

## Two Metre Long Crocodile found dead at New Wandoor Coast



John Wilbert  
& Vikramaditya  
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Port Blair, Jan 13: A two metre long dead female Crocodile was found this morning on the rocky beds of North Wandoor area by (See page 6)

## Villagers & Firefighters control Fire in Paddy Field of Shaheed Dweep



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& Shachi  
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Port Blair, Jan 13: A fire broke out at a vacant paddy land of (See page 6)

## Lt. Governor on a visit to Little Andaman



Port Blair, Jan 13: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency is on four day visit to Little Andaman, Kamorta and Look Out Post at Tillangchong.

Took passage in MV Nalanda from Port Blair. Interacted with Officers and crew of ship, inspected facilities en-route. On arrival at Hut Bay, the Lt Governor was received by senior Officers of A&N Administration and PRI members.

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## GREETINGS

On the occasion of Armed Forces Veterans Day I convey my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all the veterans and their family members.

We are proud of our veterans who have selflessly served the country with courage, dignity and duty. Thousands of youths of these Islands are either serving or have served in the Armed Forces and this is the day to Salute them for their services.

We commemorate the 14th of January as Armed Forces Veterans Day as a mark of respect and recognition for the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa. He was the first Indian Chief of the Indian Army. He retired from service on 14th January 1953.

*Kuldeep Rai Sharma,  
Member of Parliament,  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands*

## Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and National Youth Day Celebrated



**Rabindranath Biswas**

*Sheekha News Service*

Diglipur, January 13: The 160th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and National Youth Day was celebrated at Vivekananda

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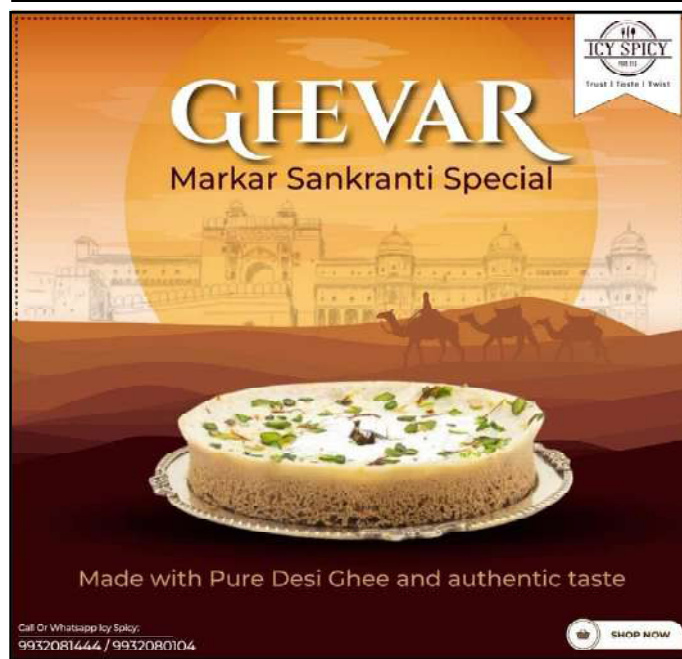
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## GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' and 'Pongal', I extend warm greetings to all the residents of A & N Islands.

The celebration of Makar Sankranti and Pongal marks the arrival of spring which brings prosperity, good fortune and happiness. With great devotion, fervor, vivacity, rays of hope and light, let us vow to further strengthen mutual harmony and brotherhood in our beautiful Islands.

I appeal to all the Islanders to celebrate this festival while adhering to COVID appropriate behavior.

On this festive occasion, I wish that this festival brings joy and success in the lives of all Islanders and our Islands continue to march ahead on the path of peace, prosperity and development.

Sd/-

(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lt Governor, A&N Islands

& Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

## GREETINGS

On the joyous occasion of Lohri, Makar Sankranti and Pongal, I convey my greetings and best wishes to all respected Islanders and wish them prosperity, good health and happiness.

The festivals associated with the harvest season, and celebrated with gaiety and enthusiasm all across the Islands and other parts of the country, symbolize our unity in diversity.

Agriculture and farming are closely linked to our ethos, culture and lifestyle. These festivals celebrate this intrinsic link which is necessary for us to maintain even as we move ahead in the modern era.

