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## SUBMITTING RESEARCH PROPOSAL TO- ANTRI

### Mission Statement for ANTRI

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Andaman & Nicobar Tribal Research Institute (ANTRI) is aimed to reflect a tradition of excellence. ANTRI is committed to the goals and values that articulate and are associated with consultative and planning processes that encompasses and compliments AAJVS and TW.

ANTRI would actively be engaged in directing a research led welfare policy that contributes towards serving, understanding, and conserving all tribal and non-tribal people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands making up the broader island society in ways which are timely and relevant.

Institute would give priority to "questions that emerge from the field" first and second priority to "question brought to the field". However ANTRI will encourage research endeavors that are flexible and responsive, including staff research, the offering of grants, commissioning of research and collaborative research and training.

This will be through contribution and promotion of knowledge and understanding particularly related to and through Andamanese and Nicobarese Indigenous cultures, its' past and present, and for future. Fundamental focus would be to addressing the issue of "Change" within the island society to facilitate the ongoing process of re-thinking the structure and practice of tribal welfare. The TRI will follow the shift of emphasis in welfare policy thinking- from protection and provision to empowerment.

Addressing change means addressing the question of agency and acknowledging agency is the first step towards genuine empowerment of people.

ANTRI in its objective and function will remain committed to two major principle orientation (a) Works in partnership with Indigenous communities to undertake research into, and to promote knowledge and understanding of islands culture, nature and history and secondly (b) Ensure that the distinct and unique ideas, objects are collected, conserved, preserved, documented, analyzed and made accessible, to all people in diverse forms. Through the research activity the role of indigenous people, their voice, their vision, their access to all ANTRI activities and services leadership and community capacity building, particularly among indigenous communities would be encouraged and nurtured.

ANTRI will develop, maintain and preserve well-documented archives and library collection and to maximize access to these in line with appropriate cultural and ethical practices. Along with deeper research foundation ANTRI will foster scholarly collegiality and networking both formally and informally and encouraging professional development through seminars, workshops, conferences and professional training courses.

### About the Research Program

The Research Section of the ANTRI will undertake high-quality, multi-disciplinary research in the field of A & N Islander studies. This would be achieved by promoting research that has relevance across many fields of study as well as by undertaking research that informs policy formulation in priority areas. The diversity of subjects includes language research, family and community histories, Environment, archaeology and cultural heritage management studies, social anthropology, history, health and human biology, performance and art studies. In addition, the Institute will develop and maintains an environment that supports research and teaching of Indigenous A & N studies, support trainee researchers and actively disseminates results of research through publications and the Institutes Web-site. The Institute will hold seminars, workshops and conference (at national and international level) and develop a comprehensive set of appropriate and ethical research protocols. The national and international reputation of the Institute's Research would flow from the observance by its members of world-class standards in academic research, dedicated associations with A & N, responsiveness to Indigenous research requests, and adherence to the directions established by the Research Advisory Committee connected to AAJVS.