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The Voice Of The Nicobarese

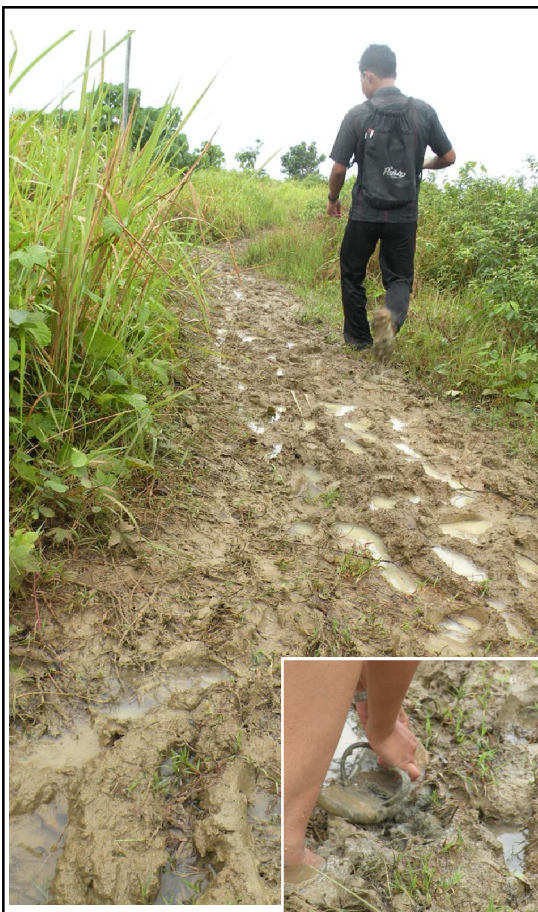
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Villagers of Munak Village, Kamorta reading
'Hamara Nicobar'



March past on the last day of XVth State School Games
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Road leading from Champin to Tapong

Present Situation of Tapong Village

ELECTRICITY, ROAD AND PERMANENT SHELTER AT TAPONG VILLAGE

1. WE THE PEOPLE OF TAPONG VILLAGE FACING PROBLEMS / DIFFICULTY DUE TO LOW VOLTAGE OF ELECTRICITY POWER CONNECTION. THE SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN'S (STUDENTS) COULDN'T READING OR WRITE THEIR HOME WORKS
2. THE ROAD FROM CHAMPIN TO TAPONG VILLAGE WHICH IS LENGTH ABOUT 6.5 KM. FROM CHAMPIN IS VERY BAD CONDITION. THERE IS LARGE NUMBER OF GRASSES ETC.
3. THE PIPELINE OF PERMANENT SHELTER ALSO NOT YET CONNECTED. PEOPLE OF THESE VILLAGE ARE FACING HARD FOR DRINKING WATER ETC.
4. WE THE PEOPLE OF TAPONG REQUESTED TO THE ADMIN'S TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AT THE EARLIEST PLEASE.

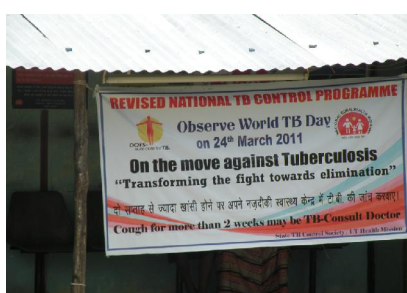
(SHRI. JE. JAIRUS PHILIP)
Public leader, Development,
TAPONG NANCOWRIE Islands.

World TB Day With the Theme "Transforming the fight towards elimination" Observed at Teresa

World TB Day was observed by PHC Teresa on 24th March 2011 in the community hall of Bengali Village. The theme was "Transforming the fight towards elimination". The main motive of the programme was to make the general public aware about Tuberculosis, considering the increasing number of cases detected. Dr. Solomon Marc Paul, GDMO, PHC Teresa spoke about the spread, cause, signs & symptoms, investigations and treatment of Tuberculosis.

