

Veer Savarkar International Airport

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About Veer Savarkar International Airport

- Veer Savarkar International Airport, also **known as Port Blair Airport**, is a **customs airport** located 2 km (1.2 mi) south **of Port Blair**.
- It is the **main airport of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands** of India.
- It is **named after the Indian freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**.
- It is a **civil airport**, and its **facilities are shared with the Indian Navy**.
- **The terminal is managed by the Airports Authority of India**, while the **traffic is handled by the Indian Navy**.

Key facts about Veer Savarkar:

- **Born in 1883 near Nasik in Maharashtra**, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was **popularly called Veer Savarkar**.
- He was the **first to acknowledge the mutiny of 1857 as the first struggle for Independence** and wrote the **book 'The History of the War of Indian Independence'**.

- He was a passionate **promoter of Hindutva since childhood.**
 - He was **sentenced to 50 years in the cellular jail of Andamans**, also known as Kala Pani, **for revolting against the Morley-Minto reforms** (Indian Councils Act 1909) in 1911.
 - **After his release** from jail, he **worked on the abolishment of untouchability in Ratnagiri.**
 - Serving as the **president of the Hindu Mahasabha** political party, **he opposed the Quit India movement in 1942.**
 - He **founded the organizations Abhinav Bharat Society and Free India Society.**
 - He was a **critic of the Indian National Congress and its acceptance of India's partition.**
 - He was **also a critic of Mahatma Gandhi** and called him a 'hypocrite'.
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Q1) What is the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?

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