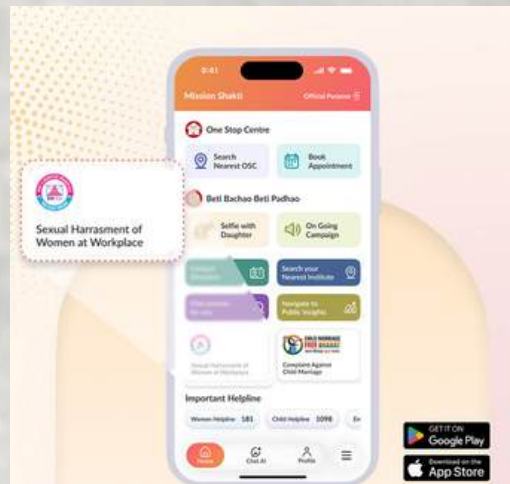
Flag Point, Sri vijaya Puram

Ministry of Women and Child Development launches PANKHUDI – an Integrated Digital Portal to Strengthen Partnerships for Women and Child Development

The PANKHUDI portal was launched on 8th Jan 2026 by the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annapurna Devi, which marks a significant step towards leveraging digital solutions for inclusive, collaborative, and outcome-oriented development of women and children across India and enhances ease of doing CSR and partnerships with the Government through a transparent, trusted, and technology enabled framework to support activities aligned with three flagship missions – Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0, Mission Shakti, and Mission Vatsalya.



Union Minister Smt. Annapurna Devi launches SHe-Box logo, PoSH Voluntary Compliance Checklist, integration of SHe Box with Mission Shakti App & Karmayogi Bharat PoSH Training Link on SHe-Box portal



Poshan Tracker New version 25.2.2



Poshan Tracker Update 2026: Poshan Tracker App Naya Update, Login aur Features ki Puri Jankari



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Mission Buniyaad Activities



Annaprashan



Celebration of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Jayanti at AWCs



Swachhta Pakhwada





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