

coconuts were pushed towards the shore and the Sentinelese with great enthusiasm pulled it and took the canoe to their huts near the sea shore. The presentation of canoe was made as desired by the Lt.Governor.

During this contact expedition, the contact team could give the gifts of coconuts directly to the Sentinelese on the beach and there was comparatively a more free mixing with the Sentinelese. On the first friendly contact on 4.1.1991 the gifts were directly given to the Sentinelese in the waist deep coastal water where- as ~~the~~ during this time the team could go upto the sandy beach and mix with the Sentinelese and give away the gifts. Thus it appears that the Sentinelese have built up more confidence and faith towards the contact team over the period of time.

During the contact expedition to Sentinelese, a new <sup>phenomenon</sup> phenomena regarding the greeting among themselves was observed. It is similar to that observed among the Onges and the Jarawas. The Sentinelese greet each other by sitting <sup>on</sup> each others lapse and embracing one another when they meet their guests.

The contact team gave gifts to the Sentinelese at one spot and then moved to another place about 1.5 kms. away from the first spot. The Sentinelese after keeping the coconuts in their huts in the first spot started moving towards the second spot in their canoe whereto the contact party was also moving in the life boat of MV Tarmugli.

In the second spot gifts were given. Sentinelese came over the board of life boat also to collect the coconuts. By the time the first

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