

them sea ranching so as to enrich marine resources in their areas. Molluscs have also been broadcast in shallow waters and creeks in which some time, Jarawas, both adults and children, have also participated. Both in South and Middle Andaman, use of fishnets has also been taught to a few Jarawas. As already explained earlier, the Jarawas had remained hostile till a year before and in fact, killing of non-tribal person took place in South Andaman also as recently in February 1998 at locations not more than 35 Kms from Port Blair.

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In the month of April 1996, a Jarawa boy called Enmai was found injured at Kadamtala in Middle Andaman Island with a leg fracture. He was initially treated at the Primary Health Centre and thereafter transferred to the GB Pant Hospital in Port Blair where he remained under treatment for nearly six months. This is the first case in post-independence time, of a Jarawa tribes man having actually lived in a non-tribal settlement, although for the purpose of medical treatment, after treatment, he was sent back to his tribal habitat. However, as a result, he did become a source of information for his fellow tribes men to come out to the outside world and this has manifested itself during the last one year in that large number of Jarawas begun to appear in a non-tribal location at Uttara Jetty, Middle Andaman and from January 1998 onwards in Tirur Police Out Post in South Andaman. On all such occasions, they were returned to their habitats after giving them gifts such as coconuts and bananas. AAVS officials also interacted with the Jarawas and escorted them back to their habitat in the forest. In the month of September 1998, nearly 15 Jarawas including women and children were found at Middle Andaman in seriously sick condition, some of them have respiratory tract infection while others had dehydration problem. These sick Jarawas were transported to the GB Pant Hospital at Port Blair and treated for nearly three weeks, and after they were restored to normal health, they were escorted back to their habitat in the forest. It is possible that the exposure of Shri Enmai to the outside world during his treatment may have been a factor in encouraging Jarawas to seek medical aid from September 1998 onwards. From 06th September 1998 onwards, the Jarawas has approached Govt. authorities and have been administered treatment on not less than 33 different dates. The total number of Jarawa patients (which is the sum total of the Jarawas who turned up on different dates) numbers not less than 600. Of these, admission in GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair took place on 6 occasions, the latest of these being on