

INS Baaz

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The government recently decided to build a new Rs 13,000-crore greenfield civil-military airport as part of the Great Nicobar project instead of expanding the existing naval airfield at INS Baaz.

About INS Baaz

- It is an **Indian naval air station** located **near Campbell Bay**, on **Great Nicobar Island** in the **Andaman & Nicobar Islands**.
- It was **commissioned** on July 31, **2012**. It is the **first air station in the Nicobar Islands**.
- It is the **southernmost air station** of the **Indian Armed Forces**.
- It is under the **joint-services Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)** of the **Indian Armed Forces**.
- It significantly enhances India's capacity for **intelligence gathering, surveillance**, and reconnaissance across **vast areas of the Indian Ocean**.
- It **overlooks** the **Strait of Malacca** as well as the **Six Degree Channel between Great Nicobar and the Indonesian island of Sumatra**.

- It is used as a base for the Indian **Navy's Dornier Do 228 reconnaissance aircraft.**
- It can also operate the Indian **Air Force's C-130J Super Hercules transport aircraft.**
- Its **runway measures 3,500 feet (1,100 m)** and will be progressively lengthened to enable all heavy aircraft to operate from the base.

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