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**Andaman and Nicobar Administration
Directorate of IP&T
Information & Publicity Division**

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Press Release

Tour Operators advised

It has been brought to the notice of the A&N Administration that some of the Tour Operators are promoting tours to the A&N Islands with the inclusion of sightings of, or encounters with, the Jarawa Tribe.

These Tour Operators are also reported to have placed contents on the Internet including visits to the Jarawa.

The tribal areas come under the A&N Island (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulations 1956. The Jarawas are one of the primitive tribes of A&N Islands and are not to be promoted as "Tourist Attraction" under any circumstances. The A&N Administration, as in the past, has restricted entry to these areas and does not allow people to visit these areas for tourism purposes.

All the tour operators are cautioned not to conduct such type of tours otherwise it would attract penal action as per law. They are further advised to revise their tour related contents on the Internet, if any, omitting any sort of reference to the Jarawa Tribe forthwith, failing which they would be liable for strict action by the law enforcing authorities.