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Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa resisted contact with the growing numbers of Indian settlers on their islands until 1998. Now, they are under serious threat. Poachers are camping for days at a time in their forest, hunting the animals they depend on and bringing disease, violence and exploitation.

Your Nature Guide

Oceanic Medley: Of the 25 modern phyla of groups of animals, only four are represented on land, and all 25 are represented in the oceans! However, there is one extremely important class of animals that is almost absent here: insects, which are so abundant on land. Why? No one really seems to know. Some scientist think that crustaceans (shrimps, lobsters, and crabs) may occupy in the sea the place that is occupied by the insects of land.

Treasured Islands - Sunita Rao. Courtesy: Kalpavriksh, ANET (MCBT)

People's Voice

Ab jab sabko pata he chal chuka hai ki Jarawa sharaab peena shuru kar diya hai ... toh sirf ANTRI he nahi SANTRI ki bhi jaroorat padega - A Citizen



Jarawa Quarrel Among Themselves Under Influence of Alcohol, One Seriously Injured

Alcoholism Among Jarawa Opens Up More Scope For Research?

Port Blair, Oct. 22: In what can be noted as a rare incident reported in the media, a Jarawa youth attacked another Jarawa tribesman with a dah (chopper) thereby causing serious injuries on the victim. Such incidents wherein the tribesmen quarrel among themselves may not be strange but what should make sense to the A&N Administration and the expert consultants on Andaman Tribes is that the attacker was under the influence of alcohol.

Sources inform that the incident took place at Tirur area on 18th Oct. 2013, when Torveta (Jarawa man) aged around 40

years had consumed alcohol and had a quarrel with Anjale (Jarawa man) aged around 28 years. When the quarrel attained more heat, Torveta pulled out the dah and attacked Anjale on his head and body, injuring him seriously.

The victim Anjale was later shifted to Tushnabad Hospital where he is still recovering. It is learnt that Anjale received around 10 stitches in the hospital to get his wounds sealed.

The incident wherein the Jarawa had consumed 'alcohol' and attacked his own tribesman opens up a whole new dimension for the A&N Administration, the expert anthropologists providing

consultation to the Administration, ANTRI and others concerned to reflect on what has gone wrong, in spite of the very serious efforts to protect the dwindling tribe.

Earlier on 7th October, 2013 after the news report on Jarawa wanting to meet the Lt. Governor and Deputy Commissioner was flashed, A&N police arrested three persons who were found to be habitual intruders into the Jarawa Reserve Area. The number of arrests later increased to six, including the elected representative of Kadamtala, Middle Andaman.

The A&N Police after interrogation had also confirmed that the intruders used to supply alcoholic substances to Jarawas.

Till date, media has been regularly reporting incidents about the so called 'development' among the Jarawa tribe ranging from Jarawa abuse, poaching, crock attacks, version of the Tribe, versions of elected representatives which includes Jarawa demanding for food to Fair & Lovely fairness cream etc., thereby providing an opportunity to the expert consultants to examine and suggest measures to the Administration's 'qualified' but

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Sub-Inspector of Traffic Branch Arrested by Anti-Corruption Unit for Taking Bribe

Port Blair, Oct. 22: Showing zero tolerance for corruption, a team of Anti-Corruption Unit arrested SI Mahesh Ram of traffic branch on 21/10/2013 for taking bribe of Rs. 5000/- as monthly consideration to give shield to the complainant's cargo vehicle plying only with NOC of its permit.

On 21/10/2013 a written complaint was submitted by the

complainant that Mahesh Ram, Sub-Inspector of Traffic Branch is demanding Rs. 5000/- as monthly bribe for giving shield and not imposing traffic challan on his commercial cargo vehicle plying in Port Blair. Subsequently, FIR under relevant section of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered at PS Anti-Corruption and a trap laying team comprising of independent

witnesses was formed. Later, on receipt of pre-identified signal at 1940 hrs from the complainant at Nayagaon, the trap team intercepted SI Mahesh Ram and caught him red handed with the tainted bribe money of Rs.5,000/- and he was brought to PS Anti-Corruption.

After observing all codal formalities he was arrested on

the same day and produced before the Hon'ble Court on 22/10/2013 from where he has been remanded to judicial custody.

The general public has been requested to provide information about corrupt activities of any public servant to the Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Unit on mobile No. 9531856296 or to the Dy.SP (AC) on mobile No. 9531856151.

21 Arrested In Gambling Raids By Police; Over Rs. 2 Lakh Seized

Port Blair, Oct. 22: 21 persons have been arrested by South Andaman District Police under Gambling Regulation and an amount of Rs. 2,57,420/- seized from them.

The Anti-Burglary squad of PS Aberdeen on 20th Oct. 2013 under the leadership of Insp. D. Jagdishwar Rao, SHO raided a gambling den near Municipal complex, South Point and arrested nine persons namely Karamat Ali (32) r/o South Point, Rizwan Ahmed Khan (25) r/o Dignabad, D. Subramaniam (20) r/o South

Kumar (42) r/o South Point, Mohd. Ilussain (40) r/o Garacharma, Prakash Sarkar (33) r/o Dolly Gunj and Zubair Zahid (26) r/o South Point. Cash of 1,14,580/- and playing cards were seized from them.

The Anti Burglary team comprised of ASI M. Abdul Rasheed, HCs Sanjay, Surya Narayan, P.M. Manoj, Raghu Kujur, PCs Ashish, M. Raja Rao, Imran, Rakesh, Sartaj & Vinod

In another raid in Humfringunj area on Sunday a Police team of

CARI Conducts Field Day on HYV of Rice

Port Blair, Oct. 22: A Field day on high yielding varieties (HYV) of rice was organised by the Union of Field Crops of Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI) along with KVK, Port Blair at Bloomsdale Research Farm, Chouldari with an objective to create awareness about new high yielding rice varieties, on 19 October, 2013. Dr. G. S. Pandey, Joint Director, Directorate of Agriculture, A&N Administration was the

Dr. G. S. Pandey, the Chief Guest, emphasised Islands farmers should adopt high yielding rice varieties developed by CARI and advocated for organic farming in the Islands. Dr. S Dam Roy, Director, CARI in his remarks, highlighted that Islands have the constraint of cultivable land and farmers should adopt high yielding rice varieties to increase rice productivity from 2.80 t/ha to 5 t/ha.

Dr. P. K. Singh, Senior Scientist & Course Director