

The Immunization programme for the Jarawa children in the age group of 0-10 yrs shall be undertaken by the Directorate of Health Services, A & N Administration in association with Regional Medical Research Council, Port Blair. The usual medical coverage such as in-situ treatment of the Jarawas by the Pharmacist of the AAJVS and evacuation of Jarawa patients of serious illness to the nearby PHCs including GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair is extended.

The Tribal Research and Training Institute (ANTRI) Port Blair is working on preparation of bilingual varnmala and lessons to be taught to the multi aged group of the Jarawas at the respective Hot Spots in relation to season, ecology and environment, cumulative education system including awareness of weighing/measurement etc. The preparation work of bilingual varnmala is expected to be completed shortly.

With regard to implementation of recommendation of the report titled "Kangapo" (stitched garment in Jarawa language) following finalization of design of Kangapo in consultation with the Jarawa ladies, orders have been placed with Khadi and Village Industries Board initially for procurement of 100 sets of clothing to be issued to the Jarawa ladies in exchange of hand woven baskets. With the distribution of 20 sets of Kanagapo (clothing) to 20 Jarawa women at Hot Spot 'Potatang' in exchange of baskets on 18.9.2014 marks the beginning of implementation of the recommendation on 'Kangapo'. Likewise the distribution of Kangapo to the Jarawa work in the jurisdiction of the remaining Hot Spot will be carried out shortly.

As per the direction of Govt. of India, the Administration had taken up a survey on contemporary situation of the Shompens to understand the social, political and economic principles by which the Shompen social structures maintained various forms of distance among themselves as well as with the outsiders. The contemporary survey was carried out by the field officials of AAJVS under the guidance of the Group of Experts. The Team Members Prof. Vishvajit Pandaya, Honorary Director, ANTRI, Shri Manish Chandi, Member RAB (ANTRI) and Dr. Bisweswar Das, Tribal Welfare Officer, AAJVS has submitted a final Implementable Report on Shompen Policy. The Report was placed before the Executive Council of AAJVS in its meeting held on 21.8.2014 and a resolution was taken to obtain the suggestions/views of the Members on the report.

The Sentinelese, who belongs to Negrito race, inhabits in the North Sentinel Island of the South Andaman District. This is the only tribe probably in the world which still professes active hostility towards outsiders and remains in total isolation. However, the friendly contact expeditions of the Administration continued their contact missions, as a result of which the first friendly contact with the Sentinelese was established in 1991 when they