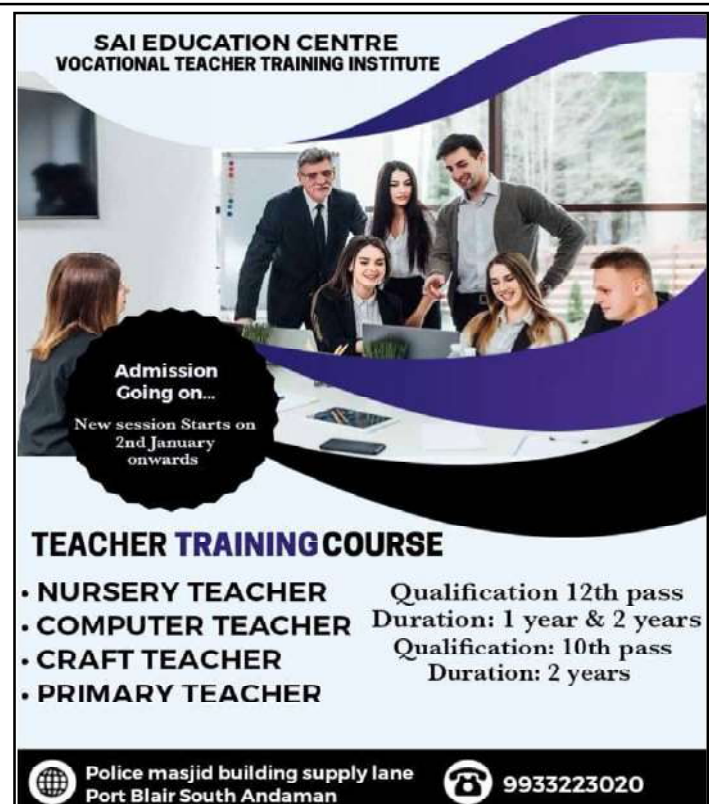
May the festivals be the beginning of further growth and progress and inspire us to work for the overall development of our Islands and mark the commencement of an era of abundance prosperity and new opportunities.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma,  
Member of Parliament,  
A&N Islands.

## Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair celebrates the National Youth Day and Week



Port Blair, Jan 13: 12th January, the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, is observed as National Youth Day in India. National Youth Day is followed by a number of activities for a week i.e. 13th to 19th January. During this period a host of programmes and activities should be organized on (See page 4)



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## MESSAGE

On the occasion of Armed Forces Veterans Day on 14<sup>th</sup> January, I extend my heartiest wishes to all veterans in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. This day is celebrated each year on 14<sup>th</sup> January to pay tribute to the selfless devotion and exemplary service rendered by our veterans in the service of the Nation.

It is a matter of pride to note that the examples set by our veterans who endured sacrifices under testing circumstances are being emulated with honour and dedication by the present generations of the Indian Armed Forces. Our countrymen will ever remain indebted to each one of you for your immense contribution in the line of duty for shaping the future of the nation as an emerging global power. I urge each one of you to continue the dedicated efforts towards the nation building process in future as well.

On behalf of A&N Administration and Islanders, I extend my best wishes to all our veterans and their family members for their future endeavours.

**Jai Hind!**

Sd/-

(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lt. Governor, A&N Islands

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## MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn that Andaman and Nicobar Islands is observing "Animal Welfare Fortnight" from 14<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 along with rest of the India to campaign for and support animal rights. It focuses on promoting the humane treatment of all kinds of animals, including pets, farm animals and even wildlife. Animal Welfare Fortnight is observed to educate the masses on the cruel treatment of animals and to advocate their rights. It is a fortnight for spreading the message of kindness, justice, and protection for all living creatures.

Animal welfare is the well-being of non-human animals. Animals have contributed immensely for the welfare of human beings from the dawn of civilization. It is the obligation of human beings not to abuse and exploit animals for their greed. We all must learn to co-exist with animals and it's our moral duty to see that animals are handled with love, compassion and care.

The concept of preventing cruelties to animals will be greatly served through awareness campaigns and imparting humane education to the general public and the concerned stakeholders.

On this occasion, I extend my best wishes for success of "Animal Welfare Fortnight 2023" celebrations.

Sd/-

(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lieutenant Governor, A & N Islands

& Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

## Nehru Yuva...

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each day of the week with various themes based on the ideals and teachings of Swami Vivekananda so as to inspire youth for national development and instill in them the spirit of youth as embodied in the life of Swami Vivekananda. During these celebrations, youth potential and commitment will be brought forth with force. Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair celebrated the National Youth Day and Week from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 in the district with full enthusiasm. The themes of all days and week are 12<sup>th</sup> January (National Youth Day), 13<sup>th</sup> January (Culture Day), 14<sup>th</sup> January (Participation Day), 15<sup>th</sup> January (Social Service Day), 17<sup>th</sup> January (Youth for Peace Day), 17<sup>th</sup> January (Youth for Peace Day), 18<sup>th</sup> January (Skill Development Day), 19<sup>th</sup> January (Awareness Day).

