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RATIONALE BEHIND SELECTION OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR TRIBES:

During our health care survey programmes we observed that the tribal communities of these Islands are having rich knowledge of their own Health Care System and it is having close relationship with Ayurvedic Health Care System. They are using plants for the treatment of various diseases and they use different therapy and therapeutic preparations. Hence, it is needed to extract the basic principles and concepts behind their health system.

EXPECTED BENEFITS:

- Preservation of traditional knowledge of tribal health care system by proper documentation.
- Updated clear-cut and précised information about the medicinal plants of this region.
- The Ayurvedic physicians of these Islands will be able to explain the particular plant in particular disease.
- It will also pay a major role in promoting the medicinal plants cultivation on the basis
 of their availability and necessity.
- It will be also useful in preservation of endangered medicinal plant species of this region.

RELEVANCE AT LARGE:

- It will provide an authentic field data on wealth of medicinal plants of these Islands.
- It will create an authentic Database on folklore claims of these Islands.

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