

health and other welfare support free of cost, whenever demanded by the tribe. The ANI Administration has framed the Shompen Policy, 2015 which has been approved by Expert Committee of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India on 09.03.2015, and ~~presently is under the process of notification.~~

(v) Sentinelese

This hunter-gatherer tribe numbering approximately 50, lives in North Sentinelese Island 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.

(vi) 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 exclusive for them. The Administration, through AAJVS, extends health and other calibrated amenities preferably *in-situ*. A Buffer Zone 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.

On the advice of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, ethnographic studies on the culture, livelihood activities, health issues etc of Jarawas are being carried out by subject experts of Research Advisory Board, Andaman and Nicobar Tribal Research & Training Institute. Empirical study on Jarawas was undertaken by ANTRI with the assistance of the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (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) For sharing the information between the tribal community and the experts/welfare staff of AAJVS and for delivering health and other supports to community, 08 "Hot Spots" (Community centre) have been identified within the Jarawa Tribal Reserve namely Bada Balu, Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lewis Inlet, Lakra Lungta and Bluff Island in North & Middle Andaman District. Out of 08 "Hot Spots" (Community centre), 05 namely Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala & Lakra Lungta in North & Middle Andaman District has been constructed and are functioning. Another hotspot at Lewis Inslet Bay has been constructed and is in the process of operationalization.
- (ii) Based on the recommendations of the study report of experts, "Kangaapo" the stitched garments are being given to Jarawa women on their specific demand and on barter basis so that the individuals do not lose their dignity.
- (iii) A protocol of surveillance put in place to secure Western Coast of South and Middle Andaman islands, bordering Jarawa Tribal Reserve from intruders/poachers by three layers of surveillance through Joint Patrol Parties in the seaward side of the Western Coast involving Navy, Coast Guard, Police Marine force, AAJVS and Forest Departments;
- (iv) The first phase of provisions of books of bilingual and bicultural curriculum namely "Ang Katha" for the Jarawas has been made to instill community identity vis-à-vis the "outside world".