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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
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DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND  
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**PRESS NOTE**

With the aim to promote poultry keeping for income generation and sustainable livelihood, the department of AH&VS provides hands on training and inputs to the farmers/unemployed youth/ women candidate through the departmental farms established at different parts of these islands.

Duck keeping, and vanraja birds have been promoted as backyard poultry due to low cost of production and their ability to thrive in free range condition. The dual purpose breed of poultry vanraja birds and ducks are known for their egg production as well as meat and therefore, gained popularity among the rural farmers. It is a source of livelihood while it contributes the protein requirement in nutrition.

As part of efforts to encourage sustainable livelihood through Animal Husbandry, in tourist destinations, the department distributed 200 Nos. day old vanaraja chicks, 100 Nos. nicobari chicks, 400 Nos. ducklings and 200 Nos. day old japanese quail chicks at Shaheed Dweep yesterday on 28.02.2025. Similarly 1400 day old vanaraja chicks and 300 Nos. day old duckling were distributed at Swaraj Dweep. A total of - 54 farmers got benefitted.

  
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