



**Short Report on Jarawas at Mile Tilak : "Hunger and Incident of December 2012"**

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**Background**

- Based on data gathered and patterns observed since 1997 and backed by the recent ongoing study undertaken in collaboration with AAJVS field staff it would be wrong to say that November December and January are particularly lean time of the year when Jarawas feel acute shortage of traditionally available food sources. "Shortage of food" as a cause for any or specific incident as in case of Mile Tilak during December 2012 would be a hasty and unsubstantiated, simplistic formulation.
- During the December January the food resources available and accessible in Jarawa forest is diverse if not in abundance. The diet includes three different types of Tubers, fish and turtle along with occasional pig.
- If there was a time specific argument made for food shortage, then why is it that similar incidents are not happening in Kadamtalla and Tirrur region?

**Context specific features to consider**

- Large number of Jarawas, around 20 to 30 collected at Middle Strait and proposed that they would go to gather honey off the ATR (near the RK Nallah vicinity), but never said any thing about vicinity of Mile Tilak.
- In order to move Jarawas out of Middle Strait (visible presence) as quickly as possible the only one person on duty did not use his judgment and observe that