

Indira Point

Context



- The Environment Ministry is seeking approval for protection and development work at Indira Point.



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Indira Point is **India's southernmost point of territory**, located on **Great Nicobar Island (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)**.

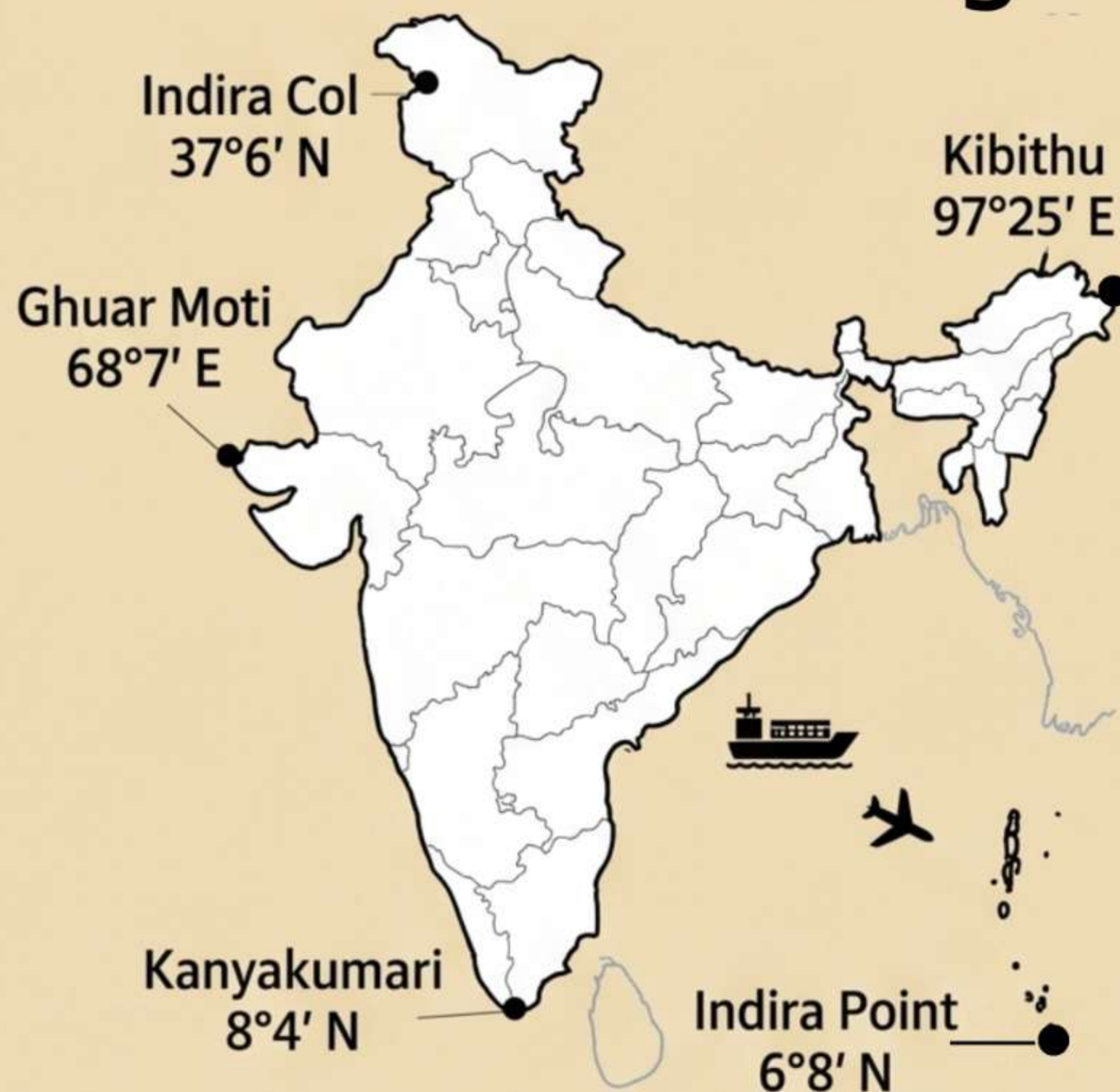
Formerly called **Pygmalion Point**, it was renamed in **1985**.

It is strategically situated **near the Six Degree Channel and Indonesia**.

It is crucial for maritime security but **experienced severe land subsidence during the 2004 Tsunami**.



Geographic & Strategic



Location: Lies in the Nicobar district at **6°45' N latitude and 93°49' E longitude**.

Proximity: It is located only about **145-163 km from Indonesia's Rondo Island (Sumatra)**.

Mainland vs. Territory: It is the southernmost point of the Indian Union.

In contrast, **Kanyakumari is the southernmost point of the Indian mainland**.

Ecological Importance: Situated **south of Galathea Bay**, the region is a globally **recognized nesting site for Leatherback Sea Turtles** and houses the **endemic Nicobar megapode**.



The Great Nicobar Island (GNI) Project



- It is conceived by **NITI Aayog** and **launched in 2021**.
- It is **aimed at transforming India's southernmost island into a major strategic and economic hub**.



- It is a **₹72,000–₹81,000 crore mega-infrastructure initiative**.
- Significance** - The project is a centerpiece of **India's Maritime Vision 2030 and Amrit Kaal Vision 2047**.

