

Islands of India

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I. Islands in the Bay of Bengal

A. Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Union Territory)

- **General Facts:**
 - A group of 572 islands and islets.
 - **Andaman Group:** Comprises about 550 islands.
 - **Nicobar Group:** Consists of 22 islands.
- **Key Locations & Features:**
 - **Saddle Peak:**
 - The highest peak in Andaman and Nicobar.
 - Height: 732 meters.
 - Located in North Andaman.
 - **Ten Degree Channel:**
 - A 150 km wide channel.
 - Separates the Andaman Islands from the Nicobar Islands.
 - It follows the 10° North latitude.

- **Great Nicobar:**
 - The southernmost island of India.
 - Geographically closest to Sumatra (Indonesia).
- **Barren Island:**
 - Located in the Andaman Sea, 135 km from Port Blair.
 - Home to the **only active volcano in South Asia**.
 - Recorded eruptions: 1787 (first), 1991, 1994-95, and 2005-06 (linked to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake).

B. Other Bay of Bengal Islands & Features

- **Palk Strait:**
 - A body of water between India and Sri Lanka.
 - Connects the Bay of Bengal with Palk Bay.
- **Sriharikota Island:**
 - Located near Pulicat Lake in Andhra Pradesh.
 - It separates the lake from the Bay of Bengal.
 - Home to the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre**.
- **Adam's Bridge (Ram Setu):**
 - A chain of shoals, 48 km long.
 - Extends from the Dhanushkodi tip of India's Pamban Island to Sri Lanka's Mannar Island.
- **Rameshwaram Island:**
 - Located in Tamil Nadu.
 - Lies between India and Sri Lanka.
 - Separated from mainland India by the Pamban Channel.

II. Islands in the Arabian Sea

A. Lakshadweep Islands (Union Territory)

- **General Facts:**
 - A group of **36 islands**.
 - Total area is 32 square kilometres.
 - Located between 220 and 440 km from the Kerala coast.
 - Islands are **coral in origin** and feature '**Atolls**'.

- **Key Locations:**

- **Kavaratti** is the capital.
- **Andrott** is the largest island.
- **Minicoy** is the second-largest and one of the remotest islands off the Indian coast.
 - It lies between the 8 and 9 degree channels.

B. Western Coastal Islands

- **Mumbai:** A large city built on an island.
- **Islands off the Gujarat Coast:**
 - **Viyant Syodhar:** Located in the Gulf of Kutch.
 - **Piram:** Located in the Gulf of Cambay (Khambhat).
 - **Dwarka:** Located on the coast of the Arabian Sea.
 - **Diu:** Located on the coast of Kathiawar.

C. Creek Disputes & Features

- **Kori Creek:**
 - A tidal creek located in the **Rann of Kutch**.
- **Sir Creek Dispute:**
 - A 96 km long tidal estuary in the Rann of Kutch.
 - The border dispute is between **India and Pakistan**.
 - It separates the Indian state of Gujarat from the Pakistani province of Sindh.

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