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1. Isolated Sentinelese tribe kills American tourist on remote island in Andaman sea.

- Who are Sentinelese?
- How is the culture of Sentinelese?
- How is the life style of Sentinelese?
- How do government of India categorise and monitor Sentinelese?

GS paper 1 (Indian culture, tribes)

In this video, you can find detailed answers for all the above questions.

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What is the context about?

- John Allen Chau, 27-year-old American tourist, who was out to explore a cut-off island on the Andaman Sea, was killed by a remote tribe that fiercely defends its island home.
- The man, according to the reports, was hit by arrows as soon as he set his foot on the island.
- Chau had paid the local fishermen to take him to North Sentinel Island, which is a home to Sentinelese (also known as Sentineli). They resist contact with the outside world.



Who are Sentinelese?

- ❑ The Sentinelese is a tribal society of hunter-gatherer that hunt and gather in the forest, and fish in the coastal waters. They also collect wild plants. It is said that the tribe does not practice cannibalism.
- ❑ They fiercely reject all contact with the outside world that is not known to them.
- ❑ North Sentinel Island is about 50-km (31 miles) west of Port Blair, the capital of the island cluster.

How is the culture of Sentinelese?

- ❑ The Sentinelese are a hunter-gatherer society subsisting on hunting, fishing, and collecting wild plants. There is no evidence of agriculture or fire making.
- ❑ The Sentinelese language is an unclassified language and is not mutually intelligible with the Jarawa language of their nearest neighbors.
- ❑ The 1880 British expedition to the island led by Maurice Vidal Portman reported that "their methods of cooking and preparing their food resemble those of the Öngés, not those of the aborigines of the Great Andaman.

How is the life style of Sentinelese?

- ❑ The Sentinelese live in three small bands and have two different types of huts. A number of families live in large communal huts packed with hearths, while some live in temporary shelters big enough for one nuclear family with no sides.
- ❑ The women of the tribe wear fibre strings tied to their necks, heads and waists, while the men wear necklaces and headbands.
- ❑ They also wear a thicker waist belt. Men carry spears, bows and arrows.

How do government of India categorise and monitor Sentinelese?

- ❑ The Sentinelese are considered as sovereign people by the Indian government. Indian authorities make periodic checks on the tribe from boats anchored at a safe distance from shore.
- ❑ The Sentinelese are designated as a Scheduled Tribe.