

Andaman & Nicobar Administration,
Directorate of Tribal Welfare Department

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(1) PUC is a letter dated 7th September, 2005 of Shri. Pankaj Sekhsaria, C/o Kalpavriksh, Apt.5,, Sri Dutta Karupa, 908 Decean Gymkhana, Pune 411004 stating that Kalpavriksh has been commissioned by the UNESCO for a project for the "Preparation of a dossier on the Jarawa Tribal Reserve," that is spread over the South and Middle Andaman Islands, within the framework of the UNESCO coasts and Small Islands Platform. The project will be carried out by Shri. Pankaj Sekhsaria on behalf of Kalpavriksha (Kalpavriksh is an environmental action group that has worked in Andaman & Nicobar Islands in the field documentation research, Environmental Education etc. as mentioned in the concept note attached to PUC.) The project proposal includes the following:-

- To identify and understand some of the key and intricate linkages between cultural and biological diversity in the Islands in general and in the context of the Jarawa community in particular.
- To undertake the project by Shri. Pankaj Sekhsaria in collaboration with the Senior anthropologist Dr. Vishvajit Pandya, who has been working in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for over two decades now.
- To draw upon a wide range of diverse experience, expertise and knowledge that already exists.
- To create a document that has a wide range of multidisciplinary information related to the Jarawa Tribal Reserve.
- To seek co-operation of a multitude agencies including the Anthropological Survey of India, National Remote Sensing Agency, various NGOs, Independent Experts, various departments of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration like Forest, Tribal Welfare, Medical and Police.