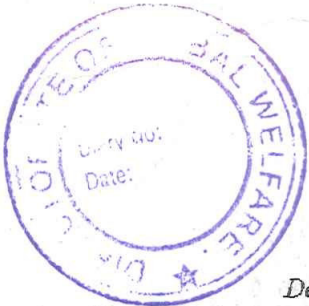


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Dear Mr Tiwari

10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

I am Professor Mayank Vahia from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, a research institute funded by the Government of India, through the Department of Atomic Energy.

We had written an email to the Hon. Lieutenant Governor of A&N Islands requesting permission to study the astronomical concepts of the tribes of A&N. I am enclosing the same below for your perusal. We understand from his office that it was forwarded to you through Mr D.M. Shukla.

In the past, we have studied other tribes like Gond, Kolam, Banyara and Korku by visiting their villages etc and gathered significant understanding and insights into their work. If you could send your postal address, I can send the papers by speed post.

While on the subject, I am happy to say that we have received support for this from the Indian Council for Historical Research apart from my own institution. I am enclosing with this a copy of the approval.

Four persons will be involved in this study

- Professor Mayank, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- Dr. Srikumar Menon, National Institute of Advanced Studies
- Prof. Wayne Orchiston, National Astronomical Research Institute, Thailand
- Mr. Kishore Menon, Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences

I assure you that the study will be non-invasive. The sole purpose of the study is to understand their concepts of astronomy and culture.

Looking forward to an early response and with warm regards

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully

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