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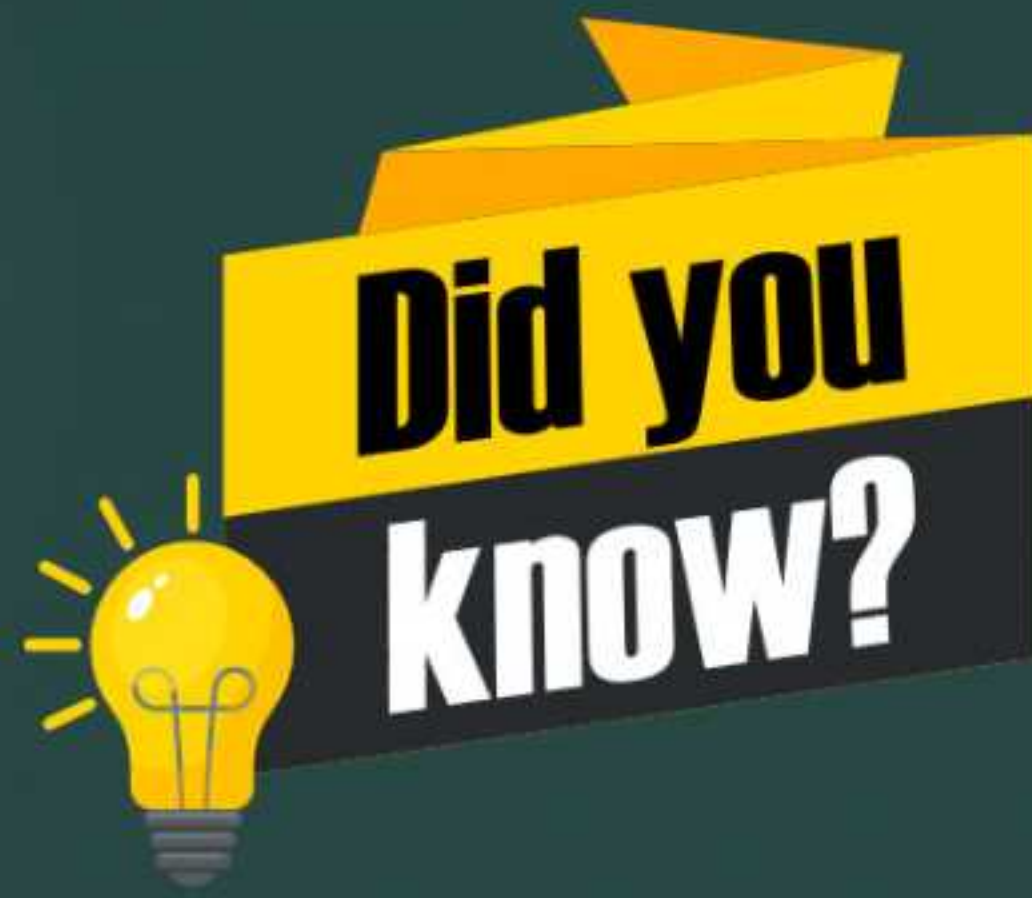
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Andaman & Nicobar Islands



Amazing facts

The 20 Rupee Note Depicts A Scene From Andaman And Nicobar Islands



Ever noticed the scenery on a 20 Rupee note? The image of a picturesque bay lined with lush greenery captured on the red-coloured note is the North Bay Island and the same view can be seen on the way to Mount Harriet. Mount Harriet is the second highest peak in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago.



Jarawa Tribe included in Electrol Role for first time in India's election process



In a landmark initiative aimed at empowering the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) Jarawas and ensuring their active participation in the democratic process, a special program was organized at their hamlet for the issuance of fresh Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC). Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration personally visited the hamlet to oversee the process along with Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman and Shri Vinayak Chamadia, IAS, Additional District Magistrate. Such efforts underline the commitment of the A&N Administration to ensure that every eligible citizen, irrespective of their geographical location or isolation is included in the democratic process.

Enhancement of Public Service Delivery System



First District with ISO certified revenue offices.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, handed over the ISO Certificate to the Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman, Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, in the conference hall of the Secretariat on 20th August 2024.

The ISO Certification has been awarded to the District Office, South Andaman for effort and assessment of services such as Land Revenue, Maintenance of Law and Order, Maintenance of Land Records, Disaster Management and Public Safety, Providing various Certificates, Supervision and Management of Sub Divisions and Tehsils, Public Grievance Redressal and Election Management.

The ISO 9001:2015 standard focuses on quality management systems and continuous improvement, which are crucial in maintaining public trust and ensuring effective and efficient management of services.





Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore

District Administration South Andaman observed the Good Governance Week (Sushasan Saptah) from 19th - 24th December 2024 with the theme “Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore”, organizing a series of events focused on bridging the gap between governance and the community.

As part of the campaign, **District-level Workshops** were successfully conducted in the form of Jan Sunwai at various villages. These events aimed to address public grievances and deliver essential government services efficiently.

Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, along with **Shri Vinayak Chamadia, IAS**, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, **Shri Abhisek Gulia, Assistant Commissioner (HQ)**, and IAS (P) Ms. Anuja Trivedi & Shri Vasant Prasad Dabholkar took Jan Sunwai in the various villages such, Chouldary , Bambooflat, Swaraj Dweep, Calicut , Shoalbay etc. This campaign witnessed robust participation from the public and representatives of various government departments.

