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Jarawa Tribe: Recent Developments

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The **Jarawa Tribe**, a **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)**, has made headlines recently with the **inclusion of 19 of its members on the electoral roll** for the **Special Summary Revision-2025** in India's election process. This marks a historic step, as it is the first time members of this tribe have been part of the electoral process.

Location and Habitat:

- **Geographic Distribution:** The Jarawa people inhabit the **Middle Andaman** and **South Andaman Islands**, part of India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands archipelago.
- **Environment:** Their traditional lands consist of **dense forests, mangroves, and pristine beaches**, providing a rich natural environment for their survival.

Lifestyle and Population:

- **Lifestyle:** The Jarawa are **hunter-forager-fishermen**, with a warrior culture that fiercely defends their territory.
- **Current Population:** Their population is estimated to be between **250 to 400 individuals**.
- **Colonial Impact:** The tribe's population significantly declined during British colonial rule and after World War II.

Cultural Aspects:

- **Ancestry:** They are believed to be descendants of the extinct Jangil tribe and possibly part of the first human migrations out of Africa.
- **Clothing:** Their clothing is minimal and functional, suited to the tropical climate.
- **Modern Interaction:** Since 1997, the tribe has had increased interaction with outsiders, including trading, receiving medical aid, and sending children to school.

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