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explained the vital burning issues that the A&N authorities were encountering with the problem of culture contact, both in the settlement areas adjacent to the Ang (Jarawa) Reserve Forest and along the ATR.

Shri Naidu suggested that the scientific personnel of the AnSI should be rational in their approach to assess the contemporary situations, resource related problems, and the current level of contact between the tribal and non-tribal populations either in the fringe of the settlement areas or on the Andaman Trunk Road (ATR).

Noting the significance of AnSI, Shri Ram expressed how the AAJVS or Directorate of Tribal Welfare strove together in the protection and preservation of cultures of the most endangered small foragers, their identity, habitats, resources, etc. He outlined that no matter how sensitive and self-contained they may be; they are under severe psychological anxieties. He hailed the anthropological stands and desired to work in close association with the AnSI in the days to come.

Justin offered that different scientific personnel of the ANR Centre would be deployed soon at the different notional habitats, if the Administration and the AAJVS so desire, for the purpose of research, which according to the Ang (Jarawa) are identified as follows: -

1. Boiab (Different habitats located in south Andaman from Constance Island to Ferrargunj).
2. Thidong (The different habitats mainly from Jirkatang up to Middle Strait)
3. Tanmad (The different habitats mainly from Bluff & Spike Island, Lakra Lungta, Foul Bay, Yadita Point, etc. up to Louise Inlet Bay Island in the Middle Andaman).

After a thorough discussion on various pertinent issues, the following decisions were taken:

1. It is imperative that the AnSI be involved in the Policy on Ang (Jarawa) Tribe of Andaman, 2004 and its expertise be mandatorily utilized optimally.
2. No kind of stringent imposition should be imposed on the AnSI to conduct fieldwork among the most vulnerable tribal peoples of the A&NI.
3. The expertise of the AnSI should be availed of in reviewing the existing policy.
4. All logistic supports should be extended to the scientific personnel of the AnSI by the Administration and the AAJVS as and when situations demands for the purpose.
5. The officials working in tribal areas would be sent for orientation training, which the AnSI would impart with its professional knowledge in dealing with the tribal peoples
6. The AnSI would play vital role in dissemination of knowledge and conduct sensitization programmes to targeted groups in particular and public in general, especially the tourists, who throng the Zonal Anthropological Museum, ANR Centre, Port Blair in large numbers.