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The 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah concluded with a grand event jointly organized by all five ICDS Projects: Urban, Ferrargunj, Rangat, Diglipur, and Nicobar at the Government Senior Secondary School on 17th October 2025. The event was graced by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, as the Chief Guest, the Secretary (Social Welfare), as the Guest of Honor and other dignitaries from line departments. During the event, a comprehensive status report was presented, showcasing the achievements and progress made throughout the Poshan Maah across all ICDS projects and conducted around 5770 activities on different themes. The Urban and Ferrargunj projects set up informative stalls displaying nutritious Millet based food items and locally available dishes, emphasizing the importance of balanced and sustainable nutrition practices.



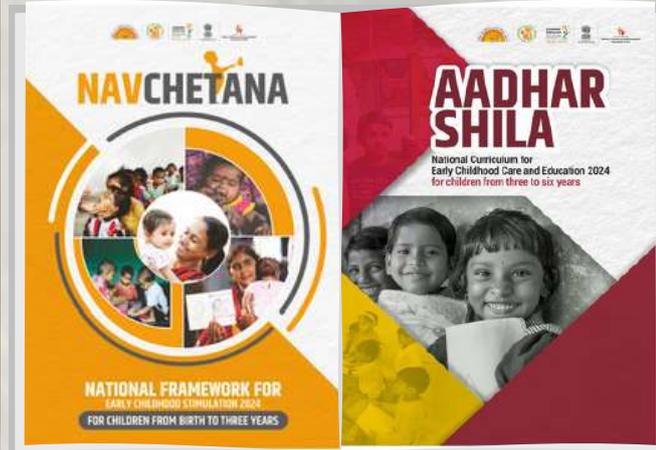
# Launch of Navchetna & Aadharshila Curriculum in Islands

The launch of the Navchetna & Aadharshila books, ECCE Curriculum, by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Secretary (Social Welfare), Director (Social Welfare), and representatives from the Department of Health Services (DHS), marked a collaborative effort to promote Early Childhood Care and Education across departments. The book 'Navchetna' is designed for children ages 0 to 3 years, focusing on stimulation-based activities that nurture sensory, emotional, and cognitive development in the early years. The book 'Aadharshila', on the other hand, is for children ages 3 to 6 years, emphasizing activity-based learning to build a strong foundation for school readiness and holistic growth.

Both these standard ECCE curriculum books have been developed by the NIPCCD in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, and have now been custom-printed and adopted for uniform implementation across all Anganwadi Centres in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Birth to 3 Years

3 to 6 Years



Mission Buniyaad Activities

## Signing of MoU with Rocket Learning Pvt. Ltd

A key highlight of the Poshan Maah Valedictory event was the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Social Welfare and Rocket Learning**, marking a step forward in strengthening digital learning and early childhood education initiatives. This collaboration marks an important step towards strengthening the capacity building and digital empowerment of our ICDS functionaries. Through this partnership, Rocket Learning Pvt. Ltd., a leading social impact organization, will support the Department in introducing digital learning methods and providing innovative training modules to enhance service delivery at AWCs under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) through "Mission Buniyaad".



# Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan



On the occasion of the “5th Anniversary of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan”, the NAPDDR, under the Directorate of Social Welfare, organised awareness programmes to raise public awareness of the harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse. The main aim of the campaign was to encourage people, especially youth, to lead a healthy and drug-free life. As part of the initiative, a Pledge taking drive was conducted across the UT in both Online & Offline modes at Schools, Colleges, Govt. Offices. witnessing participants from students, staff & public. The participants were motivated to stay away from drugs and to help others do the same. The initiative received an overwhelming response, with more than 1,23,520 participants taking the pledge to support a drug-free society.



# Island Visit of Smti. Savitri Thakur Hon'ble Minister of the State WCD, New Delhi

The Hon'ble Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Savitri Thakur, visited the One Stop Centre (OSC), Women Helpline-181 and Child Helpline-1098 functioning under the WCD Control Room, Directorate of Social Welfare, South Andaman, on 29th December 2025. During the visit, the Minister reviewed the functioning of the OSC under Sakhi One Stop Centre Scheme, the Women Helpline-181 under Women Helpline Scheme, and Child Helpline-1098 under Childline 1098. The services relating to emergency response, counselling, legal aid, rescue and rehabilitation were discussed, and the staff were appreciated for their dedicated efforts in ensuring timely and confidential support to women and children in distress.