During the workshop, the Deputy Commissioner addressed grievances raised by the attendees and instructed the concerned departments to resolve issues on a priority basis. Remarkably, several grievances were resolved on the spot, reflecting the administration’s commitment towards good governance.



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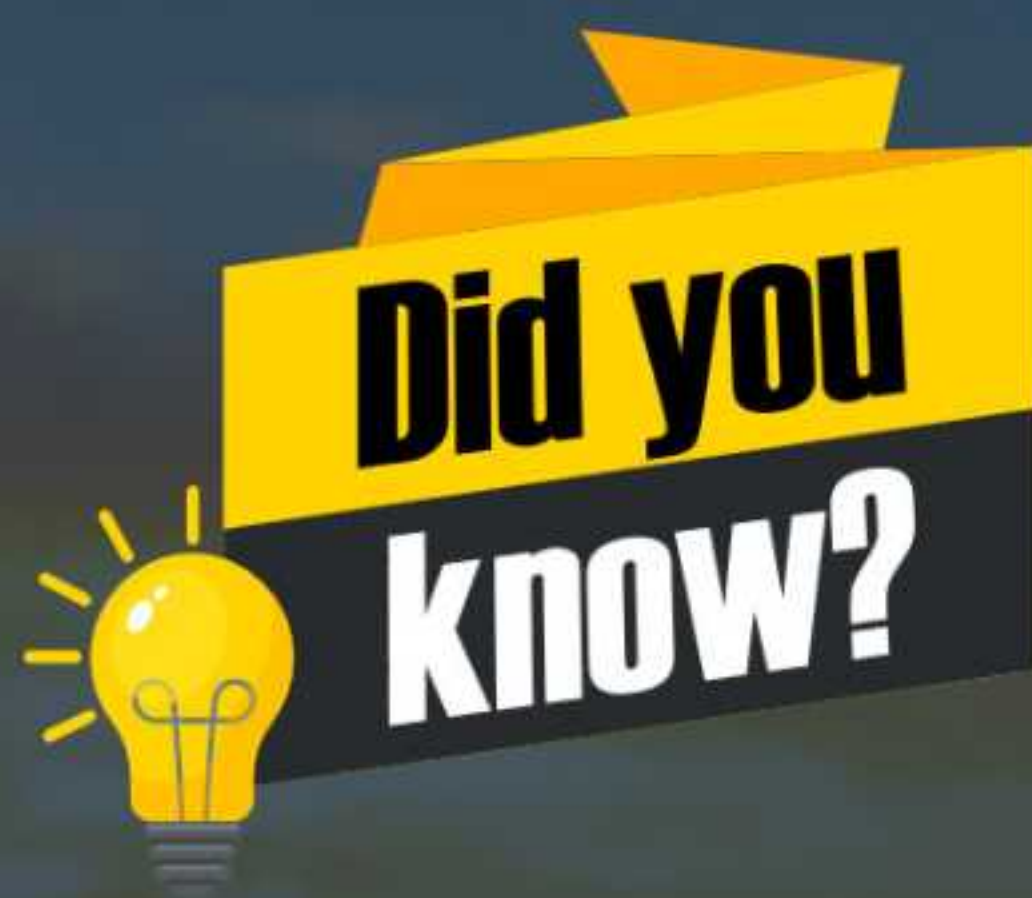
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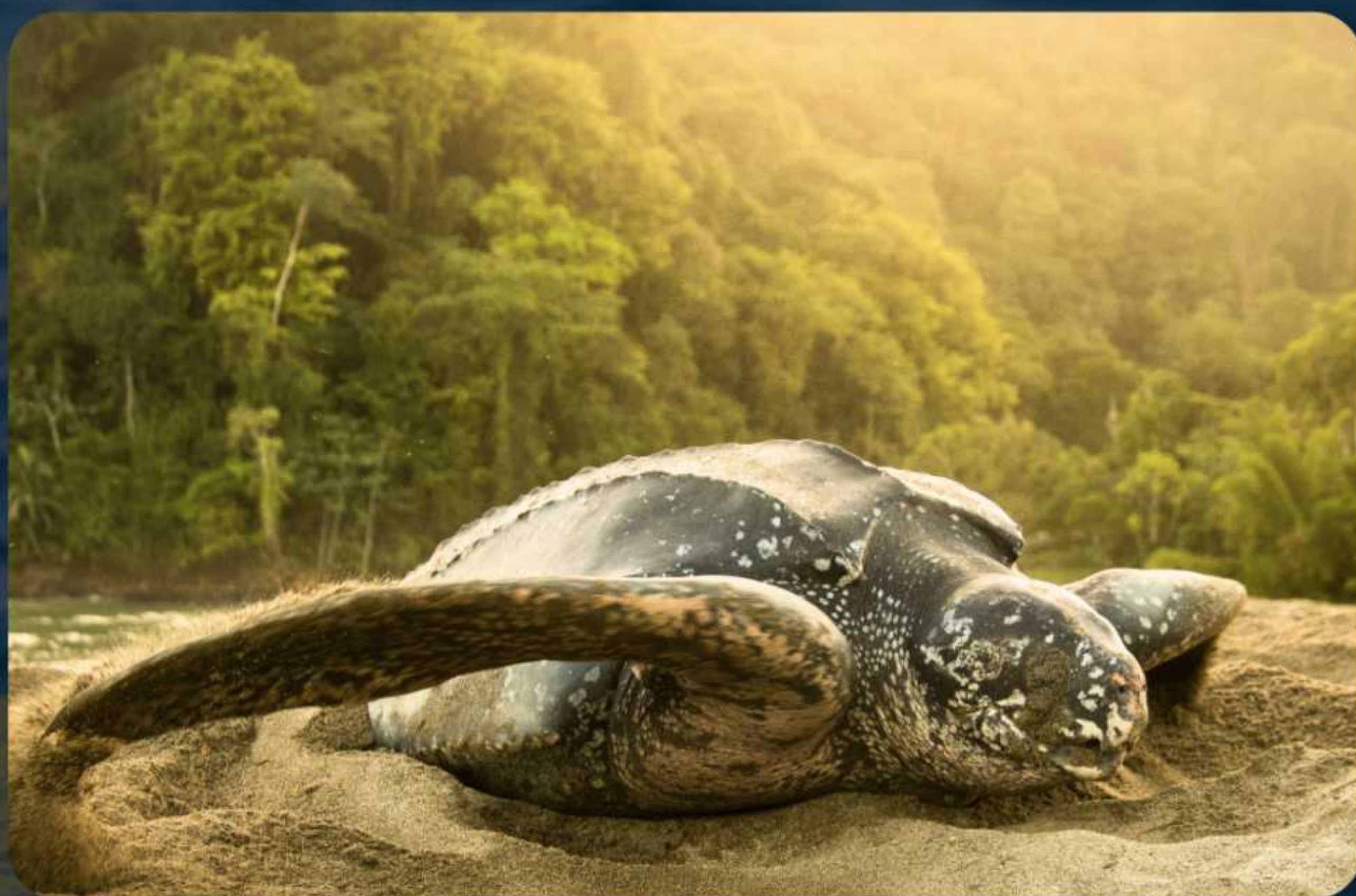
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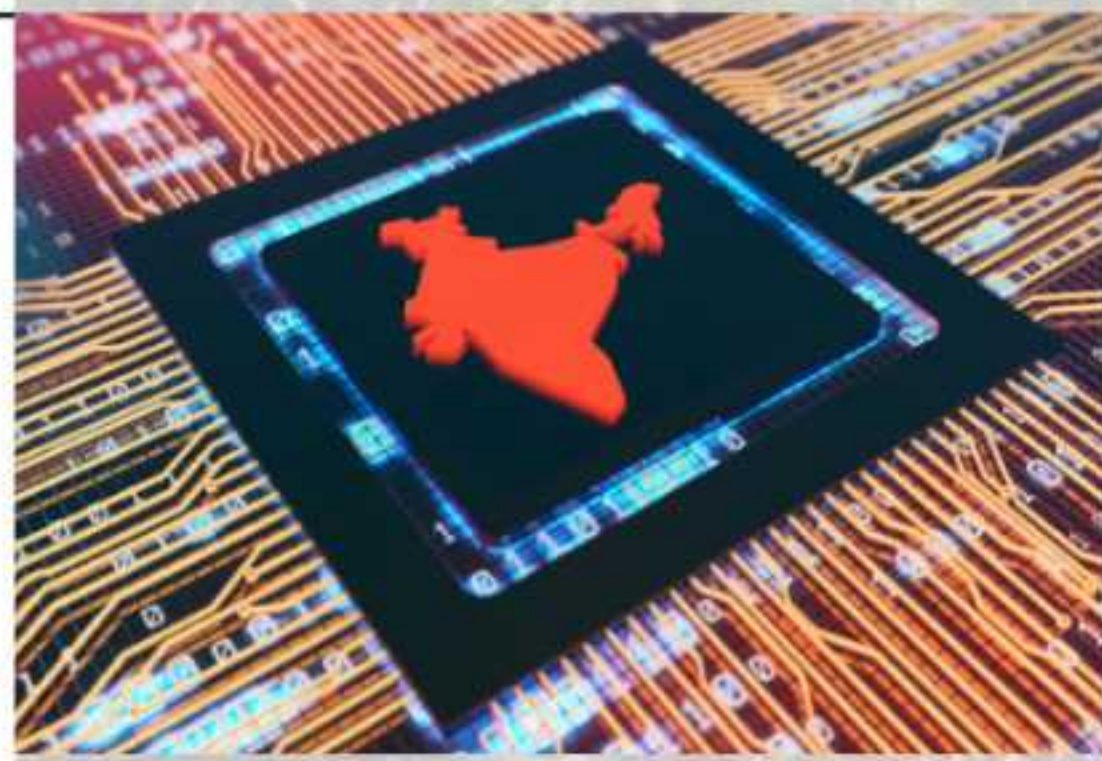


