

missions, as a result of which the first friendly contact with the Sentinelese was established in 1991 when they accepted gifts of coconut. However, after 1993, the Administration follows 'hands-off' policy. The Group of Experts have now suggested to have 'eyes-on' policy, to prevent poaching and to meet the livelihood and health needs. Administration proposes to conduct structured observational circumnavigation tour by Core Group of Experts, AAJVS staff and Senior Officer of Administration.

Establishment of Tribal Research Institute:

Of the six Scheduled Tribes, the Nicobarese tribe is an advanced tribe having successfully assimilated in the mainstream society without losing any of their traditional and cultural values, mainly due to their long contact with the outside world through traders and missionaries coupled with their larger population size. The remaining five viz. Onge, Andamanese, Jarawas, Sentinelese and Shompens are still Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). The Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas & Sentinelese belong to the Negrito race while the Shompen belong to Mongolic race. The Administration has so far been dependent on the external agencies/ researchers for inputs for their welfare and development. However, this has not been as fruitful as desirable in view of inherent limitations. In view of this the concept Tribal Research Institute was mooted and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India agreed to set up a Tribal Research Institute in the A & N Islands and agreed to provide central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Research and Training" in September, 2001. However, the institute could not be set up due to various administrative reasons like creation of posts, framing of Recruitment Rules etc. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands directed the Tribal Welfare Department to set up the A & N Tribal Research and Training Institute at the earliest so the research oriented projects could be taken up for policy formulation and implementation. Vide Administrative Order No. 273 dated 16.8.2013, the A & N Tribal Research & Training Institute (ANTRI) was set up to provide important planning inputs to A & N Administration by conducting research and evaluation studies based on primary data and a Research Advisory Board has been constituted comprising with Secretary (TW) as Convener, Dr Kanchan Mukhopadhyaya, Supdt. Anthropologist (Cultural), AnSI, Prof. Vishvajit Pandaya, a well known Anthropologist, Shri SA Awaradi and Shri Manish Chandi, subject Experts as Member of Research Advisory Board for ANTRI. The tenure of the Research Advisory Board will be for a period of three years. To make the institute functional from 2.10.2013 onwards, Research Associate (02), Librarian (01) and Computer Assistant (01), were recruited on contract basis. A vacant Govt. building in the Port Blair town was earmarked for setting up of ANTRI building and made functional w.e.f. 02.10.2013, the target date fixed by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor. Hon'ble President of India has given his kind consent to inaugurate the ANTRI on 12.2.2014. will formally inaugurate the Institute on 12.2.2014 at port Blair

If approved, we may furnish our comments to the Deputy Secretary (IDA) on the above lines.

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