PHC Teresa is now a non-designated Microscopy center for TB, which was possible due to the initiative of Dr. Burma, STO, TB Unit, A&N Islands.

The programme was attended by the village captains, Shri Edmund, First Captain, Bengali Village, Shri Festus, Second Captain, Dr. Santosh Kumar Rath, Mr. Vasant Kumar, PHN, Smti Ammy Yohan, ANM, Smti Isapella, ANM,



Miss Sulleikha, ANM, members of Mahila Mandal, Aanganwadi Workers, Helpers, Volunteers, ASHA Workers, Health Workers.

A total of 60 participants attended the function. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Vasant Kumar.

Training Programme on Avian Influenza Organised at Kamorta

Report by TISS Staff



A one day training programme on participatory disease intelligence community training on AVIAN INFLUENZA was organized at Kamorta on 30th March 2011. The training programme was inaugurated by the CTC, Nancowrie Smti Ayesha Majeed.

Shri Suresh Kumar Meena, Assistant Commissioner, Kamorta graced the occasion as special guest. In his address the AC appreciated the efforts of

the Veterinary Department for organizing the programme in far flung islands.

Dr. Shivkumar, SVO, Car Nicobar addressing the gathering explained the importance of the training programme. A power point presentation was also given by Dr. Sujata Hegde and Dr. Manmohan Roy in which aspects like Avian Influenza or Bird Flu, clinical symptoms, poultry diseases, preparatory steps to be taken during the outbreak, bio-security etc was explained.

About Tuberculosis (TB)

- @ Cough more than two weeks may be TB. Consult your nearest Health Centre
- @ DOTS is sure cure for TB.
- @ TB is caused by a bacteria known as "Mycogacterium Tuberculosis".
- @ It generally affects lungs but it can affect any part of the body.
- @ An active (Positive) case of TB can spread the disease while coughing, sneezing or spitting in open.
- @ Irregular or incomplete treatment can lead to incurable form of TB i.e. MDRTB.

For more information about TB call: 9434281711, 03192-232775, 03192 - 233473

Kapanga High School Hosts Zonal Level School Annual Day 2011



Report by TISS Staff

Kapanga High School of Katchal hosted their Zonal Level School Annual Day on the 8th of April, 2011 in the school premises. This is the second year of the School Annual Day, which

was initiated by the Vice-Principal Mr. R.K. Singh with the objective of developing extracurricular activities in the school.

Kapanga High School is the only school in Nicobar group of islands to have an

Annual Day celebration. All the schools of Katchal (with the exception of East Bay Katchal) participated enthusiastically and put up dance performances on Hindi, Nicobari and Tamil songs. Students also enacted

plays. Around 150 children performed and participated in the Annual Day. The programme was well attended by the whole of Katchal, including parents and government officials.

It was a wonderful evening with children performing confidently and being applauded by all. The teachers and the non teaching staff put up a great show and their hard work was visible in the programme.

पढ़ाई करने का हमारा लक्ष्य !

पढ़ाई करने का स्वप्न सच होना है। नीकरी करने के कालिल बनना ताकि आप अपने और आपके अपने परिवार के लिए बेटी बना सकें। क्या आपने सोचा है कि आप या हमारा किस तरह की नीकरी करेंगे और स्कूल की पढ़ाई कैसे आपको उसके लिए तैयार करेंगे? यह पता लगाने के लिए कि आपकी पढ़ाई आपने अपने लक्ष्य तक पहुँचने में मदद दे रही है या नहीं, आपको जिस सबालों के जवाब दीजिए:

हमारी कालिलपते का सुझाव क्या है?
(उदाहरण के लिए, क्या आप लोगों से अच्छी तरह से चेखा जाते हैं? क्या आपको हाथ का काम करना, कुछ बनाना या फिर मरम्मत करना पसंद है?)
क्या आप समस्या को पूरी तरह समझकर उसका हल करना जानते हैं?)