Further, on 31st December 2025, the Hon'ble Minister also visited the Anganwadi Centre, Vijay Nagar- 5, Swaraj Dweep under the ICDS Ferrargunj Project. The Minister interacted with beneficiaries and Anganwadi Workers, reviewed the implementation of ICDS services including supplementary nutrition, early childhood care and education (ECCE), and growth monitoring, and emphasized the importance of quality service delivery at the grassroots level to ensure holistic development of children and well-being of women.



# Visit of the National Commission For Women (NCW) to Andaman & Nicobar Islands



The Department of Social Welfare, in coordination with other departments, facilitated the Visit of the National Commission for Women (NCW) to Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The NCW organised a National Consultation on “Laws Relating to Women in Prison” on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 as part of a nationwide review. The Consultation aims to identify urgent reforms needed to strengthen the rights, welfare, and dignity of women inmates across India. During the visit to the UT from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. Hon'ble Chairperson, NCW also led several important initiatives aimed at strengthening Women's safety & Empowerment at the grassroots and conducted a series of women-centric programmes across the UT.

Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar  
Hon'ble Chairperson, NCW

A High Level meeting with CS & Senior Officers  
to review Women- Centric Schemes.



National Consultation on “Laws Relating to  
Women in Prison”



Visit of Ms Delina Khongdup, Member , NCW to  
OSC, South Andaman



Yashoda AI Programme for Students



# Juvenile Justice Committee Consultation



Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court at Calcutta in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Welfare organised a State-level Consultation on Safeguarding the girl child- Towards a safer & enabling environment at DBRAIT Auditorium on 1st November, 2025.

Attended by Hon'ble Justice Shampa Sarkar, Judge, High Court at Calcutta, and Hon'ble Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee (JJC) attended along with functionaries from police, Judiciary, Education and Health dept.



# Empowering Women, Transforming Communities

## State HUB for Empowerment of Women(SHEW)

The Hub for Empowerment of Women works at the State and District level to ensure effective implementation of women-centric schemes and programmes. It provides support, guidance and coordination among various departments for the welfare and empowerment of women. The Hub also facilitates awareness, capacity building and grievance redressal for women. Through convergence and community engagement, it strengthens access to rights, services and opportunities for women. Its efforts contribute towards creating a safe, inclusive and empowered environment for women in society.

## Capacity Building Programme on Crime against Women



The State Hub for Empowerment of Women, Directorate of Social Welfare, organised a Capacity Building Program on Crime against Women on 17 October 2025 to enhance the knowledge, sensitivity, and coordination of officials from OSC and WHL. NGOs and Social leaders who are involved in addressing crimes against women. This program brought together representatives from the Police Department, District Legal Services Authorities, and NGOs, along with officials from various government departments working on women's safety and empowerment and benefited **61 participants**.

## Awareness program on SHE Box at TGC Auditorium



Awareness on SHe-Box and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (POSH) Act, 2013 was organized to ensure a safe and respectful work environment for women. The POSH Act provides legal protection against sexual harassment at workplaces and mandates organizations to establish Internal Complaints Committees for addressing grievances. The SHe-Box (Sexual Harassment Electronic Box) is an online platform launched by the GoI where women can file complaints of workplace harassment. Additionally, the SHEW has organized multiple programmes at schools, community halls, Anganwadi Centres and training institutions, ensuring wide community outreach. More than **1,400** participants, including students, teachers, SHG members and community resource persons, actively participated in these initiatives.

# Empowering Women, Transforming Communities at District Level

## District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), South Andaman

- DHEW, SA organized multiple awareness and capacity-building programmes between November and December 2025 at schools, community halls and Anganwadi Centres.
- Key themes included girls' safety, mental health, gender-based violence, safe spaces for women (OSC), peer support for adolescents, gender equality, SHE-Box awareness, POSH Act, women's rights, and social security schemes.
- Educational exposure visits to Mahila Police Thana and training on FRS and problem-solving mechanisms were also conducted.
- The initiatives witnessed participation of over 1,500 students, community members and stakeholders



## DHEW, Nicobar

- DHEW, Nicobar organized various awareness programmes, registration drives and capacity-building activities during October–December 2025 across Car Nicobar, Campbell Bay and Nancowry.
- Key focus areas included PMMVY registration and training, gender sensitization, women's equality, POCSO Act awareness, One Stop Centre services, teen mental health and career guidance for students.
- Awareness activities were also conducted on waste management (reduce, reuse, recycle) and Mission Shakti schemes, including IEC outreach during the Car Nicobar Festival.

