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DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM

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Sri Vijaya Puram dated the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

PRESS RELEASE

**Island Trekking Festival Theme: #Trek.Explore.Conserve.**

Venue: Mt. Manipur Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (Saturday)

The Department of Tourism, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, in collaboration with the Department of Environment & Forests, My Bharat (NYK), with other allied Departments and Tourism Stakeholders will be organizing the "Island Trekking Festival" on **Saturday, 15th November 2025**, under the theme **#Trek.Explore.Conserve at Mt. Manipur**, one of the most scenic and historically significant trekking routes in South Andaman. The event aims to promote eco-adventure tourism, encourage local youth participation, and foster a deeper appreciation of the Islands' natural beauty and historical heritage. It also seeks to inspire local youth to take up eco-guiding and adventure guiding as a means of self-employment, in line with the Administration's vision for sustainable tourism development.

Participation will be limited to **50 persons (first batch)**, including local youth, trekking enthusiasts, tour operators, and tourists. The first 50 registered participants will be selected for the trek and those candidates will get the **participation certificates** from Department of Tourism. All participants are requested to **assemble near Hope Town Jetty at 6:30 AM sharp**, where the **flag-off** will take place and the tour will complete by 09:00 AM. Officials from the Department of Environment & Forests will guide participants along the trail, sharing insights into the area's biodiversity and ecological significance. Comprehensive safety and first aid arrangements will be taken care by the Department with the supports of the allied Departments such as the Health Department, Transport, A & N Police, and PRIs from Gram Panchayat Hopetown to ensure a safe and enjoyable trekking experience.

Participants are requested to download the Performa available in the official website of Tourism Department, section- '**what's new**' and submit the same along with self-undertaking form attached with the Performa either personally or through email ID: [andamantourismgh@gmail.com](mailto:andamantourismgh@gmail.com), latest by 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. For clarification pl. contact Shri Chander Rao, HK Assistant Manager – 9434282324. Any further query, may please contact Smt. Rabia Mustafa, Manager (Tourism) – 9933255364 or Smt. Sandhya Prasad, Ranger, Mt. Manipur – 9474298474.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

**Manager (OPs)**

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