

Chapter 41

Unknown India

Since antiquity India has been a curious case of study. Here is a glimpse of its rich heritage which should be identified by all of us.

False Point is a long sandy strip at the mouth of the Mahanadi river. It got its name because ships often got wrecked here when they confused it with Point Palmyras which lies to its north.

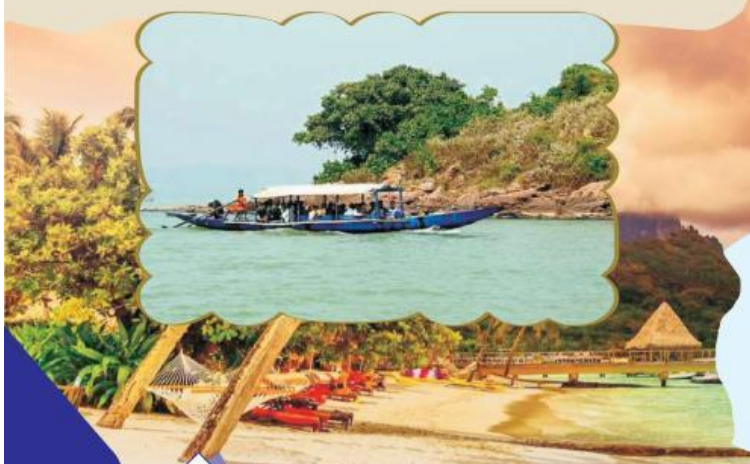


Indira Point was earlier known as the Pygmalion Point. It is located at the southern tip of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It is about 154 km from Indonesia. This is the southernmost point of India and not Kanyakumari, as most of us do believe.



Chilika — the largest brackish water lake in Asia – is home to numerous species of birds. From common to rare, and residential to migratory, the sanctuary houses a huge variety. In addition to being one of the popular bird sanctuaries in India, Chilika lake is a popular tourist attraction where people get mesmerised by the natural backdrop and spot beautiful birds while boating. Irrawaddy dolphins, prawns, crabs, limbless lizards and crustaceans are some of the animals that can be spotted here.





Dhanushkodi is located at the southern tip of the Rameswaram island, at the eastern coast of the Tamil Nadu. From its position on the map, it is the point at which Sri Lanka is closest to India. There is a chain of sandbanks or shoals, which is known as the Ram Setu.

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Coconut Island and **Thonsepar** are a set of four small islands in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Malpe in Udipi, Karnataka. There is a series of columns of lava rocks. Volcanic activities that took place over 60 million years ago is said to have created these rocks. They are also known as St. Mary's Islands.



Think Fast

Tick (✓) the correct alternative :

1. Which of these is the largest brackish water lake in Asia?

   (a) Dal lake ◯ (b) Wular lake ◯ (c) Lonar lake ◯ (d) Chilika lake ◯

2. Which among the following is a set of four islands?

   (a) False Point ◯ (b) Indira Point ◯ (c) Dhanushkodi ◯ (d) Coconut Island ◯

3. Which among the following was formerly known as Pygmalion Point?

   (a) False Point ◯ (b) Indira Point ◯ (c) Coconut Island ◯ (d) Dhanushkodi ◯

4. Which of these is closest to India from Dhanushkodi?

   (a) Pakistan ◯ (b) Nepal ◯ (c) Myanmar ◯ (d) Sri Lanka ◯

5. At the mouth of which river a long sandy strip-False Point is located?

   (a) Narmada ◯ (b) Mahanadi ◯ (c) Ganga ◯ (d) Yamuna ◯



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