

Jarawa and Sentinalese contact expedition was organized recently. The contact party lead by the Director (TW) reached North Sentinalese Island on 11th February, 1997 in the morning.

The Sentinalese numbering 16 including men, women and children appeared on the shore with their baskets. The gifts of coconuts were dropped on the shore. Sentinalese collected the coconuts from the shore. The gesture of Sentinalese were friendly as they did not carry the bows and arrows when they came down to shore to collect the gift articles.

The contact team sailed towards Middle Andaman Island and established friendly contact with the Jarawas at Yadita Point near Kadamatala on 12th February, 1997. Gifts of coconuts and bananas were given to Jarawas (numbering 36 including men, women and children).

During the stay on shore, the team made observations on their cultural aspects. The Linguist from CIIL recorded their voices to study their language. Medical examination of some of the Jarawas were also made by the Medical Officer who accompanied the contact team.

Another contact with the Jarawas was established on 13th morning at Spike Island near Kadamatala. About 42 Jarawas including men, women and children were contacted. Similar observations about their culture and language were made. Medical check of the Jarawas was done by the Medical Officer.

On return, Andamanese settlement at Strait Island was visited on 13th Feb.'97. The team return to Port Blair on 13th late evening.

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