On 13<sup>th</sup> Jan yoga

pranayama and meditation camp was organized in the auditorium of Maharashtra Mandal. On the occasion, Mrs. Padmini Jog, Yoga Guru, aged 78 years was the chief guest. She has been practicing yoga asana and pranayama for the last 30 years after taking teacher training from Swamiji in Haridwar. She has been practicing and teaching pranayama taught by Swami Ramdevji Maharaj of Haridwar. She firmly believes that with regular and dedicated practice of Pranayama, people can stay physically and mentally healthy throughout life. Mrs. Padmini along with her husband late Colonel Pratap Jog has organized 561 camps at various places where more than 2,00,000 people have participated. Program was inaugurated by the chief guest, yoga guru, who lit a lamp and also garlanded the portrait of Swamiji and per-

formed all the five main pranayama and meditation postures explaining the needs of yoga, pranayama, and meditation. She also described yoga as the source of spiritual knowledge of Swami Vivekananda. She stressed on all the youth to stay connected with yoga. On this occasion, Commander Vaibhav Kaslikar, LT. K. Lathashree, Dr. Hemant Rao, Founder in Gururji Sumpurna Yoga and Naturopathy, Mr. Gorakh Nath Patil, President, Maharashtra Mandal, Mr. K. Rajesh Wellness Coach and Mr. Abhijeet Parmanik, Wellness Coach and Dr. Sunita Patil was also present. Earlier, Mr. Gopal Chandra Biswas, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair welcomed the Chief Guest and all other guests and participants present and gave detailed information about the National Youth Day and all the programs of the week and also presented a vote of thanks.

## VKVPV Ranchi Tekri celebrates Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and National Youth Day

Port Blair, Jan 13: Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and National Youth Day were celebrated by Vivekananda Kendra Nagar Palika Vidyalaya, Ranchi Tekri at B R Ambedkar auditorium on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The function began sharp at 9 a.m. Mrs. Smitha R, IAS, Secretary, P BMC was the Chief Guest whereas Mr. Aneesh Chatterjee, Assistant Director Civil Supply and Mr. V Ravichandran councilor Ward no.9 were the Guest of Honor respectively. Adarniya Varsha Bujone, secretary of Vivekananda Kendra A & N Islands graced the function with her presence and blessings along with a team of well wishers from Maharashtra.

Earlier Headmistress Mrs. Sangita Karmakar welcomed the gathering. She highlighted the importance of Swami Vivekananda's valuable messages to orient the youth for a stronger Bharat and presented the school's Annual



Report. A speech on the importance of the day was delivered by Mrs. K. Bindu Kumari, teacher of the vidyalaya. A colorful cultural programme presented by the students was appreciated and got a round of applause. Prizes of various competitions were given away to the winners. Chief Guest Mrs. Smita R talked about the importance of Swami Vivekananda teachings and how one can incorporate it in their daily lives to achieve goals. The programme ended with a Thank you note.

## Annual Training Camp for NCC Cadets Concludes

Port Blair, Jan 13: The Combined Annual Training Camp for Senior Division/ Senior Wing Army and Naval NCC cadets concluded today at JNRM. The closing ceremony consisted of cultural programs and prize distribution ceremony. Camp Commandant Lt Col Pankaj modgil congratulated the cadets on successful camp completion and motivated them to do well in life. He also reiterated about the menace of drug addiction amongst the youth and told the cadets to abstain from drug and substance abuse. Caretaker Dr. Kusum kumari presented the vote of thanks. During the event Lt Cdr Ankit Pant, Principal JNRM Dr. H.K Sharma, Caretaker Dr V.K Sahu and PI staffs of both Army and Naval NCC were present.



As a part of their training, during the camp the cadets had both theoretical and practical lessons on Disaster Management, Health and Hygiene, Social Issues and service specific subjects like Drill, Map Reading and Firing. Also lectures and demonstrations were conducted by the Fire, Forest, Medical and Traffic department of Andaman and Nicobar.

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## Revenue court campdisposes 21 Sub-Division cases at Diglipur

**Rabindranath  
Biswas**

*Sheekha News Service*

Diglipur, January 13: To streamline the process of Sub-Division of land and to minimize the hassles faced by the stakeholders in their respective land sub-division cases, Dr. Satyendra Singh Dursawat, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman District, Mayabunder held a revenue court camp and disposed of 21 nos. of Sub-Division cases at Diglipur today.

