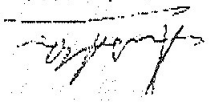


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South, Southeast Asia in specific. The nature of the grammar and the lexicon will give us an indication of the typological framework of the language, which in turn, will facilitate the comparative study of the Great Andamanese and languages of the Southeast Asia and those of the Australia New Guinea. As we are not sure of the directionality of the pre-Neolithic spread, the study of Great Andamanese may open up some surprises and the modern linguistic evidence can have something to say about early human prehistory.

More than for all of these reasons put together, our study would go a long way in revitalizing the Great Andamanese language as we would like to give back the society a set of primers in written in Devanagiri script, Great Andamanese Varnamala, and Great Andamanese-Hindi dictionary in Devanagiri script. In addition to this we intend to write children's picture storybook and other elementary tools for the Great Andamanese children who have expressed their desire to learn the language. This work therefore is to benefit the Great Andamanese people more than anybody else and act as an indelible instrument for the future survival of the Great Andamanese language and its learning.

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