1. मैं किस तरह की नीकरी कर सकता हूँ, जिससे मैं अपनी कालिलपतों का इस्तेमाल कर सकूँ?
2. जहाँ मैं रहता हूँ वहाँ किस तरह की नीकरी मिल सकती है?
3. मैं क्या पढ़े रहा हूँ या कोर्स कर रहा हूँ, जिससे मुझे नीकरी देने में मदद मिल सके?
4. मैं ऐसी क्या पढ़ाई कर सकता हूँ जिससे मैं आसानी से अपना लक्ष्य हासिल कर सकूँ?

स्कूल छोड़ने में क्या बुराई है?

स्कूल की पढ़ाई बीच में बंद कर देना ऐसा है, मानो मंजिल पर पहुँचने से पहले ही चलती ट्रेन से बाहर कूद जाना। हो सकता है, ट्रेन बंदी सुविधा न हो और आपके साथ सफर करनेवाले वेसबे हो। लेकिन अगर आप चलती ट्रेन से कूद जायें, तो आप अपनी मंजिल तक नहीं पहुँच पायेंगे। और-ले-और आपकी बुरी तरह जोड़ भी लग सकती है। कि इसी तरह अगर आप पढ़ाई छोड़ दें, तो आप अपने लक्ष्य हासिल नहीं कर पायेंगे। यही नहीं, आपको कुछ आम समस्याओं और कुछ अनदेखी चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ सकता है।

आम समस्याएँ:- आपके लिए बोल नीकरी देना मुश्किल हो सकता है और अगर कोई नीकरी मिलती भी है, तो शायद आपको उतनी ज्यादा तनख्वाह न मिले जितनी स्कूल की पढ़ाई पूरी करने पर मिल सकती थी। अपनी जिंदगी की बुनियादी जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए आपको बायस घंटे काम करना पड़े और वह भी इसी माहौल में जो किलहाल आपके स्कूल के माहौल से कहीं बदतर हो।

Traditional 'Grass Burning Festival' Organised at Teressa



Following the age old tradition, the islanders of Teressa celebrated 'Grass Burning Festival' this April. This festival is an annual event wherein the villagers

of Teressa Island get together and burn huge grasslands. Villagers have been doing this in order to make the soil fertile for new grass. Pre Tsunami, the

grass was used to build the roofs of traditional huts. But with the introduction of Permanent Shelter, this is confined to just an annual event.

The festival was organized in all the villages of Teressa starting on 6th of April at Bengali, Kalasi and Alurong villages. Chukmachi and Luxi

celebrated it on 8th April and Enam and Minuk on 18th of April, 2011.

Report by TISS Staff



Smoke seen above Teressa Island on the occasion of Grass Burning Festival



Writeup on Grass Burning Festival by Mr. Derick of Bengali village

SANOH, ANGOH, FINONG TO KUO AFU, KIALO

Sa mikah lon he to e no kaheuk samyeuhen no ke karen no ing Kum Panam Teressa. no to nchngon xe no kialo panam lok tokuo i yik ma misi. Lakto nup to zokhore in im he. e to sa ne, elinchon ngen. Panodn elyonggo. Ta oko to nup taheng inre to hon laktonggo to laktan no to hon yung peuhon ti kuo i to 4:00 to peuhon hek 4:30 AM tolongo to kuo ngam Tacham alaha ngam Afu no ot ko no ot ot tit no alaha ngam Afu. to laktan ai urehe kuo ranaich hu mat ngam Taviu. oi tolong nup kamgo nup to laktonggo, ai fot kuo ngam Tameuyio yen hen kuo o to la im to sok-tu no ookti cha kuo.

Kamaye - e tom March tom April chingent ngam Sanoh, Angoh (Finong to Kuo Afu) no Kialo. urehe kuo e in ai soom to mikah lon ne elyonggo i Teressa to nup taheng inre kamgo chuok yip to hon mikah tu lon to e no kialo. hek he tem to e ngam incheu-o nup hanchon, el to lui chumngento ai hacheu-o nyaich sok i - ren, nyaich yen keuhut ngam to lui chumngento.