As per report, the Deputy Commissioner along with revenue Officials were seen busy readying the sub-division cases of the people of Diglipur right from morning in the Conference Hall, Assistant Commissioner's Office, Diglipur.

Out of 21 nos. of Sub-Division cases, 06 cases were finalized and disposed while 15 cases are required to be finalized on Monday with minor scrutinizes, the concerned RI affirmed. There were altogether 50 nos. of land sub-division



cases and there will be hearing for the rest 29 cases on next Thursday or Friday (19/20-01-2023) at Diglipur itself, the Revenue Inspector further said.

Mr. Biswanath Sen, Tehsildar Diglipur, Mr. G.G. Paul, RI & RR and Patwaris and other officials from DC's Office Mayabunder assisted the Deputy Commissioner to dispense the cases.

The stakeholders thronged the hall in order to get their land cases heard and disposed of by the District Administrator. Each case was heard and disposed of in a cordial atmosphere.

Talking to Andaman Sheekha, the general public

and the stakeholders told that, earlier they had to go to DC's Office Mayabunder for the sub-division of their land but now the DC's disposing of the sub-division of land cases at Diglipur has helped and benefited them a lot. They expressed happiness over this kind act and endeavor of the Deputy Commissioner.

Apart from the sub-division of land cases, the Deputy Commissioner was found interacting with the Pradhans of Gram Panchayats and other PRI Members from morning to evening and resolving the issues related to their Panchayats and constituencies, the report further said.

## South Korean police blame deadly Halloween crush on negligence



South Korean police on Friday blamed negligence and planning failures for last year's Halloween crowd crush in Seoul that killed more than 150 people. Scores of young costumed partygoers, mostly women in their 20s, died in the disaster on October 29 in the capital's popular Itaewon nightlife area.

A special team that spent months combing through evidence and interviewing officials, said at the end of its probe that there had been massive planning and response failures -- but stopped short of blaming any top government or national police agency officials.

"Organisations that are legally obligated to prevent and respond to disasters -- police, district offices and Seoul Metro -- did not establish safety measures in advance or came up with poor plans," Sohn Jae-han, the team's head, told reporters.

"Appropriate measures were not taken even after receiving rescue requests" on the day of the disaster, he said. Poor cooperation between agencies and delays in communications and relief efforts contributed to a higher death toll, he added.

Groups of the victims' families said they were not happy with the results of the probe.

Lee Jong-chul, the leader of one such group, said that it was impossible for the police to fairly and impartially investigate their own officers, calling for a fully independent investigation.

"I didn't trust this, ever since the special investigation team started probing the Itaewon disaster," he told local media.

He told the Yonhap news agency that it was disappointing -- but predictable -- that top officials including the interior minister and Seoul's mayor had not been investigated,

## Migrant entry numbers into Europe hit six-year high

The number of irregular border crossings into the European Union increased by 64 percent last year compared to 2021 to reach the highest level since 2016, Frontex said on Friday. The EU's border agency said around 330,000 entries were detected -- 45 percent of them through the Western Balkans.

"This was the second year in a row with a steep rise in the number of irregular entries," Frontex said, adding that Afghans,

Syrians and Tunisians accounted for 47 percent of the irregular crossings last year.

"The number of Syrians roughly doubled to 94,000", Frontex added.

The Central Mediterranean route accounted for the second highest number of crossings, rising by more than half to over 100,000.

The agency said women accounted for fewer than one in 10 of the crossings, while the share of reported minors fell to around nine percent of all irregular entries.

## Ukraine denies Russia controls Soledar: 'Our units are there'

The spokesperson for Ukraine's eastern military command denied on Friday that Russia had seized control of the town of Soledar and said Ukrai-

nian units were still there. "Our units are there, the town is not under Russian control," the spokesperson, Serhiy Cherevatyi, told Reuters by telephone.

## Elon Musk's SpaceX files papers to launch Starlink in South Korea: Report

Billionaire Elon Musk's space company SpaceX has filed registration papers with South Korean authorities to launch its satellites-powered internet service Starlink in the country, Yonhap reported on Friday, citing sources. The rocket company, which is expected to set up a subsidiary in South Korea to qualify for registration, filed the request with the country's Ministry of Science and ICT earlier this month to roll out the service, the report said.

SpaceX and the ministry did not immedi-

ately respond to Reuters requests for comment.

Starlink's website says its service will be available in South Korea in the second quarter of this year.

