

AAJVS as under:

A) Jarawas:-

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- i) The Hon'ble Lt Governor placed on record his appreciation for the efforts made by AAJVS staff under the expert guidance of Prof. Vishwajit Pandya associated with the education of the Jarawa children through Ang Katha and desired that the gains made be further consolidated.
 - ii) He, however, reiterated the need for empowering the Jarawas as per their will and cautioned that introduction of any new project should be well researched, properly documented, slow and in consonance with the extant Jarawa Policy, with approval of the Competent Authority.
 - iii) He made it clear that only AAJVS staff was empowered to interact with the Jarawas and in cases of exigency/emergency where such an interaction of Police / Forest was unavoidable, should be in the presence of AAJVS Staff.
 - iv) On the Addendum to the Policy on Jarawas of Andaman Islands, 2004 received from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor was on the view that AAJVS must be strengthened and equipped with the required infrastructure for reaching out the welfare measures and the programmes to the PVTGs in these islands.
 - v) He also desired that a small chapter on PVTGs be brought into the curriculum of the school children by Secretary(Education), A&N Administration for sensitizing them about the richness of the tradition and culture of these groups as also apprising them of the statutory provisions made in the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes), Regulation, 1956 for their information.
 - vi) On the health issues of PVTGs, after hearing Dr. Amitabh Dey, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor emphasized the need for taking focused action on problems related to health faced by the Jarawas including that of Anemia, based on protocol to be developed by DHS with due deliberations with the subject Experts in a couple of months' time.
 - vii) On the issue of alternative sea route, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that as the Apex Court had been given by the Administration a dead line of 31st March, 2015 for linking Baratang through Area route, the quarterly progress report made by the Departments concerned in this regard be put up to him for his review and further directed that a status report to this effect be also filed in the Apex Court explaining the steps taken by the Administration in meeting the commitment so made to the Hon'ble Court.
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