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To celebrate the **National Nutrition Month**, the undersigned was deputed to Car Nicobar from 19.9.2018 to 21.9.2018 to sensitize the importance of hand washing among school children, installation of sanitary napkin vending machine and organizing special meeting with the Tribal Councils and ASHA & ANM workers.

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Successfully all the programmes were organized with the help of ITDP, Car Nicobar. **Copy of field report is placed alongside for kind perusal at Flag-X.**

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During my visit to Car Nicobar, I interacted with members of Tribal Councils, Villagers, School Students, Teachers and other Govt servants posted at Car Nicobar. Following important issues were brought to my notice which requires to be addressed on priority: -

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- 1) ITDP, Car Nicobar may be requested to install Sanitary Napkin vending machine in every villages/ schools/ hospital. Presently only two machines have been installed one at GSSS Mus and other one in BJR Hospital, Car Nicobar
- 2) The Assistant Commissioner, Car Nicobar has reported that during his field visit to all villages in Car Nicobar, he observed that the used sanitary napkin is being thrown all over beaches/ roadside/ residential area, creating a foul smell and environmental hazards. It has also been reported that the thrown used sanitary napkin is being consumed by their pigs and other domestic animals which will create health hazards. He suggested for installation of Sanitary Napkin Incinerator machines in all villages/ schools/ hospital to avoid Health, Environmental & Social Hazards. ITDP, Car Nicobar may be requested to submit the proposal in this regard on priority.
- 3) With the help of ITDP, Car Nicobar, the Department of Education may set up hand washing stations in every schools of Nicobar District by using local materials which should be simple, scalable and sustainable, and rely on usage of minimum water. All Schools should organize Group Handwashing programme on monthly basis by fixing Group Handwashing Programme as one of the monthly activities in their Calendar of Activities
- 4) The Department of Education may be requested to ensure presence of Principal/ Vice Principal and whenever they proceed on leave, the additional charge may be given to Principal/ Vice Principal of other nearby school and not to any senior Teacher to avoid hampering of classes.
- 5) The Department of Education should make a roster of unemployed teachers and appoint them on Leave Vacancy whenever any teacher avails leave as like the Health Department who appoints person on Leave Vacancy whenever any Staff Nurse proceeds on leave. Through this procedure, the education of students will not hamper and the unemployed youths will get employment and will gain experience of teaching which is one of the mandatory clause for them at the time of recruitment.
- 6) The Department of Tribal Welfare shall request the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India either to dispense the clause of income ceiling or Chief of the Tribal Council of the respective may be authorized to issue the income certificate, so that large number of ST students can avail the financial assistance under the Pre & Post Matric Scholarship scheme of GoI.