

Sir Creek Dispute

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Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh warned Pakistan against any aggression in the Sir Creek region, stating that India would give a “resounding and decisive response” that could alter “history and geography”.

About Sir Creek

- **Sir Creek** is a **96 km long tidal estuary** located in the marshy **Rann of Kutch** region, separating **Gujarat (India)** from **Sindh (Pakistan)**.
- It flows into the **Arabian Sea** and is a **strategically sensitive zone** due to its proximity to the international boundary.
- The area is significant for **security, fishing rights, oil and gas exploration, and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) determination**.

Nature of the Dispute

- The **dispute arises from differing interpretations** of the **1914 Bombay Government Resolution** signed between **Sindh (then under British India)** and the **Ruler of Kutch**.
- **Pakistan's claim:** The boundary lies on the **eastern bank** of the creek (giving the creek to Sindh).
- **India's claim:** The boundary should follow the **thalweg principle** (mid-channel line of navigable waters).
- **Pakistan's counter-argument:** Sir Creek is not navigable, hence the **thalweg principle** doesn't apply.
- **India's stand:** The creek is navigable during high tide, so international maritime norms apply.

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