

Galathea Bay

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About Galathea Bay:

- **Location:** It is located in the **Great Nicobar Island** of Andaman and Nicobar Islands of India.
- It is being developed as an **International Container Transshipment Port (ICTP)**.
- It is also eligible for central funding and will be developed under the **public-private partnership model**.
- The proposed facility is envisaged to be developed in four phases with Phase 1 is proposed to be commissioned in the year 2028 with handling capacity of ~ 4 Million TEUs, increasing to 16 Million TEUs in the ultimate stage of development by 2058.
- Once operational, the Galathea Bay project will help capture a large share of transshipped cargo which is handled at ports outside India.

Significance of this project

- The project focuses on three key drivers, which can result in making it a leading container transshipment port, i.e.
 - **Strategic location** in terms of proximity (40 nautical miles) with the International shipping trade route
 - **Availability of natural water depth** of over 20m and carrying capacity of transshipment cargo from all the Ports in the proximity including Indian Ports.

Ports in India

- India currently has **12 operational Major Ports** controlled by the central government and another 200 non-major ones **governed by the states**.
 - The **Major Port Authorities Act, 2021** provides for regulation, operation and planning of Major Ports in India and vests the administration, control and management of such ports upon the Boards of Major Port Authorities.
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Q1: What is a bay?

It is a body of water partially surrounded by land. A bay is usually smaller and less enclosed than a gulf. The mouth of the bay, where it meets the ocean or lake, is typically wider than that of a gulf.

Source: [Centre notifies Galathea Bay as a 'Major Port'](#)

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