

adopted long back before the Karens migrated to Andaman Island. The language spoken in the house is Karen and hence everyone knows their mother tongue despite the influence of other languages like Hindi, English etc. The medium of instruction in the schools upto primary level is language Karen. They are keen to retain and propagate their mother tongue.

Dress

Dress of the Karen women is similar to that of Burmese women. They wear lunghi and jacket. Their head is not covered. The women sport long scalp hair, Men wear lunghi and shirt. However, of late, many wear pants and shirts and some women also wear sari and blouse like the women belonging to other communities.

Society & Culture

The Karens have their own distinct society and culture in Andaman Islands. Their tribal customs could be still seen despite of the fact that they belong to the Christianity of American Baptist denomination.

Though there is no distinct naming ceremony for the children, the Karens follow the custom of "dedication". The baby is taken to the church after 7th day of birth where the Pastor blesses the child. The Father christens the baby and the name is chosen by the parents. The Karens