DERICK
BENGALI VILLAGE
TERESSA ISLAND

Saint's Day Celebration at Kalasi Village, Teressa



Saint's Day was celebrated at Kalasi Village, Teressa Island on 12th March 2011

Nicobarese Leaders Slumbering In Utopia: A Review In Contemporary Situation - By Anstice Justin

Continued from previous edition

The Covert Election of the 'Secretary': The much debatable pertinent point is the dubious covert election of the 'Secretary' ipso facto that neither it is transparent nor through secret ballot papers. The first village headmen are the legislative members for his election through voice vote, which certain individuals' uses one owns influences in his election. Ellon Hinengo Limited (EHL) & Manulo Matai Limited (MML) as the case be are prime guiding factors, have political powers in moulding decisions & attitudes of the "Tribal Council." Both are commercial establishments of the Nicobarese, however, certain non-Nicobarese occupies the key-posts as the case be; play a vital role in such election. Certain privileges are extended to elderly peoples for instance, first captains of each different villages either as members of boards & thus receive meagre honorarium, all these forced their eyes to be virtually cataract. In brief, EHL & MML are the guiding monumental icon in the authority structure & thus a monopoly of playing the decisive role in political activities. Intriguingly, the village headmen have been elected through secret ballot paper, which was introduced way back in 1978. Quite a few sizable population of the Nicobarese have been casting their preying-eyes, conceivably provoking the "Tribal Council" to alter its stand from unwarranted monopoly to a translucent sort of qualified election through ballot paper. However, the anxieties to bell the cat prevent them is overt, lest they should be threatened either to be taken to task of facing the condition, consequences & verdict of the 'Elderly people Committee' or persuaded to occupy the hot seat of the Village or Island Council to steer of the Councils comprehensibly amidst chaotic situation. Analyzing the pros and cons of the demanding situation, any intellectual Nicobarese would be awestruck & at the same time poised in melancholy attributable to various disturbing circumstances. Truly, not many of the country-silly yokels have guts to combat with such immense pressure that is imposed with certain conditions. One cannot even raise serious objection, a narrow example is non-availability of eating-salts either in EHL or MML despite their own vessels to battle such bottleneck. Apart from the non-availability of basic homely needs in these commercial establishments; petrol is sold as a ration twice or thrice a month. People in large number thronged the petrol pump; one would be flabbergasted to witness a long queue of family members carrying jerry can of ten or twenty litres odd to amass petrol in their possession as much as they can buy. The Manager or dealing clerk of the petrol pump is busy playing his own cards of monopoly just minting for personal gain; instead of resorting to reasonable systematic approach in verifying relevant R.C. Book or documents/identities of vehicles owner's etc capitalizing mainly on the dilapidated condition of the petrol pump that the mega earthquake &

tsunami devastated in December 26, 2004 is high time to restore it. This paved the way of black-marketers' in selling petrol at the rate of Rs.100/-odd per 750ml bottle.

The Demand for Challenging Roles of the Council of Elderly People: Sadly enough, such disturbing chaotic situation does not stir the minds & logical temperament of the Council of Elderly People (leaders) in terms of black-marketers' the cost of other items such as vegetables, potatoes, tomatoes, fruits & other basic homely needs, which actually are skyrocketing much to the benefits of the traders. Understandably, to their leaders, the alien traders are only a floating population of the Islands, which replicate the ugly history of the then 'Byapari' a situation prior to World War II. The atrocities that the 'Byapari' did to the Nicobarese are difficult to be erased from their minds; contrary to such enormous knowledge of innumerable atrocities, they are handling the present traders tolerably with considerable authenticity of endurance, reasons are known to them. Many other individuals have undercurrent bitterness. Today, they are not paying heed to the kinds of atrocities on many school going-girls; normally below the adolescent age that aliens meted out to them with the changing social milieu & disturbing scenario with the vicissitudes of times, are eyes-opener to the Council of Elderly People, now with a combination of young educated "Captains" & of course, the present 'Secretary.' An ugly incident of sodomy in 2010 has truly seen the light of the day. Despite awareness of such atrocities, the leaders are slumbering in utopia as pointed out earlier. Certain factors have made them passive comprehending the involvement of alien peoples in harassing, teasing them sexually & provoking the outrage modesty of their women in general & school-going girls in particular. The call of the present hour is to assume the indispensable challenging roles of evolving mechanism to nip the traders' activities in the bud; lest a 'Byapari' situation of World War II can replicate per se. However, the blunder that they have committed; and are still committing is 'Trading Licence' is in certain influential Nicobarese names; sad enough Non-Nicobarese are managing the trading activities, who earned the lion shares and licensee holders received a marginalized meagre amount. Needless to mention names of licensee holders, who are largely responsible for the new social milieu and as a result cases of outsiders involved in unwanted pregnancies are riding the crest waves of dishonour in terms of affected individuals. Level of tolerance as the saying goes has its circumference border line.