## DHEW, N&M Andaman

- The DHEW, North & Middle Andaman conducted various awareness programmes and beneficiary outreach activities during October–December 2025.
- Activities focused on skill development, PCPNDT Act, PMMVY registration drives, mental health, gender sensitization, POCSO Act, gender equality, Village Health & Nutrition Days (VHND), and prevention of gender-based violence.
- Special drives were also conducted for identification and registration of eligible PMMVY beneficiaries and ensuring institutional delivery and immunization linkages.
- These programmes engaged over 700 participants and beneficiaries across Diglipur and surrounding areas.



# Activities of District Child Protection Units (DCPUs)

## International Child Rights Day Celebrated with enthusiasm at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sri Vijaya Puram, South Andaman

The International Child Rights Day was celebrated on 20th November 2025 at the Auditorium of Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sri Vijaya Puram. The programme was organized by the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), South Andaman, under the District Administration in collaboration with PANKH NGO, with participation from students of five schools across the district.

The event was graced by the Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman), Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, as the Chief Guest. The Chairperson and Members of the Child Welfare Committee were also present. A video highlighting children's participation in debate activities conducted earlier this year was screened, and a student, Master Shaurya Lall, shared his views on child rights and responsibilities.



Awareness Programme on Digital Awareness, Personal Safety & Rights and Duties of children of School of South Andaman District



Cyber Security & Cyber Threat, GMS, Sippigat



Dental Camp at Darrusalem Yatheem khana,CCI

# Success Stories on Women Protection & Empowerment

## Financial Security Restored through Women Helpline-181

A five-month pregnant woman approached Women Helpline-181, WCD Control Room, Directorate of Social Welfare, after being abandoned by her husband without financial support. Due to neglect, she struggled to meet her basic needs and nutritional requirements.

The case was promptly registered, and counselling was provided to both parties. Though the husband had filed for divorce and was unwilling to continue the marriage, he agreed after intervention to provide financial support towards house rent and essential expenses until the court's final decision.

Follow-up confirms that financial assistance has commenced. The case has been referred to the One Stop Centre, South Andaman, for continued monitoring and support.

This case reflects the proactive and compassionate intervention of Women Helpline-181 in safeguarding the rights, dignity, and welfare of vulnerable women through timely counselling and coordinated support mechanisms.

## SUCCESS STORY: ONE STOP CENTRE, NORTH & MIDDLE ANDAMAN

The victim approached One Stop Centre and registered a case against her husband who had been living separately for more than one year due to family disputes. Further stated that her husband was not providing financial support and that she was facing mental stress. She requested family counselling.

The OSC team called her husband and both parties were provided counselling sessions. During counselling, they were advised to resolve their disputes through communication and to consider the future of their children. The husband was also advised not to resort to any form of violence.

After counselling, the husband agreed to provide financial support, and both parties decided to live together. The case has been recorded and is under regular follow-up.

## Training & Awareness Programmes



# Capacity Building of Functionaries by SPNIWCD, NIMHANS & CARA

## Adoption Awareness Programme for Functionaries and Prospective Adoptive Parents

An Adoption Awareness Programme was organised on 10th December 2025 for departmental functionaries along with Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) by the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA). The awareness programme was sponsored by the **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)**. The programme was graced by Shri Om Prakash Yadav, Assistant Director (Training & Media), CARA, New Delhi, whose presence added value to the event and encouraged active participation from all attendees. The main objective of the programme was to create greater awareness about the adoption process, legal procedures, responsibilities of adoptive parents, and the role of different stakeholders in ensuring ethical and transparent adoption practices. The session also helped functionaries and PAPs gain a better understanding of the adoption framework and the support mechanisms available under the adoption system. An interactive session was also held during the programme, wherein several Prospective Adoptive Parents raised their queries and concerns relating to the adoption process, which were addressed in detail.



A two-day in-person training programme for all Women Helpline (WHL) and One Stop Centre (OSC) functionaries was conducted at the WCD Control Room on 2nd and 3rd December 2025. The training was organized with the support of **Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development (SPNIWCD)** in collaboration with **NIMHANS** and **CDAC**.

