

Ethnic Identity of the Indigenous Tribes in Great Nicobar Island

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ABSTRACT The present paper is aimed at understanding the indigenous tribes of the Great Nicobar Island in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It focuses on the geographical distribution of resources and the retention of strong ethnic differentiation among the islanders. The utilisation of the non-overlapping resources leads to more or less specific utilisation of microenvironments within the Great Nicobar Island. The extensive utilisation of resources largely rests on the diversity of species within the microenvironments and cultural perception of indigenous groups