Opinions of the Council of Elderly People: The Council of Elderly People is of the views that they may not able to pursue such cases of unwarranted pregnancies, miscegenation, sodomies & prevalent social stresses attributed to the interferences of outsiders in

their habitats. Their perception is they are not vocal enough to interpret the genesis & causes of such atrocities, the bone of contentions in petty quarrels, altercations, conflicts, how to face the probable consequence etc. The anxieties of the much awaited justice that may be delayed to deny them virtuously justice at certain stages of various verdicts corroborates their impulsiveness to pursue matters without proper established freely available legal guides or experts inasmuch as they cannot afford an advocate. The span of time in settling such issues legally that may be prolonged palpably, also added anxieties in their minds. The offences that alien peoples have been committing in the past are chronic in nature; have brought unbearable humiliation to the affected families are usually associated with sexual harassment, unwarranted pregnancies & petty quarrels. The prevalence of complacency among dissimilar intra or inter-village headmen relationships also breeds contempt; either for amusements or individuals holding key position are not keen to poke their nose in to other affairs, or until they are specially approached for the purpose. Even if approached for specific causes; the lack of motivation, knowledge & other oriented-anxieties may prevent such individuals from taking the lead to solve challenging issues beyond the Village or Island Council. Culturally, this is not the traditional trait of the Nicobarese. It is pertinent to note that the Village & Island Council are dealing with internal affairs quite satisfactorily. The interests of the people are being well looked after, but when it comes to the external matters for instances unwanted molestation of their women by outsiders or pregnancies, the Council of Elderly People have miserably failed to live up to the expectation of the affected lineages, family members etc. Certain village headmen or members of the Council of Elderly People believe that they cannot go ahead in such issues without consulting & obtained an expressed prior permission of a few prominent figures in the EHL or MML. Unfortunately, this is an unhealthy trend; despite the latent talents of young educated charismatic Captains. Plausibly, certain factors may also prevent them, which are yet to be unveiled. This appears to be a tremendous pitfall of the in-built democratic nature of the authority structure among the Nicobarese. So if such sorts of mental wave length & administrative temperament of the Nicobarese leaders are; it remains to be seen how proactive & good the present day leaders of old & young educated Nicobarese are still lies in the womb of time.

Threat Posed by the growth of Individualism in the "Tribal Council": As dealt with earlier, sizable young aspiring Nicobarese have been inducted in key positions recently, is indeed an encouraging & healthy development discernibly. With their active involvement, there seems ray of hopes for smooth functioning of the authority structure. In a contemporary

