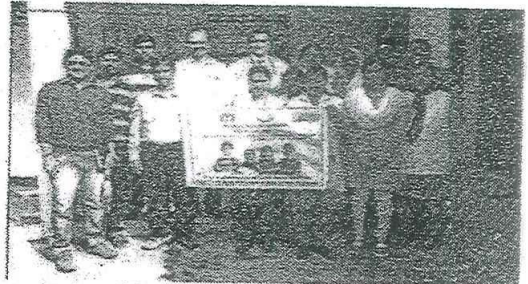


## Maiden vaccination of Jarawa tribe by DHS & AAJVS

Port Blair, Jan 9

A maiden step was taken by Administration through Directorate of Health Services and Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) in the field of preventing and controlling the vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) for Jarawa's under-five children and pregnant women. Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC) Port Blair conducted a study on the immunity status of Jarawa recently and based on the findings the maiden



vaccination of Jarawa under five children and pregnant women began on Jan 6 at PHC Kadamtala.

Around 29 children and 01 pregnant woman were

administered vaccines one by one as per the Universal immunization Programme (UIP). The team of specialists consisting of Dr Omkar  
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## ZP Adhyaksha highlights grievances

Port Blair, Jan 9

The Adhyaksha Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smti Minati Biswas, in a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands has highlighted the problems being faced by the general public, especially the women and children of Collinpur Area due to the entry of the Jarawas in the residential areas of the place, who enter their farms, damage their crops and take away

all their belongings.

The general public of the Collinpur area are frightened by these actions and need help from the Administration.

Visiting tourists also face similar problems in the area, she wrote.

The Adhyaksha Zilla Parishad (South Andaman) has requested the Lt. Governor to intervene in the matter and direct the concerned Department to take immediate necessary action in this regard, a communication said.

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Singh, CMO (NMSG) Medical Specialist GB Pant Hospital, Dr Amitabha De, Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare /Malaria), Dr Avijit Roy, Deputy Director (Health) /State Immunization Officer, Dr Tapash Kumar Dakuya, Epidemiologist, IDSP and Padmashree Shanti Lakra, ANM are monitoring the programme. Special protocol and arrangements were made by MO i/c PHC Kadamtala. The vaccinated children and women were under observation for a day and later discharged.

The Aung Sena of Jarawa played a vital role in educating the Jarawa for getting vaccinated and it was also observed that the Jarawa volunteers and AAJVS staffs helped in bringing beneficiaries to the centre. In continuation of the vaccination it was also decided to administer vaccines to other Jarawa to in different parts of the Islands. The programme was conducted under Government of India "Mission Indradhush", a communication said.