

GENDER STUDIES WORKSHOP

ANTRI, PORT BLAIR

February 15th 2015.**CONCEPT NOTE**

ANTRI has decided to organize a workshop on the subject of **"Gender and the PVTGs- Towards a New Understanding"**. The idea of the workshop is not only to integrate 'gender' in all policy discourses but also to take stock of the ways in which the practices of Tribal Welfare have reconfigured gender relations among the PVTGs in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The workshop aims to bring together historical and anthropological perspectives on Gender and the State together with localized views from the field to make sense of the ways in which the changes in the hunting-gathering practices of PVTG communities as a result of welfare, and the influence of settler communities have impacted on gender relations in both negative and positive ways. The overall objective of the workshop is to find ways in which welfare policies can uphold and sustain gender parities among PVTG and empower both to participate equally in the decision-making processes related to both their immediate survival and their futures.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**Opening Statement by Sect TW.**

The Workshop will be conducted in three sessions.

Session One- Historical and anthropological perspectives of Gender, PVTGs and the State