power structure; the growth of individualism is inevitable in the traditional council of the Nicobarese. Just like the occurrence of natural selection, mutation, genetics drift or even miscegenation etc; transformation as constituent is an incessant process of acculturation through continuous contact with comparatively well-dominant communities is predictable, though enculturation & revivalism is being continued. Despite forces of enculturation, the authority structures in the Nicobar Islands are experiencing selective changes at the cost of maintaining the customary norms of being an oceanic culture community. Sadly enough, the present leaders have never care to focus their heed on the amalgamation process of tradition & new-conservatism as well as progressivism in terms of overt-material & covert-nonmaterial aspects of their culture, which seems to be in the throes of adjustment against the onslaught of external elements of faith, habits, values etc. Invariably, a sort of syncretism-cultural pluralism where certain conflicts of agreeable and disagreeable elements paved the way for amalgamation or hybridization process of two or more than two cultural traditions to occur blending conservatism-old tradition with progressivism-contemporary situation during the inexorable first hand & subsequent intermittent contacts. Certain cultural traits of outsiders are being borrowed & indigenized, a narrow example of pidgin Hindi (a corrupted form of Hindi) into the vernacular are tolerable intelligibly. Another best suited instance of plagiarism of filmy-Bollywood hits songs tunes is in vogue, not to mention piracy.

The syncretism situation in the Nicobar Archipelago is somewhat like what social scientists opined that opponents of interfaith worship consider it as a surrender to syncretism, a half-hearted humanism, a sort of hodgepodge-mishmash meant to offer a compromise to please every body but which, in the end, pleases nobody. Traditionalists, with few exceptions, favour such view. Yet certain misled individuals resort to Zen Buddhist simile, which advocates that doctrines are fingers point to the Moon, and not the Moon itself. The aspect & influence of cultural contacts-on social life, food habits, housing patterns, household items-movable & non-movable properties, cooperative movement, economic life, occupation & of course the influence of modern education on the Nicobarese have considerably accelerated the pace of change to contemporary situation. The present digital cyber age did witness new trends & credible factors of change; such as the increased literacy rate & awareness in general, no longer fears strangers, contemporary belief in self-liberty, violation of customary rules, disbelief in tradition, social mobility attributed to adequate & improved frequency & means of communication, migration to different islands, advocacy of

progressivism vis-à-vis freedom in the selection or choice of marriage alliances, socially restricted within the territorial proximity of new working places and social milieu, geographically isolated & gradually losing contact with their natal places, lineages, kith & kin, the tendency to adopt neo-local as a process of change and so on speak volumes for the growth of challenges, which the power structure have to dealt with of late. Small wonder then alteration, though selective is also occurring in the power organization more or less in such manner. The pertinent emergence of young educated Nicobarese into the fold of political organization is hailed; it remains to be seen how intellect & useful they are in assisting the Council of Elderly People & at the same time take initiation to face the ever-increasing challenges of contemporary circumstances that they experienced right under their nose. A few of them may tend to egoism, eccentricity, partiality & may exercise prejudices ears to the Council of Elderly People & to the entire community at large. Thus the traditional political structure faces a threat being posed by the growth of individualism. The trend towards higher education is undoubtedly increasing, with better facilities & opportunities being provided by the Government. This will in due course, give rise to an elite Nicobarese if not erudite, which would in proper time become the elite & may supplant the traditional leadership in the not too distant date.

The Need to Streamline the Pace of Dissemination of Information: In different Islands of the Nicobar District; the offices of the Deputy Commissioner & Assistant Commissioner are suitable places for dissemination of information on various pertinent issues such as employment news, vacancies positions, advertisement for professional courses, competitive examination like the All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE), Entrance Examination for obtaining admission, orientation training courses in various disciplines and so on. Unfortunately, printed media is not accessible to the Nicobar Islanders except a few privileged individuals, though a few days late. The offices of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration could initiate its dissemination in these far flung islands. But the electronic media is made available to them. It remains to be seen how much young learners has availed of it for their benefits. Actually, contemporary situation demand ever-increasing roles of educated responsible people to motivate young learners to be abreast of current national issues, not only for obtaining admission but also for appearing in various entrance examinations. It is high time for the young educated Nicobarese to appraise learners how to disseminate the requisite information for their benefits of pursuing studies in various domains. Young educated individuals holding key positions has to take the lead in bridging the



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Vilo news paper on ngam Tata Institute of Social Sciences lokngo rit in ngi Nicobar Hinengo. Lonu in to yip tarik an Nicobar no kuichlo nup ro ellon re, to sa rengen nup poem ,articles, report nup minyam inre el village, ko-o ren inre oi keto nup photo re nyamto ngaich vilongo min anu o no i mat op news paper HAMARA NICOBAR. Submit hot u el Rural Knowledge Centre i Agricultural Department.