Amazing facts

The largest sea turtles in the world nest @ our islands



Andaman and Nicobar Islands have India's best nesting beaches for three species of marine turtles – Hawksbill, Green turtle and world's largest sea turtle, the Leatherback (*Dermochelys Coriacea*). The nesting population of Leatherback turtles in Nicobar is one of the few colonies that exceeds 1,000 individuals in the Indo-Pacific, and is hence of global importance.



Digital Andamans



END TO END DIGITALISATION OF LAND RECORDS

All land records in South Andaman have been digitalised and are accessible viz URL <http://db.and.nic.in/dweepbhoomi>

DEMARCATON OF LAND, MUTATION OF LAND BECOMES ONLINE.

Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Islands and Shri Devesh Chandra Srivastva, IPS, Director General of Police, A&N Police of Andaman and Nicobar Islands virtually launched the Online Web Portal on 1st July 2024 for Mutation & Demarcation, Integration of the Land Registration Portal with the Mutation Module, and Verification of Tenant/Domestic help which were much anticipated for enhancing digital accessibility and service delivery in the region. The Andaman & Nicobar become 1st Union Territory to integrate registration & mutation in end to end management. This initiative aligns with the Administration's commitment to leveraging technology to streamline processes and make public services more accessible and user-friendly.

In his inaugural address, the Chief Secretary, A&N Islands highlighted the importance of the Online Web Portal in public administration. He emphasized the convenience and efficiency that the services will bring to the residents of A&N Islands, stating, "This initiative is a testament to our dedication to improving service delivery through technology. The services will empower citizens providing them easy access to mutation and demarcation services, eliminating the need for physical visits, and saving valuable time and resources."

This initiative is a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to promote digital governance and enhance the ease of living for the people of A&NI. The Administration remains committed to further improving and expanding the digital services available through the Web Portal. The Online Web Portal for Mutation & Demarcation and Integration of the Land Registration Portal with the Mutation Module has been developed by the National Informatics Centre, South Andaman District, and the verification of tenant/domestic help portal by SOVTECH.

The Online Web Portal for Mutation & Demarcation can be accessed through the URL <http://db.and.nic.in/dweepbhoomi>





Commemoration Of 81st Anniversary of First Flag Hoisting in Andaman & Nicobar Islands On 30th Dec 2024

The District Administration organised a programme on 30th Dec 2024 at 08:00 hrs to commemorate the 81st Anniversary of First Flag Hoisting by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Andaman & Nicobar Islands at 'Andaman Club' in front of Netaji Stadium. In light of the ongoing national mourning following the passing of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, the ceremony was conducted with reverence and simplicity. Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS DC (SA) along with other district officials and eminent member of society offered floral tributes to honor this significant occasion.





Promotion Of Millet Based Products in ITF 2024



The Millet-based natural nutrition food initiative, promoted by the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) during the ITF 2024, is part of an effort by the District Administration and the Food Safety Department to encourage local citizens to include millets in their daily diet. This program aims to highlight the health benefits of millets and their nutritional value, helping people to incorporate these traditional grains into their meals.

Millets are known for being rich in nutrients like fibre, vitamins, and minerals, making them an excellent addition to a balanced diet. By supporting this initiative, the Food Safety Department seeks to raise awareness about the importance of natural, locally grown products and promote healthier eating habits among the community.





Issuance Of **Ayushman** **Bharat Card** At ITF.



The Government of India aims to provide a significant healthcare benefit to senior citizens aged 70 years and above through the AB-PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) initiative. This policy ensures that eligible senior citizens receive cashless treatment worth up to Rs 5 lakh for medical expenses.

The key eligibility criterion for this scheme is simple: the individual must be 70 years or older, with the age determined as per the Aadhaar Card. This is a significant move, as the policy covers all senior citizens, regardless of their economic status, meaning that the benefits are available to everyone in this age group, whether or not they are below or above the poverty line.

This initiative will greatly enhance access to healthcare for senior citizens in A&N Islands, allowing them to receive necessary medical treatments without financial strain. The District Administration aims to ensure that every eligible individual is enrolled and has easy access to this vital healthcare coverage, promoting their well-being and reducing out-of-pocket healthcare expenses for the elderly population.



ONLINE SERVICES



Awareness Of Online Services At ITF

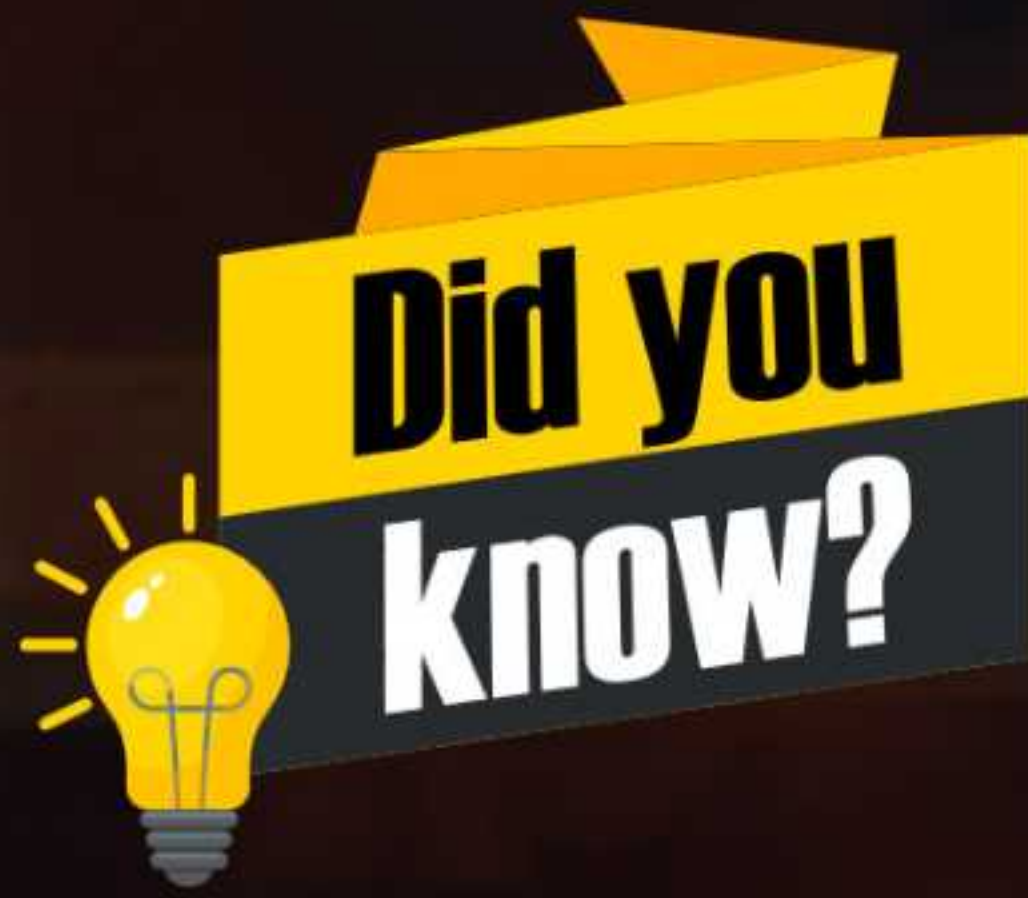
The District Administration has transitioned its service delivery to an online platform to improve efficiency and accessibility. The goal is to ensure that all citizens are aware of the process of accessing these online services and can use them easily. To support this initiative, the administration is actively promoting the benefits of online services, which offer speed and transparency. This shift aims to make public services more accessible to everyone, reducing delays and ensuring fairness in service delivery.

