

A brief description of the book.

This book has total 12 chapters. "The Great Nicobar Island: India's Southern Fortune", helps us understand how Andaman and Nicobar Islands, in general, and Great Nicobar Islands, in particular, can be a keystone of India's strategic and development trajectory. It also describes the fascinating collection of the exotic flora and fauna of the island and discusses the identity and tradition of the Nicobarese and Shompen tribes. I have accounted my journey to Indira Point, Navy Dera, Mount Thullier, Galathea, Makachua and Afra Bay and thus parts of the book read like a delightful travelogue. It gives a vivid description of the potential tourism sites of Great Nicobar Island along with illustrating all the popular tourist destinations of Andaman Islands. In a personal account, I have captured the ordeals and heart rendering narration of the tsunami survivors and the efforts made by the administration in the aftermath.

In my professional capacity as the SDM and Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay, I have outlined the challenges to and discussed the prospects of unlocking the potential of growth and development in the Great Nicobar Island and transforming it into a strategic asset. I hope, this book will be of immense value to scholars, strategic experts, bureaucrats and tourists visiting the islands and has been written, keeping in mind India's supreme national interest and is purely an academic/ literary pursuit. I have taken due care to maintain the privacy and sensitivity of the aboriginals as well as PVTG's as per rules and regulations. It is also informed that, as per intimation under CCS (Conduct Rules), 1964, I have been accorded permission from the competent authority (Hon'ble LG, GNCTD) to publish this book vide letter no. C/R-010183/607/2015/S-1/3322 dated 27/08/2019 (Copy enclosed). I am also sending a soft copy of the book, through "we transfer" for your kind perusal and record. I request the Honb'le LG, A&NI to kindly spare his precious time and release this book during the Island Tourism Festival 2019. I shall be highly grateful.

Warm regards
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