Starlink uses a network of thousands of satellites to provide internet access to far-flung regions or when communications are disrupted during natural disasters. SpaceX activated Starlink over Ukraine after Russia's invasion in February and has since provided Kyiv with thousands of terminals, allowing locals to hook up to the



internet in places out of reach of the domestic telecoms system.

Starlink is one of a growing number of makers of small satellites that also includes Amazon.com's Kuiper, Britain's OneWeb, venture capital-backed Planet, and Raytheon Technologies Corp's Blue Canyon Technologies.

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## Birth Anniversary...

were the special guests on the occasion. During the programme, students from lower classes donned the attire of Vivekananda and stood on the dais and chanted the Swadesh Mantra, while a skit on Swamiji's life was enacted by the students from higher classes.

Girl students sang songs about Vivekananda

and performed classical and traditional dances of India and the audience was spellbound to see each item of the program.

Students of VI to VIII performed a number of yogas on the stage and people were completely mesmerized to watch young students perform yogas so precisely and magnificently.

The guests felicitated the winners of various events. The students from KG-I to XII presented various cultural activities.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the statue of Swami Vivekananda and delivered speeches at the culmination of the program, the Principal, VKZPV, Diglipur, said.



## Usha Reddi: Meet the Indian American who has become senator of Kansas

Indian American Democratic Party politician Usha Reddi has been sworn in as State Senator for District 22 in Kansas state of the US, the media reported on Friday.

Reddi, a known community leader, on Thursday replaced longtime Manhattan Senator Tom Hawk who last month announced retirement from the Legislature, KSN TV reported.

"I was sworn in this afternoon as State Senator for District 22. It was great to have my family join me today," she tweeted.

"It's been a very exciting night. I'm thrilled to represent Senate District 22," said Reddi.

Thanking outgoing Senator Hawk for his dedicated service, Reddi said he led with "sincere love for community and built strong relationships along the way". "Senator Tom Hawk is an outstanding leader, and I'm



sure I'll be reaching out to him many times," she said.

Reddi has served on the Manhattan City Commission since 2013 and served twice as mayor.

Previously, she was an educator in Manhattan-Ogden public schools, where she served a term as President of their National Education Association chapter.

She holds Bachelor's degrees in psychology and elementary education and earned her Master's degree

in educational leadership from Kansas State University.

Reddi will complete the remainder of Senator Hawk's term, which expires in 2025. Reddi's committee assignments will be announced in the coming days.

Reddi's family immigrated from India to the United States in 1973, when she was eight years old.

She has lived in Manhattan for more than 28 years.

## China Covid wave's peak to last 2-3 months, expert says with a dire warning

Covid wave's peak in China is expected to last two to three months and will have a massive impact on rural parts of the country, a top Chinese epidemiologist warned. Cases will rise in rural areas as many Chinese are set to travel to their home towns for the Lunar New Year holidays. The holidays officially start from January 21 and are also referred to as the world's largest annual migration of people. Zeng Guang, the former chief epidemiologist at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said that the worst of the

Covid outbreak in China is not over yet. China abruptly dismantled its strict 'Zero-Covid' policy last month after protests across the country in late November. Following this the virus has spread in most provinces of China. "Our priority focus has been on the large cities. It is time to focus on rural areas," Zeng Guang said as per Reuters adding that most people living in China's rural areas do not have access to medical facilities which could further exacerbate the Covid situation in the country. China has been returning to normal

life much after most of the world began to live with the virus. In China's big cities, residents are on the move leading to a gradual, though so far slow, rebound in consumption and economic activity, Reuters reported quoting an immigration official who said that on Friday 490,000 daily trips on average were made in and out of China. This comes as the World Health Organization this week warned of the risks stemming from travelling during the holidays and questions have been raised on data sharing by Beijing on Covid.

## Villagers & Firefighters...

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Sita Nagar Village, Shaheed Dweep this afternoon.

The villagers tried to inform the Fire Control Room about the fire but due to bad network connection they could not reach the Fire Control room. Hence initially the villagers of the nearby area tried to control the fire but they were unable to douse the fire.

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## Two Metre Long...

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villagers. The actual reason behind this death is not known yet but authorities are reportedly trying to investigate the cause of death.

As per details after sighting of the dead Crocodile villagers informed the matter to Forest Department after which Forest Team and Veterinary Team reached the spot and inspected the dead Crocodile, which was

reportedly tangled in fishing net.

Sources told Andaman Sheekha Daily that during post mortem, the Veterinary team found multiple injuries on the body of the Crocodile, which somewhere indicate towards intentional killing. The Wildlife Department has reportedly registered a case and further details are awaited.

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