Citizens are encouraged to access these online services through various local facilities, such as:

- **Common Service Centers (CSCs):** These centers, which are available in multiple locations, provide assistance to citizens in accessing online services.
- **E-Corners at Tehsil Offices:** Tehsil offices have set up e-corners where citizens can get help to navigate and use the online service portals.
- **E-Patwarkhanas in South Andaman District:** Special kiosks at the e-patwarkhanas have been established to help people, especially in rural areas, to access online services related to land records and other government services.

By utilizing these local resources, citizens can easily access online services and complete necessary procedures in a quick and transparent manner. The District Administration is working to ensure that no citizen is left behind in this digital transformation, fostering a more streamlined and efficient public service system.





Amazing facts

The only active volcano in India, the Barren Island, is present in Andaman Islands



Barren Island is the only active volcano not just in India but the whole of South Asia. Located approximately 135 km north east of Port Blair, this small 3-km-wide island contains a 1.6-km-wide crater partially filled by a cinder cone that has been the source of eruptions since the first was recorded in 1787.

Digital Payment For E-Services Under E-District Portal

Recently, **Shri Dr. Chandra Bhushan, IAS**, the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) Administration, launched an online payment gateway for the payment of fees related to e-District services. This initiative aims to provide a more convenient and efficient way for citizens to make payments for various government services.





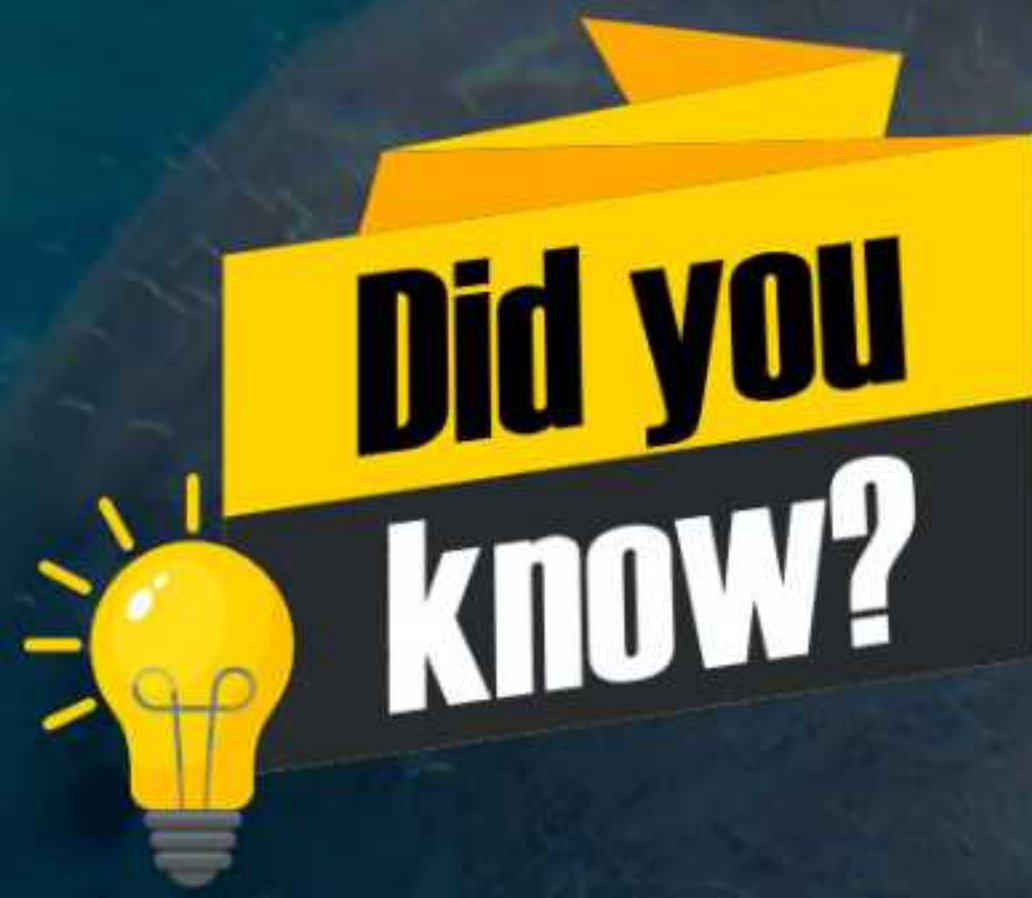
Issuance Of E-Epic At ITF



The District Election Office set up a special counter at the ITF Ground to issue on-spot e-EPICs (Electronic Electoral Photo Identity Cards) to eligible voters. This initiative was part of the ongoing efforts to enhance voter registration and make electoral services more accessible.

