

Car Nicobar Island

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The Chief of Defence Staff recently inaugurated a major runway upgrade at the Indian Air Force's Car Nicobar air base.

About Car Nicobar Island

- It is part of the **Nicobar district** in the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** Union Territory.
- It is the **northernmost island of the Nicobar group**.
- It lies **south of Little Andaman** and **north of Nancowry Island**.
- The **ten-degree channel** lies on the northern side of the island and **separates the Andaman Islands and Nicobar Islands**.
- Despite being a **small island** – under 127 sq.km. – it holds **nearly half of Nicobar's population** (over 17,800 in 2011) and serves as the district headquarters.
- It is **remarkably flat** except for some cliffs in the north and small hilly areas in the interior.
- It is **bordered by a silvery beach** and **areas of flat ground consisting of coralline diluvium**.

- It is inhabited primarily by the **Nicobarese tribal community** (Scheduled Tribe).
- The climate of Car Nicobar Island is a **tropical monsoon climate**, as it is **just 9 degrees from the equator**, with an annual rainfall of 400 mm.
- The Car Nicobar islands **do not have any evergreen forests**, which dominate the central and southern islands of the Nicobars.
- **Most of the island** is covered with **coconut plantations**, and natural flora is present only in the interior areas.
- The island has been designated an **Important Bird Area (IBA)** by BirdLife International.
- The island was **severely affected by the tsunami** that was caused by the **2004** Indian Ocean earthquake, which led to many deaths and damaged infrastructure.
 - Car Nicobar lies **750 km (470 mi) from the epicenter of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake**, and the ensuing tsunamis struck it with great force.

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