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4. "Initiatives of ANI Administration towards mainstreaming of Jarawas and Policies for different tribes of A&N Islands"

There are six Scheduled Tribes, viz., Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Nicobarese and Shompens constituting 7.5% of the UT population.

- Nicobarease: The Nicobarease constitute the largest group among the tribals. They inhabit 12 of the 22 Islands in the Nicobar District. The Nicobarease are an advanced Mongoloid tribe, who got mainstreamed.
- Andamanese: The Andamanese belong to the Negrito race. Originally the Andamanese inhabited the Andaman Islands and due to British India Policy, the tribes got decimated. In the year 1969, the Administration rehabilitated and settled them at Strait Island, North and Middle Andaman District.
- Onges: The Onges belong to the Negrito race. Initially the Onges were scattered all over the Little Andaman Island in different bands, and after Tsunami they have been settled at Dugong Creek, Little Andaman Islands, South Andaman District.
- Shompens: Shompens live in different bands in thick tropical forests and in coasts of in Great Nicobar Island. A tribal reserve of 992 Sqkm