

PRESS NOTE

SHOMPEN TRIBAL RECOVERS

A Shompen tribal from Great Nicobar by name Kokus, S/o Haridan, aged 32 years, who was severely afflicted by Hernia and indesine pro~~o~~blems has been treated in the G B Pant Hospitel, Port Blair after his evacuation by the Helicopter on 8th September, 2004. He was operated and blood transfusion was given. He was looked after in the Intensive Care Unit of the Surgical Ward and closely monitored by the staff of the hospital as well as the AAJVS. On his recovery, after about 25 days of stay in the Hospital, he has been sent back to Great Nicobar on 3rd November by ship.

The AAJVS and the Health Department have proposed a special health survey of the Shompens, Onges and the Andamanese in the near future by sailing in the Hospital Ship MV 'Shompen'. Detailed programme of the visit of the team to these Islands is being worked out.

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