

## **Demographic Study of the Nepali in Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

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**ABSTRACT** The present study among the Nepali, in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is the first report on their location and existence of this community in South Andaman District of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. One hundred and fourteen individuals in Nepalibasti of Port Blair city constitute the sample for the present demographic study. The Nepali population is demographically young and occupationally diversified. Majority can sign their name in Hindi and Nepali. They had migrated to Andaman and Nicobar Islands more than five decades ago 'voluntarily' and many stated that 'one among their kin' who already had been here persuaded and assisted them to migrate. The Nepali are yet to be 'assimilated' like Bengali or Bhandu or Moplah. The Nepali children born in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are still young and dependent on their parents economically and also emotionally.