During his visit on 28th December 2024, Dr. Chandra Bhushan, the Chief Secretary (IAS), took the opportunity to personally issue the on-spot e-EPIC to eligible voters present at the ITF Ground. The issuance of e-EPICs is part of a broader move to digitize the voter ID process, making it more convenient for citizens to receive their electoral identity cards in an electronic format.

This initiative ensures that voters can quickly and easily receive their digital voter IDs, enhancing transparency, speed, and ease of access for all eligible citizens. The on-spot e-EPIC system is expected to streamline voter registration and help facilitate smoother participation in the upcoming elections.



Amazing facts

Dugong, the gentle sea cow, is the state animal of Andaman and Nicobar Islands



Large, plump marine vegetarians with short, paddle-like front flippers, the gentle Dugongs can be found grazing peacefully on sea grass in the warm coastal waters of the Andaman and Nicobar Island. These languid creatures, also called the 'angel of the sea', can be spotted at Ritchie's archipelago, North Reef, Little Andaman and parts of Nicobar

National Level Mock Exercise 2024

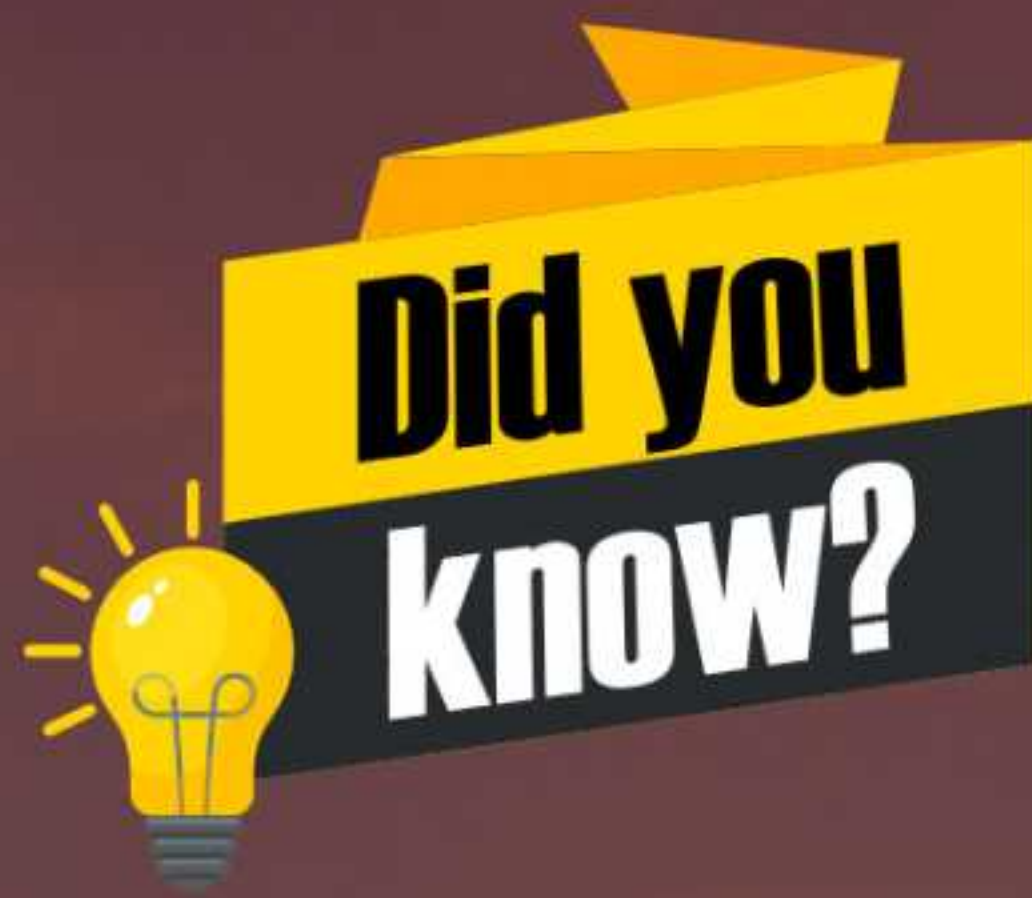


The District Administration, South Andaman participated in the National level Mock Exercise on 5th Nov 2024 of Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Service (INCOIS), Ministry of Earth Science, GoI, Hyderabad in coordination with National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi conducted the National Tsunami Mock Exercise today in all Coastal States/UTs of India coinciding with World Tsunami Awareness Day. The exercise was conducted in different locations of A&N Islands wherein people of A&N Islands and all Emergency Support Functionaries (Police, Fire, Health, Electricity, Shipping, SVPMC, PMB, APWD, Civil supply, IP&T etc.) Emergency Operation Centres, District Administrations, A&N Command, NDRF and other Stakeholders of A&N Administration participated.

During the exercise, the India Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC) at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad started by sending message of simulated tsunami threat information as an occurrence of Gigantic Earthquake measuring 9.3Mw in Richter scale near Northern Sumatra at 0930 hrs and was followed by Tsunami generation and issue of alerts/warning in the form of bulletins to all coastal States of India including ANI.