Yek yio oi hon ruhto mikalonre to nup scheme nup vacancies inre ngaich ko-oren oi Visit RKC.



Beating the summer heat

Expressions...

पहेलियाँ ???

बाप रे बाप
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मारने से मरता नहीं
काटने से कटता नहीं
बताओ क्या ?

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रस से भरी,
बताओ क्या ?

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3) जलेबी

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रूख से भरी,
बताओ क्या ?

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chasm of unawareness, instigate the aspiring students to disseminate information properly from various sources as mentioned above. Not only inspire the pupils but at the same time provide the much essential counselling also; to enable the budding students in selection of either science or art stream. The assistance should not be half-hearted; leaving the pupils in the lurch up to giving direction only, because personal attention with due involvement and interests of accomplishing the guidance is the actual need of learners. In brief full assistance is required, which include personal approach with the administrative authority. However, this seems lacking in terms of dissemination of information, counselling as well as in approaching the concerned authorities. High time also demand streamlining for appropriate creation of Centres for dissemination of information vis-à-vis knowledge of various parameters at the grass roots levels depending on the total circumference area of a village. Village-wise headmen can spare piece of their valuable time and also take utmost care in circulating various 'Circulars' to the entire villagers soon as far as practicable sensibly. Different lineage heads can be entrusted to disseminate information among the villagers, thus the time-consuming task of dissemination can be lessened to a great extent. This responsibility can also be entrusted to certain

educated Nicobarese; so that at the same time necessary interpretation is done soon on reaching the common mass. There are enough scopes to evaluate the dire need to streamline the pace of dissemination of information, which the Nicobarese younger leaders can manage its affairs for their own benefits in general & the common mass in particular. The right to obtain information is allowable under the Constitution of India.

The Ministry of Law & Justice Drafted the proposed Tribal Councils: In December 31, 2009 the Ministry of Law & Justice, Legislative Department have prepared the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 that the President of India in the sixtieth year of the Republic of India have disseminated. Apparently, its chief aim is to establish Tribal Councils in the Nicobar District of the Union Territory of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands to provide immense autonomy for the Nicobarese Scheduled tribes in managing their affairs & for matters associated therewith. Time & space constraint may not enable this paper to elaborate its entire contents, it is suffice to mention that it contain dissimilar chapters I-X dealing with Preliminary, Village General Body, Village Council, Powers, Duties & Functions of the Village Councils, Finance, Property & Accounts, Control of Village

Council, District Planning Committee, Election Commission & Finance Commission & last but not least Miscellaneous. Not many erudite or elite Nicobarese have read it thoroughly between the lines of the promulgated Tribal Councils 2009; even those who read it may not have been able to grasp it comprehensibly. Majority of them favoured its implementation; while few are very sceptical about it key contents, more importantly whenever implemented they may not realized its immense impact, not even in their day dreams not to speak of awareness & perception. Yet others aversion are surfacing vis-à-vis anxieties of its overall influence on the traditional Councils & ground realities allied therewith for instance, a village may cease to be identified as a village if decision taken deem fit for the such purpose.

Bearing in mind the on-going disturbing social milieu in terms of cultural contacts as spelled out before, it seems that the present day leaders among the Nicobarese community are unable to envisage & assess the impact of blazing current social issues as ought to be, despite the induction of young educated Captains into the fold of their political organization and with whose concerted efforts can evolve significant meaningful solution to issues especially affected peoples. But there is still a lack of motivation; cause certain leaders are contented with their

honorarium leave alone hospitality (usually extended in kinds) & the manners they paid due respect to them. Should their mental wave length exist in such a manner as highlighted under the sub-heading "Opinions of the Council of Elderly People" small wonder then how would they cope with the new "Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 that the President of India have promulgated in 2009. Now the pertinent disturbing question any ordinary individual from the community may ask oneself, how proactive & really good are the present day Nicobarese leaders in coping with the challenges of contemporary situation.

