

- i. To protect and preserve their cultural identity and avoid inter-mingling with the outside world and allow them to carry out their own activities as per their own terms
- ii. To mainstream them into the outside world so that they enjoy the fruits of development.

The Administration has taken the services of best Anthropologist^s and has taken the task to determine the will of Jarawa and also the phase^{up} by which they would like to interact with the outside world. The Administration has adopted the policy of "listen and provide" what the tribe expressly requires. There is maximum autonomy given to the tribes with minimum intervention by the Administration.

Shompens: Shompens live in different bands in thick tropical forests and in coasts of the Great Nicobar Island, and number approximately 220. The ANI Administration has framed the Shompen Policy, 2015 in consultation with subject experts and it has been approved by the Expert Committee of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India on 11.03.2015.

Sentinelese: This hunter-gatherer tribe numbering approximately 50, lives in North Sentinelese Island (54.3Kms west of Port Blair) having an extent of 60 Sq Km. The Administration has adopted an 'eyes-open and hands-off' policy to ensure that no poachers enter into the island. A protocol of Circumnavigation of the North Sentinel Island has been made and notified in consultation with Govt of India.

Jarawas: Protection and welfare measures are extended to the Jarawas as per the Jarawa Policy framed in the year 2004. The extent of Jarawa reserved area is 1028 SqKm, meant exclusively for them. The Administration, through AAJVS, extends health and other calibrated amenities preferably *in-situ*. A Buffer Zone of 5 Km band around JTR has been notified, banning all commercial and tourism establishments detrimental to their existence. It is ensured that no interaction by non-tribals takes place with Jarawas. Movement of vehicles on the Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) is regulated and monitored by convoy system. The Administration is taking steps to provide an alternate sea route. Due to the constant efforts, today the population has reached upto 441, which had once plummeted to less than 200.

On the advice of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, ethnographic studies on the culture, livelihood activities, health issues etc of Jarawas and empirical study on Jarawas have been carried out by subject experts in ANTRI and with the support of AAJVS. Based on the study reports entitled "Calendrical movements of Jarawas" and "Kangapo" (a Stitched garment in Jarawa language) submitted by the Experts, the ANI Administration has taken following steps: -

- (i) Hotspots have been built within the Jarawa Tribal Reserve namely Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lewis Inlet and Lakra Lungta in North & Middle Andaman District for exchange and sharing of information between the staff and AAJVS.