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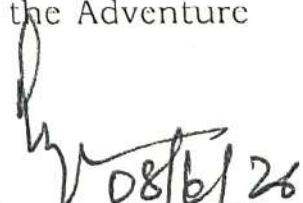
**Applications Invited from Tourism Stakeholders for Operation of  
Transparent Kayaks at Swaraj Dweep**

The Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism, A&N Administration, proposes to permit operation of **transparent kayaking activities** at the **Neem-o-Reef-Jetty stretch, Swaraj Dweep**, in accordance with the recommendations of the Risk Assessment Report carried out under the provisions of the A&N Islands Watersports Guidelines, 2015.

The proposed operational area extends between the **Jetty-Neem-o-Reef, Swaraj Dweep** (Coordinates: - (a) Latitudinal positions are. 12°2'436" North to 11°58.669" North (b) Longitudinal positions are 095°59'030" East to 093°1.140" East), which has been identified as a suitable location for kayaking activities. The initiative aims to decongest the existing Jetty-Lighthouse kayaking stretch and provide additional opportunities for tourism stakeholders while ensuring effective monitoring and regulation.

The Neem-o-Reef stretch is known for its rich marine biodiversity, underwater flora and fauna. In order to enhance the visitor experience and promote eco-friendly tourism, permission in the proposed area shall be restricted to **transparent kayaks only**, enabling tourists to view and appreciate the marine ecosystem while kayaking.

Interested kayak operators, centres, and tourism stakeholders desirous of operating transparent kayaks in the proposed area are invited to submit their applications to the Adventure Watersports Section, Directorate of IP&T. Applications must be submitted on or before 12.06.2026. A maximum of two (02) transparent kayaks shall be permitted per applicant for operation in the designated area. Detailed terms and conditions, eligibility criteria, application procedures, and the prescribed checklist may be obtained from the Adventure Watersports Section, Directorate of IP&T.

  
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3. The Manager (AWSC), DIPT for information and necessary action.
4. The Asst. Manager (Tsm), DIPT for strengthening of lifeguards/TSET deployment and monitor/regulate of transparent kayaking activity at Neem-o-Reef, Swaraj Dweep.
5. The Beach Officer, DIPT, Swaraj Dweep for information and necessary action.

  
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