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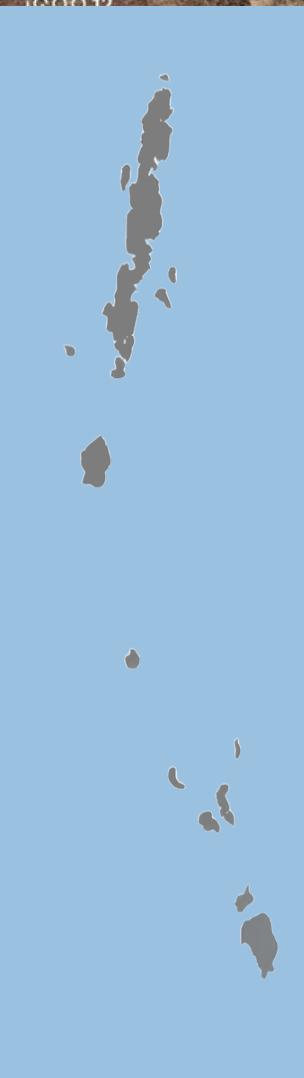


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"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence."

— Rabindranath Tagore





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FUELING CHANGE FROM WITHIN: The power of Teacher Motivation



MARGDARSHAN

Live programme on stress management for school children

Margdarshan – Live Programme on Career Guidance and Stress Management

Live programmes titled ‘Margdarshan’ was launched with the objective of guiding school students on various career opportunities and effective stress management strategies. To date, a total of 09 programmes have been successfully live-streamed, covering a wide range of relevant and engaging topics.

The sessions were broadcast live through the official YouTube channel of the State Institute of Education (SIE-Official) and simultaneously aired via - PMeVidya DTH Channel No. 28, ensuring broader accessibility for students across the region.

"Find a career that will change your life not just your financial status"

Two-Day Workshop on Implementation of Competency-Based Assessment and High Performance Coaching (HPC)

Two-day workshop was conducted to build the capacity of educators on the effective implementation of Competency-Based Assessment (CBA) and High Performance Coaching (HPC) strategies. The workshop aimed to align assessment practices with learning outcomes and promote performance-driven teaching methodologies in schools.



Enrolment Drive by Schools in Coordination with SIE, Sri Vijaya Puram

All Government Schools across the South Andaman Educational Zones actively conducted an Enrolment Drive in coordination with the State Institute of Education (SIE), Sri Vijaya Puram. A part of the drive, school teams visited their catchment areas and interacted with parents to raise awareness about the importance of early childhood and primary education, encouraging them to enroll their children at the Pre-Primary and Primary levels. To motivate parents, schools distributed informative pamphlets highlighting various government schemes such as: Mid-Day Meal, Free Textbooks, Free Uniforms, Playground Facilities, Safe and Beautiful School Campuses.

Additionally, SIE, in collaboration with Doordarshan Kendra, Sri Vijaya Puram, launched a special initiative through the '**Dweep Darpan**' programme. This televised segment showcased the facilities available in government schools and how these institutions are shaping the future of children across the islands, thereby enhancing the visibility and credibility of public education.





Strengthening School Education

The second phase of ANKURAN training was successfully conducted for 76 mentors, focusing on strengthening their mentoring skills and enhancing their capacity to support teachers and schools in implementing innovative and inclusive educational practices. The training aimed to empower mentors to play a pivotal role in improving classroom practices and student learning and achieve FLN goals.

One-Day Advocacy Programme for School Heads on Ayushman Bharat – School Health & Wellness Programme (SHWP)

A one-day advocacy programme was conducted on 20th March, 2025 under the National Programme for Education of Parents (NPEP) 2024–25. The programme targeted School Heads, School Health Ambassadors, and School Health Messengers (both boys and girls) from Government and Government-Aided Upper Primary, Secondary, and Senior Secondary Schools.

The objective was to raise awareness and strengthen the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat School Health & Wellness Programme (SHWP) in schools, focusing on promoting holistic health and well-being among students.



In-service Master Trainer Training Programme for 'Chess in Schools'



Three-day in-service Master Trainer Training Programme on 'Chess in Schools' was conducted by the Education Department at Mohanpura School Hall from 18th to 20th March, 2025. The programme aimed to equip master trainers with the necessary skills and methodologies to integrate chess into the school curriculum effectively.

