

Coastal Regions of India

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- **PYQs, Decoded:** All key concepts from past exams, organized and simplified.
- **Revise in Record Time:** Short, precise, and designed for last-minute review.
- **Focus on What Matters:** Master high-probability topics and boost your confidence.

Basic Facts about India's Coastline

Measurement & Jurisdiction



- **Mean Sea Level (MSL) Benchmark:** Measured from the coast of Chennai.
- **Territorial Waters:** Extend 12 nautical miles from the baseline.
- **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ):** Extends up to 200 nautical miles from the baseline.

Length & Composition

- **Total Length:** Approximately 7,516.6 km.
 - **Mainland Coastline:** 5,422.6 km.
 - **Island Coastline:** 2,094 km.
- **Coastal Administrative Units:** Bordered by **nine states** and **two union territories**.

Historical Terminology

- **'Ratnakara':** The term denoted the Indian Ocean in ancient Indian historical geography.

Coastal States & Regions

States with the Longest Coastline

- **Gujarat** has the longest coastline in India (approximately 1,600 km).

Coastal Regions - West Coast (from north to south)

- **Konkan Coast:** Includes the coastal areas of Maharashtra and Goa.
 - **Example Cities:** Janjira, Sindhudurg.
- **Kanara Coast:** Located in Karnataka.
 - **Example City:** Udupi.
- **Malabar Coast:** Located in Kerala.
 - **Example City:** Kannur.

Coastal Regions - East Coast

- **Northern Circars:** Northern part of the east coast.
- **Coromandel Coast:** Stretches across the coasts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.
- **Southern Tip:** Kanyakumari (formerly Cape Comorin).



Specific Locations & Features

Beaches and their States

- **Digha Beach:** West Bengal.
- **Gopalpur Beach:** Odisha.
- **Calangute Beach:** Goa.
- **Marina Beach:** Tamil Nadu.

Historical Sites

- **Tharangambadi, Tamil Nadu:** A Danish outpost from 1620 to 1845.

Geographical Features (Western Ghats)

- **Mountain Type:** A block mountain.

- **Eastern Slope:** Gently lowers into a plateau.
- **Northern Section:** Covered by basalt lava (Deccan Traps).

Coastal Processes

Coastal Erosion

- **Primary Cause:** Action of waves.
- **Other Contributing Factors:** Tides, currents, and tsunami waves.

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