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		<p>circumnavigation of North Sentinel Island was recently carried out by the official team of the Administration to ascertain their existence. Such exercise will be undertaken in every three months. In the meantime strict vigil is being kept on North Sentinel Island team.</p> <p>Jarawas are to be allowed to take their own decisions in negotiating with the world outside their territory. The Administration has adopted the policy of "listen and provide" what the tribe expressly requires. There is maximum autonomy given to the Jarawas with minimum intervention by the Administration.</p> <p>Efforts are being made to compile and understand what the communities in different stages of acculturation would like and why, before we just protect and provide, the main concern is to keep the culture and identity also alive and vibrant.</p>
4	<p>Is the administration closed to research/in depth work on the Jarawas? Such research can throw light on what the Jarawas want- whether the resources inside their reserve is depleting, how they view repeated intrusions by poachers into their territory or if as a community they need any help from the state. We mean to ask, poachers and the administration's field staff seem to have access to the reserve but not independent researchers or anthropologists. Is secrecy the way to conserve?</p>	<p>The A&N Administration has set up A&N Tribal Research & Training Institute and made functional. The objectives of the ANTRI is to provide input to direct a research led welfare policy, work in partnership with indigenous communities, act as clearing house for research proposals and collect, conserve, preserve document, analyse & makes accessible, set up tribal museum and give training. Following the establishment of ANTRI a Research Advisory Board has been constituted with the following (i) Secretary (Tribal Welfare) as Convener (ii) Dr Kanchan Mukhopadhyay, Director AnSI (iii) Prof Visvajit Pandya, Anthropologist (iv) Prof T Subramanyam Naidu, Pondicherry University (v) Shri SN Awaradi and (vi) Shri Manish Chandi, ANET as members. The Board shall advise the Administration regarding the functioning of the ANTRI, coordinate and oversee the research activities of ANTRI and provide strategic inputs and also consider and recommend the research proposal received by ANTRI pertaining to the indigenous tribal communities and tribal areas.</p>