"When children learn to play chess, they learn to think – strategically, creatively, and critically. Empowering educators with this skill plants the seed for sharper minds and stronger futures."

School Inspections Across All 09 Educational Zones

As part of ongoing monitoring and support activities, school visits were conducted across all 09 educational zones of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. These visits aimed to review academic progress, observe classroom practices, assess infrastructure and facilities, and provide on-site guidance to school heads and teachers.

Officials and academic resource personnel interacted with students and staff to ensure alignment with educational goals, implementation of NEP 2020 initiatives, and to identify areas for improvement. The visits also helped in promoting accountability, sharing of best practices, and enhancing the overall quality of school education.



In-service Training on Cross Disability for Special Educators

The State Institute of Education (SIE), Sri Vijaya Puram, conducted a 5-day Offline Cross Disability Training Programme from 17th to 21st March, 2025, under the ambit of Inclusive Education. The focus of the training was on "Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)."

A total of 09 Special Educators, 13 Block Resource Persons (CwSN), and 09 Primary School Resource Teachers (PSRTs) participated in the programme. The training aimed to enhance the participants' understanding and capacity to support children with ASD through evidence-based practices and inclusive strategies.



"Understanding autism is not about changing the child, but about changing the way we teach, support, and include them."

ULLAS: Classes and FLNAT 2025 for Identified Learners

Under the ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) initiative, classes for all identified learners were conducted at designated Samajik Chetna Kendras to promote foundational literacy and numeracy. The Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) 2025 was successfully conducted on 23rd March, 2025, across 151 identified centres, with participation from approximately 3,481 learners. The initiative aims to build essential learning competencies and promote inclusive education for non-literate and neo-literate individuals.





Chess Utsav for Primary School Students

The Education Department organized Chess Utsav for Primary School students at Wimberlygunj and Sri Vijaya Puram, aiming to promote strategic thinking and cognitive development through the game of chess. A total of 26 primary schools participated.



"The integration of chess into school activities not only nurtures intellectual growth but also cultivates discipline, foresight, and problem-solving abilities among students."

Chess Maha Sangram

The Education Department organized Chess Maha sangram, a large-scale chess event aimed at fostering critical thinking, concentration, and sportsmanship among school students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various schools, showcasing their strategic skills and passion for the game. Chess Maha sangram served as a platform to promote the integration of chess in school activities and nurture young talent at the grassroots level. A total of 600 players participated.



Selection Trial and Residential Coaching Camp for Under-19 Boys Football Team



Five-day final selection trial of followed by a three-week Residential Coaching Camp was conducted at Netaji Stadium starting from 22nd March, 2025. The programme was organized to prepare and select players for the Island Under-19 Boys Football Team participating in the National Football Tournament scheduled to be held in Manipur from 15th to 21st April, 2025.



10-Day Capacity Building Programme on School Leadership for Vice Principals

A 10-day Capacity Building Programme on School Leadership was conducted from 2nd to 13th June, 2025 at Shiksha Sadan, Sri Vijaya Puram. The programme was organized by the State Institute of Education (SIE) in collaboration with the National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL), NIEPA, New Delhi.

The training aimed to strengthen leadership competencies among Vice Principals, enabling them to lead schools effectively, drive academic improvement, and foster an inclusive and learner-center environment.



5-Day Capacity Building Programme for SIE & DIET Faculties on “Effective Implementation of NEP 2020 and NCFSE 2023”

A five-day Capacity Building Programme was conducted from 2nd to 6th June, 2025 at Shiksha Sadan, Sri Vijaya Puram, for the faculties of the State Institute of Education (SIE) and District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs).

The programme focused on the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2023. It was organised by the State Institute of Education (SIE), Sri Vijaya Puram, in collaboration with the National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL), NIEPA, New Delhi.

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Organised by the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) in collaboration with the State Institute of Education (SIE), the programme was held during the summer vacation in May and June 2025. It was conducted in five phases, with each phase spanning five days, focusing on enhancing classroom practices and aligning teaching methodologies with the goals of the National Education Policy 2020.





Skill-Based Education Classes for School Students during Summer Vacation

To promote experiential learning and equip students with essential life and vocational skills, Skill-Based Education classes were conducted for school students during the Summer Vacation. These sessions aimed to provide hands-on learning experiences and introduce students to various skill areas in alignment with the vision of NEP 2020. The initiative focused on nurturing creativity, problem-solving abilities, and practical knowledge, thereby making summer learning both engaging and meaningful for students.

