

Chapter 33

Indian Ports

The nine coastal Indian states Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal are home to all major and minor ports of India. There are total 13 major sea ports of India, out of 12 are government and one, Ennore port of Chennai is the corporate one. Name the state in which these ports are located :

1. **Cochin Port :** The Cochin Port is one of the largest ports in India and the major port on the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean sea route. The port of Cochin lies on two islands of Willingdon and Vallarpadam.





2. **Mormugao Port :** Mormugao Port is the best natural harbour of this state. This is one of the leading iron ores exporter ports in India and raw material too.

3. **Kandla Port :** It is situated on the Gulf of Kutch. Kandla Port is a hub for major imports like petroleum, chemicals and iron and also exports grains, salt and textiles.





4. **Nhava Sheva :** Nhava Sheva now known as Jawaharlal Nehru Port is the largest container port in India. It is the king of Arabian Sea at the west coast and handles a large volume of international container traffic and domestic cargo traffic.

5. **Mumbai Port :** The Port is located in the Mainland of West Mumbai on the west coast of India with deep-water harbour. It is the largest port in India and handles bulk cargo traffic.





6. **Panambur Port :** Panambur Port is a deep water all Weather port and one of the largest port in India. There is a beautiful beach at south of sea port of Panambur along with the shore of the Arabian Sea.

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7 **Haldia Port :** Haldia port is a major seaport situated near the Hooghly River. It is also a base of the Indian Coast Guard.





8 **Port Blair :** Port Blair is the youngest sea port in India and one of the 12 major ports of the country. It is the only port that is connected to the mainland of India through flight and ship.

9 **Tuticorin Port :** Tuticorin Port is an artificial deep-sea harbour and one of the 12 major ports of India. The artificial port of Tuticorin is an all weather port and receives a large volume of international traffic.





10 **Paradip Port :** The artificial, deep-water port of east coast of India is located in the Jagatsinghpur district. Paradip Port has its own railway system.

11 **Madras Port :** Madras Port is one of the oldest ports of India and the second largest port in the country. Madras Port is also the largest port in the Bay of Bengal and a hub port for cars, big containers and cargo traffic in the east of India.





12 **Vizag Port :** The port city of Visakhapatnam is located on the southeast coast of India. Visakhapatnam or Vizag has one of India's largest seaports and the oldest shipyard of the country.

Think Fast

Unscramble the name of ancient Indian Port cities :

1. YIJVA NRAAG
2. ALOHTL
3. WADKRA
4. UTCTIOIRN
5. ADPAATTAKL
6. AHOLDIVRA

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