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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
समाज कल्याण निदेशालय  
DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
गोलघर, श्री विजय पुरम  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

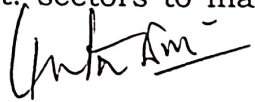
The Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development (CRCs), Brookshabad, SAHARA Association and Andaman and Nicobar Islands Handicapped Persons Associations successfully conducted Sugamya Yatra: An Accessible City Walk Program for Divyangjan on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at 6:00AM from Cellular Jail and culminated at Netaji Stadium.

The Sugamya Yatra was officially launched on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment representing a significant commitment to accessibility at a national level which is guided by Secretary's vision, the initiative outline on strategic approach to eliminate barriers and foster inclusivity for all citizens.

The Aim & objectives of Sugamya Yatra is to ensure that ordinary Citizens are able to recognize the varying accessibility needs of Divyangjan to Create awareness in the stakeholders about the constitutional and legal rights and obligations and also to create nexus of person having experience, expertise, passion and responsibility towards accessibility to use technology to gather data for public good, to sensitize the public areas and buildings.


The event was headed and flagged off by Shri C. Udaya Kumar, Commissioner for Persons with Disability, A & N Islands & Shri. Ravinder Kumar, Director (SW). Commissioner (Disability) who dwelt upon accessibility for the Divyangjan. Ms. Reeta Devi, Nodal Officer (Disability) also enlightening on Yatra strategy on maintaining momentum and initiatives of the Administration.

Around 80 Divyangjans voluntarily participated with their parents in the Sugamya Yatra Walk program and walk along to represent the awareness on accessibility for the Divyangjan in all public as well as Govt. sectors to make them Disable friendly.

  
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