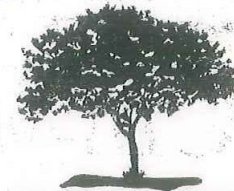




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## Jarawa Facts

In 1999 and 2006 the Jarawa suffered outbreaks of measles -- a disease that has wiped out many tribes worldwide following contact with outsiders.

## Your Nature Guide

**Can Coral Reefs Grow Anywhere? No!!** Corals are very sensitive, specialized animals. They grow in warm (23-25°C), clear, and shallow tropical waters where sunlight penetrates to the bottom. These conditions are all present in the seas around our islands. And so we are indeed very lucky to have our very own coral reefs almost in our backyards!

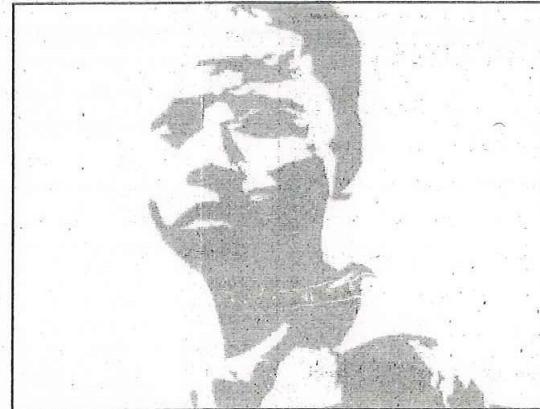
Even around our islands, corals do not grow everywhere. Sometimes, the area may not be quite right for a coral colony to establish itself. At other times, severe monsoon rains and cyclones may churn up the waters killing the corals and leaving only the skeletons over which algae grow. Even more dangerous is the way soil from the open areas inland

## Jarawas in Tirur: Irreversible Cultural Damage!

By Zubair Ahmed

Port Blair, Nov. 20: One after the other, news about illicit barter between settlers and Jarawa tribe and exploitation are pouring in from Tirur since change of guard in AAJVS. In a fresh incident reported from Tirur, one Ashush Samaddar was arrested by Police on a tip off about a group of Jarawas being sheltered by him and for serving liquor in exchange of 20 kg of venison. The Jarawa youth Kunu along with two members were found at the poacher's residence.

Of late, many incidents of transgressions are reported from Tirur. It has also come to light that four poachers, in connivance with a few staff in AAJVS headquarters are engaged in such



activities. Three of them who are suppliers of implements to AAJVS also engage in illicit barter with the Jarawas. A couple of months back, one such person Saurab Biswas who was detected

with a group of Jarawas was chased and apprehended by Coast Guard. However, he was let off after it was confirmed by AAJVS headquarters that he was an authorized supplier

to AAJVS and also engaged in transporting Jarawas in his Dinghy officially. Later, his tender was cancelled. But, he managed to get fresh tender to one of his kin, Narayan Biswas.

The illegal liaison by such unscrupulous staff of AAJVS and police personnel posted in Tirur is a matter of serious concern as it fails all efforts to curb the menace of illegal poaching inside the Reserve and the unwarranted exposure.

Moreover, the cultural damage among Jarawas caused due to the prolonged excesses of six to seven years seems to be irreversible. The recent incident of a scuffle between two Jarawas under the influence of liquor did

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## Sufficient Stock Of Iodized Salt Available In Markets, ACCI & Grain Dealers Appeal to General Public

Port Blair, Nov. 20: Based on the news report on rumours being falling a trap to such rumours. In the General Public that Keepers have been advised to a communication the ACCI and sufficient stock of Iodized Salt