

TRIBAL WELFARE

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Minister of Tribal Affairs stated that the Jarawas, Shompens, Ongese, Great Andamanese and Sentinelese belong to the country's natural heritage. Their population is dwindling and all measures would be taken up to protect them.	<p>In reference to the minutes of the meeting of "Expert Committee" constituted by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India held on 02.02.2012 for preparation policies for various Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PTGs) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, it may be recalled that while examining the question of reviewing the existing Jarawa Policy of 2004, the Committee advised the A&N Administration to carry out the empirical study on Jarawa tribe.</p> <p>An empirical study on Jarawas has been undertaken by the A&N Administration with to assistance of the Anthropological Experts, the Tribal Welfare Officers and Janjati Sevak of Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS). The topics indentified for study are (i) Social Impact Assessment, (ii) Study of movement patterns and Calenderics, (iii) Identifying Jarawa Hot Spots & (iv) Study of Jarawa Nutrition. The project study has been carried out by the Experts viz. Prof. Vishvajit Pandya, Shri. Manish Chandi, Director (TW), Officers of AAJVS with thrust on ethnographic observation and anthropological understanding of the concerns relating to livelihood security of Jarawas, their social organization, forms of education and learning and health & nutrition well being. The research team submitted its findings entitled " Jarawa movements in relation to time and space" to the Administration.</p> <p>The next phase of work in the Jarawa reserve territory will be carried out through the Hot Spots identified during the first phase of study. The process of setting up of Hot Spots at the following places viz Bada Balu, Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lewis Inlet and Bluff Island in Middle and North Andaman is being taken, once the structure for Hot Spots at the respective places come up and become operational the second phase of work on the Jarawa study including empowerment will begin.</p> <p>To frame/workout a comprehensive policy as per the needs and aspiration of</p>	