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Further Prof. Vishvajit Pandaya, Honorary Director (ANTRI) has submitted a report titled "Kangapo Report" which is the issue of providing of clothing to the Jarawa tribes, the tribes perception about clothes and the mode of implementation. The report has been approved in the Executive Council of Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samity (AAJVS) and the same has been sent to the GOI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Action is being taken to implement the recommendations through AAJVS.

Sentinelese:

The Sentinelese who belongs to Negrito race, inhabits in the North Sentinel Island of the South Andaman District. Their population is 50 (estimated). Sentinelees are the hunting, gathering self reliant tribe having adequate forest resources in the form of wild boar, fruits, roots and other forest produce apart from rich sea coast around North Sentinel Island. 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 accepted gifts of coconut. However, after 1993, the Administration follows 'hands-off' policy. The Group of Experts have now suggested to have 'eyes-on' policy, to prevent poaching and to meet the livelihood and health needs. Administration proposes to conduct structured observational circumnavigation tour by Core Group of Experts, AAJVS staff and Senior Officer of Administration.

Establishment of Tribal Research Institute:

Of the six Scheduled Tribes, the Nicobarese tribe is an advanced tribe having successfully assimilated in the mainstream society without losing any of their traditional and cultural values, mainly due to their long contact with the outside world through traders and missionaries coupled with their larger population size. The remaining five viz. Onge, Andamanese, Jarawas, Sentinelese and Shompens are still Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). The Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas & Sentinelese belong to the Negrito race while the Shompen belong to Mongolic race. The Administration has so far been dependent on the external agencies/ researchers for inputs for their welfare and development. However, this has not been as fruitful as desirable in view of inherent limitations. In view of this the concept Tribal Research Institute was mooted and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India agreed to set up a Tribal Research Institute in the A & N Islands and agreed to provide central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Research and Training" in September, 2001. However, the institute could not be set up due to various administrative reasons like creation of posts, framing of Recruitment Rules etc. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands directed the Tribal Welfare Department to set up the A & N Tribal Research and Training Institute at the earliest so the research oriented projects could be taken up for policy formulation and