The programme aimed to strengthen the capacity of WHL and OSC functionaries in effectively handling cases relating to women in distress, improving service delivery mechanisms, and enhancing their understanding of institutional response systems. It also provided a platform for functionaries to deepen their knowledge of case management, psychosocial support, referral services, crisis intervention, and the use of technology-enabled support systems.



# Training and Awareness Activities



Sensitisation programme on “Maintenance and welfare of Parents & Senior Citizen (MWPC) Act 2007, organized by Police Training School in collaboration with Elderline



Yoga Session for Senior Citizens

Skill Development for Senior Citizens



Training Program for AWWs on ECCE & Climate Change Adaptation by NGO “Hope Foundation”

# DIGITAL INSIGHTS

  
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
 MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

## Remember 1515 – Your new Poshan & PMMVY Helpline!

We're making it simpler for you


→


- Easier to recall
- Live from 1st November 2025
- Technical integration is in process – stay tuned!


If you cannot reach 1515 immediately,  
continue to use 14408

A new Update on Poshan  
 Application version 25.1 is live  
 and now available on Play Store



**Poshan Tracker**  
 Released Date 22-10-2025





- New Feature Added:**
- Edit option enabled: Users can now edit details like the child's name (for those registered with Mother/Father/Guardian Aadhaar), resident type, Divyangian information and school-going status.
- "Child Admitted to School" option added on the APAAR success screen.

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**WELCOME TO POSHAN TRACKER**





**Know Your Daily Visits**  
 Before leaving your home, the app will show details of all upcoming visits.



**Everything in One Place**  
 Get all information about mother and their children.



**Always Track**  
 At 1515, our Content team and broadcast team will be ready to help you.

## Chat Bot for Divyangans



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**Divya Bot**  
 Your 24x7 Digital Assistant



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**9646622622**





#DivyaBot#AccessibilityForAll#Inclusion







## Face Capturing Guide

Follow these 5 steps to capture face correctly



Capture the face of the same beneficiary whose eKYC is verified

- 1

**Make sure the beneficiary's entire face is visible inside the frame**




- 2

**Use a Plain Background**  
 Stand against a white, plain background



- 3

**Keep proper lighting**  
 Avoid shadows on the face; stand in good light



- 4

**Remove mask, glasses or scarf**  
 beneficiary's face should be clear while capturing the photo.



- 5

**Look Straight in the camera and blink eye once**

  - Make sure beneficiary head is still and straight during face capture
  - Ask beneficiary to slowly close and open eyes to confirm it's not a still image






# KALEIDOSCOPE



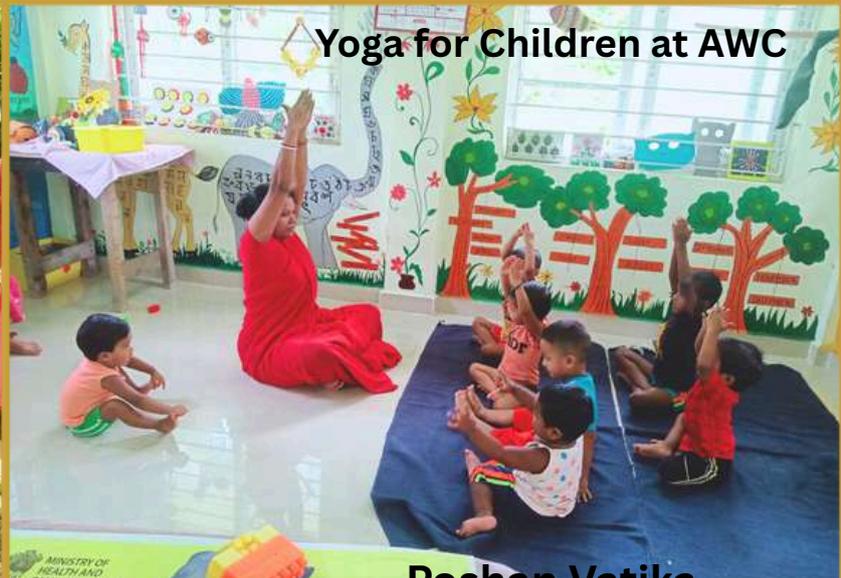
**ECCE Activities at AWCs**



**No Cost Low Cost TLMs**



**Ek Ped Beti ke Naam under BPBP**



**Yoga for Children at AWC**



**Poshan Vatika**



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