

Sagar Island

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The West Bengal Chief Minister recently laid the foundation stone of a 5-km-long bridge over the river Muriganga to connect Sagar Island with the mainland.

About Sagar Island

- Sagar Island, also known as **Gangasagar or Sagardwip**, is located in the **Ganges delta**, in **West Bengal**.
- It is about 100 km **south of Kolkata**.
- It is part of the **South 24 Parganas district**. It consists of 43 villages.
- It lies at the **mouth of the Hooghly River** (a major tributary of the Ganges), an **arm of which separates it from the mainland** to the east.
- Although Sagar Island is a **part of Sundarbans**, it **does not have any tiger habitation or mangrove forests** or small river tributaries as is characteristic of the overall Sundarban delta.
- **Situated at a point** where the **Ganges River system meets the Bay of Bengal**, the island is held to be particularly sacred and is a **noted Hindu pilgrimage center**.

- Thousands of pilgrims make their way to Sagardwip every year in **mid-January** to take a holy dip in the river during the **Ganga Sagar Fair**.
- The Ganga Sagar Fair is the **second most attended fair in the world, after** the popular **Kumbh Mela**.
- The **Kapil Muni temple** on the island is a popular pilgrim centre.

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