As traditional Nicobarese society undergoes a process of exposure & adjustment to a demanding contemporary state of affairs, industrial, technological culture; there are problems of social stresses, unemployment amongst the youth, many whom resort to drunkenness culture. Yet many young Nicobarese are leading productive & constructive lives, working towards prosperity for themselves, their lineages, and village & making concerted endeavours to main the identity of the Nicobarese community as a whole. But the danger that lurks in prosperity is likely to disintegrate the unity among lineage members at the initial level, and beyond village, Island Council & now the newly proposed Tribal Councils

2009, as well as the integrity of the Nicobarese society as a whole.

This is but a brief healthy communication from the horse-mouth, based on observation, semi-structured interviews and its cardinal point may be taken in proper perspectives as a mirror of time and individuals concerned described therein could analyze their own images, roles, powers delegated & utility, individualism, true value and worthless thing or act known as the vanity of pleasure and so on. It is reiterated that the truth, which this article dealt with; still lies in the womb of time. It focuses partly to motivate individuals involved in the political spheres to be proactive & in part an eye-opener for them to develop unadulterated qualities of leadership & inculcate motivation, and make concerted efforts to improve the qualities of leaderships that is the need of the present hour. The description of the individuals is not deliberate; save the iota of fact & all related authenticity of empirical facts-finding techniques besides further verification of scrap of truth from various individuals has been gathered, and finally transcribed with utmost care. Nonetheless, there is invariably scope of improvement in terms of the contents of this communication and as such supplement of facts, queries, suggestions are welcome from ardent readers.

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XVth State School Games 2011 Held at Port Blair



Port Blair: The Fifteenth State School Games 2011 which began at Port Blair's Netaji Stadium on 17th April 2011 concluded on 19th amidst colourful dance programme presented by the students of GSSS Girls and GSSS Model. Shri. Shakti Sinha, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration graced the

occasion as the Chief Guest and distributed prizes & certificates to the winners of the sports events conducted during the meet.

The Chief Secretary in his address congratulated the Principal Secretary, Edn., Secretary (Edn.) and the Organizing Committee of the Education Department for



organizing the event, which gives an opportunity to the budding talents of these Islands to perform. He also congratulated the participants and expressed his happiness

over their performance in this Mega Event. He also said that through this sports festival others students will be inspired by seeing the spirit of those who won.

Secretary (Edn.) Shri. SK Saxena in his welcome speech expressed his happiness that a total of 806 students from Diglipur to Campbell Bay have participated in this event. This shows the interest and sportsmanship spirit in the students, he said. He hoped that this sports festival would have certainly provided a beautiful opportunity to the young children from all over these islands so that they can shine in the National and International Level despite limited resources and facilities

adequate arrangements have been made to organise this sports festival in a grand manner.

Among others the closing ceremony was attended by the Principal Secretary (Edn.) Ms. Archana Arora, Secretary (Edn.) Shri. S. K. Saxena, Chairperson Social Welfare Advisory Board, Smti. Ratna Kannan, Chairperson, PBMC Smti. Firdosh Bibi, Chairperson Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smti. Tamilarasi, Director sports, Shri. Lucas Robert, Director of Health Services, Dr. S. K. Paul officers of various departments, print and electronic media persons, veteran sports personalities, sports lovers children, parents and people from all walks of life.

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C/NICOBAR	2	10	12	5	2	7	2	1	3	II
NANCOWRIE	1	2	3	2	2	4	4	--	4	III
RANGAT	3	--	3	2	1	3	--	1	1	IV
M/ BUNDER	1	1	2	3	4	7	--	3	3	V
DIGLIPUR	--	1	1	3	1	4	--	1	1	VI
L/ANDAMAN	--	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	4	VII
W/GUNJ	--	1	1	--	2	2	1	3	4	VIII
C/BAY	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	IX
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