

Baratang Island

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Baratang Island Latest News

Recently, India's only mud volcano at Baratang in Andaman and Nicobar Islands has again erupted.

About Baratang Island

- **Location:** It is located in the **North and Middle Andaman district**, and it is nearly 150 km away from Port Blair.
- It is a very popular tourist spot because it is **India's only mud volcano**.
- It erupted recently in 2005 owing to the oceanic seismic shifts.
- The mud volcanoes in Baratang Islands are the only known volcanoes in the Indian sub-continent.
- It is **also home to the Jarawa tribe**, one of the indigenous tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

What is Mud Volcano?

- Mud volcanoes, also called '**Mud Domes**,' are formed by the eruption of mud slurries, water, and gases **involving a series of geological processes**.

- Unlike actual ingenious volcanoes, mud volcanoes **don't throw out lava when they erupt.**
- It is a geological formation where a **mixture of mud, water, and gases** (mainly methane, sometimes carbon dioxide or nitrogen) erupts to the surface, creating cone-like structures that resemble true volcanoes without molten lava.
- The sizes of mud volcanoes lie between one and two meters to 700 meters high and between one and two meters to 10 kilometers wide.
- Mud volcanoes **also exist on the floor of the sea** and can form islands and banks that alter the topography and shape of the coastline.

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