These alert/warnings/advice/threat were disseminated from State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) through different means of communication channels to all Emergency Operation Centres and Control Rooms of line Departments of A&N Islands. This exercise was completed after receipt of All Clear Message at 1330 hrs. from INCOIS, Hyderabad, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.



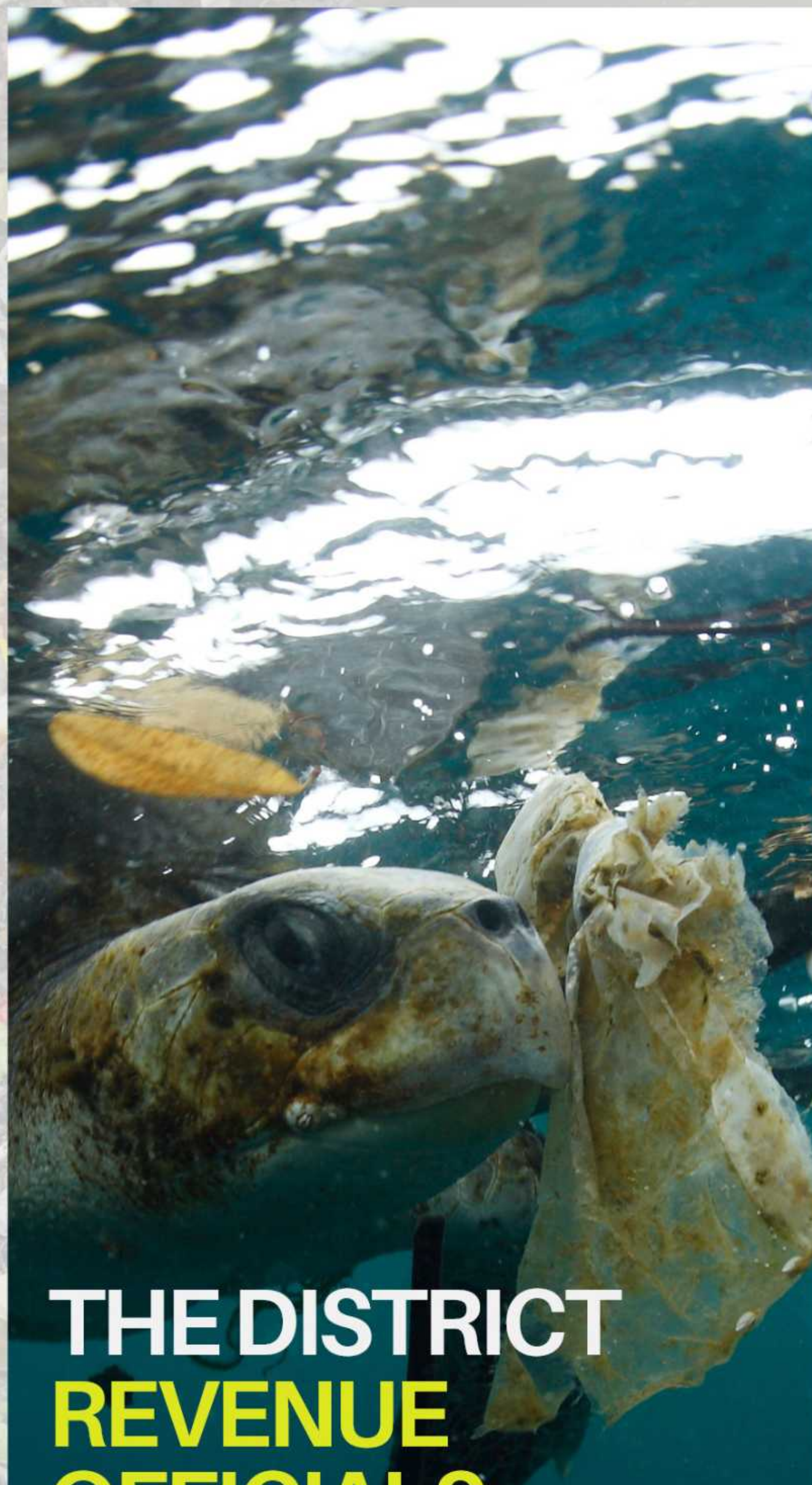


Amazing facts

Katchal Island received the first sun rise of the millennium



Katchal, a tiny island near Nicobar was virtually unknown till the Royal Greenwich Laboratory declared that it would be the first inhabited place on earth to catch the rays of the first sunrise of the millennium. In the first postal issue of the year 2000, India Post issued a commemorative stamp depicting the first sunrise of the millennium at Katchal.



THE DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICIALS ATTEND THE REGIONAL LEVEL POLLUTION RESPONSE EXERCISE 30th Dec 2024.



The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a one-day Regional Level Pollution Response Exercise on 30th Dec 2024 for Revenue staff near Science Centre and at the location of Jetty area.

The exercise was aimed to enhance preparedness and coordination among various stakeholders in responding to oil spills and other marine pollution incidents.

A briefing on Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness was given at the end and the logistics to be used at the coastal/sea shore area in case of oil spill were also shown.



The District Control Room Is Functioning 24x07 With Help Line: 1077



The following Emergency Operation Centers are functioning at different Islands under South Andaman District.

