

The ANTRI organized the *at Port Blair*
First National Conference of ANTRI held on "THINKING FUTURES: The PVTGs of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands" on the 4th and 5th December, 2014. *The idea of bringing in stakeholders from various walks of life under one aegis is to aid a meaningful dialogue and elicits substantial inputs on how to go for re-structuring and/or formulating policy measures for Tribals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.* *It and*
44 participants like writers, scholars, doctors, activists, journalists, retired administrators, tribal chief, field level workers, some representing different institutes like Tata Institute of Social Sciences, JNU, Institute of Economic Growth, NIRD, Center for Social Development, New Delhi, Malayalam University, Kerala, DAIICT, Gandhinagar, and AnSI participated, apart from the prominent institutes of Port Blair. Participants from the City University of New York, University of Leicester, Curator of Leipzig Museum of Ethnology also attended the gathering as delegates.)

D) Way forward :

The status of implementation of Jarawa Policy notified by the Central Govt in the year 2004 is being reviewed by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs periodically. The ANI Administration has set up the Andaman and Nicobar Tribal Research & Training Institute (ANTRI) to formulate tribal specific policy, based on the field requirements. The policy for the mongoloid tribe namely "Shompen" has recently approved by the Expert Committee of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India and is being notified.

It is being submitted that originally agenda points circulated for 13th IDA meeting covered also the tribal issues of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. However, it was informed by the Member Secretary, IDA, during the meeting held on 15.06.2011 that 'pending recommendations of the Expert Committee set-up by the Ministry of the Tribal Affairs to review the Jarawa Policy, 2004, the tribal issues included as item No. 5 and 6 of the agenda notes had been withdrawn'.

In view of the various initiatives taken in the matter, IDA may kindly be briefed about the above initiatives and may like to drop this as an agenda item.