

the seaward side of the Western Coast involving Navy, Coast Guard, Police Marine force, AAJVS and Forest Departments have been formulated. To meet the requirement of ensuring proper flow of field level intelligence and appropriate prompt response by the relevant Govt. Agencies, Multi Propose Field teams have been constituted with representatives of AAJVS, Police 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. The intention is to ensure and instill community identity vis-à-vis the "outside world". The first phase is underway.

- B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India formulated a draft policy on the Shompen tribe and requested the ANI Administration to finalize the same in consultation with stake holders. In pursuance of the said directive, a draft Shompen Policy, 2014 has been framed under the Guidance of Group Experts. The said draft Shompen Policy, 2014 has been circulated in the Expert Committee meeting held on 8.1.2015. The member of the Expert Committee has been asked to give their comments upon the draft Shompen Policy, 2014 for consolidation. The Expert Committee is meeting on 11.3.2015 to finalize the Shompen Policy, 2014.
- C) The Andaman and Nicobar Tribal Research & Training Institute (ANTRI) has been set up vide Admn's Order No. 273 dated 16.2.2013 and made functional from 2.10.2013. The ANTRI was formally inaugurated by **Hon'ble President of India** on 12.1.2014. 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, analyse & make documents accessible, set up tribal museum and give training. Following the establishment of ANTRI, a Research Advisory Board has been constituted with subject experts. A&N Administration is taking steps to set up a tribal museum and to build the required infrastructure facilities for the tribal research institute in the ensuing financial year.


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