- 1.EOC Little Andaman : 1077, 03192-284015
- 2.EOC Swaraj Dweep : 1077, 03192-282030
- 3.EOC Shaheed Dweep : 1077, 03192- 282500
- 4.EOC Ferrargunj : 1077, 03192-266301



Health Sector (NRHM) Kuposhan Mukht And Anemia Mukht District Abhiyan



The 'Kuposhan Mukht and Anemia Mukht District Abhiyaan' was launched in Port Blair to combat malnutrition and anemia in the South Andaman District. The initiative was inaugurated by Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner (SA), Shri L. Kumar, IAS, Secretary of Social Welfare, and Shri Anand Vardhan Mishra, Director I/c, Social Welfare. They distributed nutritional kits to malnourished children and anemic women. This campaign, coordinated by the ICDS, Directorate of Social Welfare, and Directorate of Health Services, and supported by NGOs, represents a significant effort to improve health and address nutritional deficiencies among vulnerable populations in the region. The Kuposhan Mukht District Abhiyaan aims to combat malnutrition by providing comprehensive support to malnourished children and pregnant women through the distribution of nutrient-rich diet kits.

Health Sector (NRHM) Kuposhan Mukht And Anemia Mukht District Abhiyan



The Anemia Mukht District Abhiyaan focuses on reducing anemia prevalence among pregnant women through targeted interventions, including iron and folic acid supplementation and regular health checkups. During the inauguration, the DC(SA) emphasized the importance of community involvement, urging NGOs, individuals, and businesses to come forward and support malnourished children and anemic women by providing nutritional kits. These initiatives are designed to supplement Government's efforts and ensure sustained support to improve health outcomes for these vulnerable groups. The Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman reiterated the Administration's commitment to enhancing health outcomes and ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare for all residents of the district. The nutritional kits were generously sponsored by SBI Bank Port Blair, along with the support of 'With You', NGOs and Hope Foundation NGOs



**Did you
know?**

Amazing facts

**Jal Hans, India's first
commercial seaplane was
launched in the Andaman
Islands**



Sea planes are amphibious aircrafts that can take off and land on water and as well as on land. Calling it the Jal Hans, government-owned Pawan Hans launched India's first seaplane operation in Andaman and Nicobar Islands in 2013. Jal Hans is an eight seater Cessna 208 A that is fitted with modern navigation features, can travel up to 250 km in an hour and can also land on ground.

PM TB Muk Bharat Abhiyan



The District Health Society under the aegis of South Andaman District Administration conducted a camp at Khaitan Kalyana Mandapam, Junglighat and distributed nutritional kits to TB patients under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman), distributed nutritional kits to TB patients at an event held at Kahitan Kalyana M a n d a p , Junglighat. The programme aimed to motivate the community to adopt TB patients and raise awareness about TB prevention, early detection, and treatment. In his address, Shri Arjun Sharma emphasized the collective responsibility in the fight against TB. He highlighted the importance of early diagnosis, consistent treatment, and active c o m m u n i t y participation to eradicate the disease. Shri Sharma stressed that addressing the social stigma associated with TB is equally crucial, as fostering awareness and c o m m u n i t y engagement can significantly reduce the disease's prevalence and improve patient outcomes. Additionally, the DC (SA) shared that 49 Nikshay Mitras have already registered under the initiative and presently 133 TB patients have been adopted under South Andaman District. He encouraged the public to contribute to this noble cause by registering as a Nikshay Mitra through the Nikshay portal at <https://reports.nikshay.in/FormIO/> Donor Registration.

Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary and other senior officers of Andaman & Nicobar Administration have registered themselves as Nikshay Mitras and adopted TB patients under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan



Children's Day Celebrated By DCPU South Andaman On 14.11.2024



On the occasion of Children's Day, the District Child Protection Unit South Andaman organized an outing-cum-picnic for the children residing at various Child Care Institutions of South Andaman at Kurma Dera Beach, Collinpur Panchayat, South Andaman. The program started with welcoming the children for the celebration by the District Child Protection Officer followed by screening of documentary video on Swachhata Hi Seva Children's Day celebrated by DCPU South Andaman emphasizing on segregation of waste and its management by the Administration. The children were encouraged to follow the process of disposal of waste with proper segregation. All the children enjoyed playing games like tug of war, musical chair and dance in the music. They also enjoyed the nature by walking on the beach side. The celebration culminated with the distribution of prizes to the winners of the various games followed by lunch. The District Administration always ensures to organize or provide every possible opportunity for children of CCI (Child Care Institute) in order to make the children feel that they are important and are being cared for their overall well development



15th National Voters Day Celebrated in A&N Islands with the Theme 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure'



The 15th National Voters Day (NVD) celebrated, on 25th January 2025 with enthusiasm, embracing the theme 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure'. A UT-level function was organized at the TGCE Auditorium, Sri Vijaya Puram, with Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Islands, gracing the event as the Chief Guest.

The program commenced with a warm welcome address by Shri Vinayak Chamadia, IAS, Deputy Chief Election Officer of A&N Islands, who highlighted the significance of National Voters Day. During the event, the Chief Guest distributed Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) to first-time voters, senior citizens, and differently-abled individuals, symbolizing the inclusivity of India's democratic process. In his address, Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar congratulated the Islanders on the occasion, emphasizing India's pride as the largest democracy in the world. He urged all eligible citizens, especially those who had recently turned 18, to register as voters and actively participate in elections to strengthen democracy. The Chief Guest also administered the National Voters Day pledge to the gathering, reaffirming the commitment to free, fair, and inclusive elections.

Adding vibrancy to the event, students of JNRM performed an impactful skit, creatively conveying the importance of community participation in ensuring free and fair elections.

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