Summer Camp on Music, Dance, and Other Art Forms for School Students

Summer Camp focusing on Music, Dance, and various Art Forms was organized during the summer vacation to foster creativity and artistic expression among school students.

The camp provided a vibrant platform for students to explore and enhance their talents in performing and visual arts, encouraging holistic development in line with the vision of NEP 2020. Students actively participated in activities that promoted cultural appreciation, confidence building, and self-expression.



Braille Classes for Children with Blindness and Low Vision (CwBLV)

Braille classes for Children with Blindness and Low Vision (CwBLV) were conducted across all educational zones of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the summer vacation of 2025.

The primary objective of this initiative was to enable CwBLV to read and write independently, thereby promoting literacy, enhancing self-reliance, and improving their overall quality of life. The training aimed to empower students to access information, communicate effectively, and participate fully in education, employment, and social life, in alignment with inclusive education goal.



Rang Utsav and Book Reading Competition on World Environment Day 2025

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2025, the State Library organized Rang Utsav and a Book Reading Competition for children of all age groups.

The event aimed to foster environmental awareness and a love for reading among young learners through creative expression and literary engagement. Children enthusiastically participated in art, storytelling, and reading activities centered around environmental themes, making the celebration both educational and inspirational.



Promoting Environment-Friendly Activities under Mission LiFE



Schools have been actively encouraged to involve students in environment-friendly activities aligned with the themes of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), with the objective of fostering a sense of responsibility towards nature and sustainable living.



As part of this initiative, the campaign “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0” is being implemented across schools, encouraging students to plant a tree in honour of their mothers. This campaign will continue up to 31st September, 2025, promoting environmental stewardship and emotional connection with nature among children.

School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF) – Self-Evaluation Process

As part of the School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAF), schools have been provided with a Self-Assessment Tool and Scorecard to evaluate their performance across key domains, including Administration, Curriculum and Assessment, Infrastructure, and Inclusiveness.

This self-evaluation is a biennial (2-year) activity, which schools are mandated to undertake to promote continuous improvement and accountability. Upon completion and submission of the self-assessment scorecards, the State Institute of Education (SIE) reviews the reports to identify performance gaps and areas requiring targeted intervention and support

Celebration of the 11th International Day of Yoga

The 11th International Day of Yoga was celebrated with great enthusiasm across all nine Educational Zones of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on 21st June, 2025.

A State-Level programme was organized at Sri Vijaya Puram, where students, teachers, and officials actively participated in yoga sessions promoting physical well-being and mental harmony. The celebration aimed to instill the value of health, mindfulness, and discipline among the school community.



"Yoga is the art work of awareness on the canvas of body, mind, and soul."
— Amit Ray

Week-Long Anti-Drugs Awareness Programme

Week-long Anti-Drugs Awareness Programme was organized at the State Library, Middle Point from 23rd June to 28th June, 2025.

The programme aimed to sensitize students and the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a drug-free lifestyle. Various activities such as awareness sessions, poster-making competitions, talks by experts, and interactive engagements were conducted to empower youth with knowledge and encourage them to make healthy life choices.



Upcoming Events and Programmes



State Institute of Education

- **Development of Additional Contextualized text materials. (1st Week of Aug,2026)**
- **e-Content development at zonal level. (2nd Week of Aug,2026)**

DIET

- **Faculty Development Programme.(from 04.08.2025 to 18.08.2025)**
- **01 day awareness programme for all parents and community members on FLN, ANKURAN and increase school enrollment.(on 05.08.2025)**
- **One day Awareness Programme for DIET Trainees - Mental Health issues, Child With Special Needs (CWSN),Moral Values , POSCO act.(on 22.08.2025)**

DDE(Science)

- **Capacity building programme of Lab Assistant. (2nd Week of Aug,2026)**
- **Workshop for in-charges of Atal Tinkering Lab. (Last Week of Aug,2026)**

Sports

- **Celebration of National Sports Day. (29th Aug, 2026)**
- **State level Band Competition. (Last Week of Sept, 2026)**
- **Participation in Subroto Cup Football Tournament 2025(Under-15) and (Under- 17) Boys. (September, 2025)**

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