

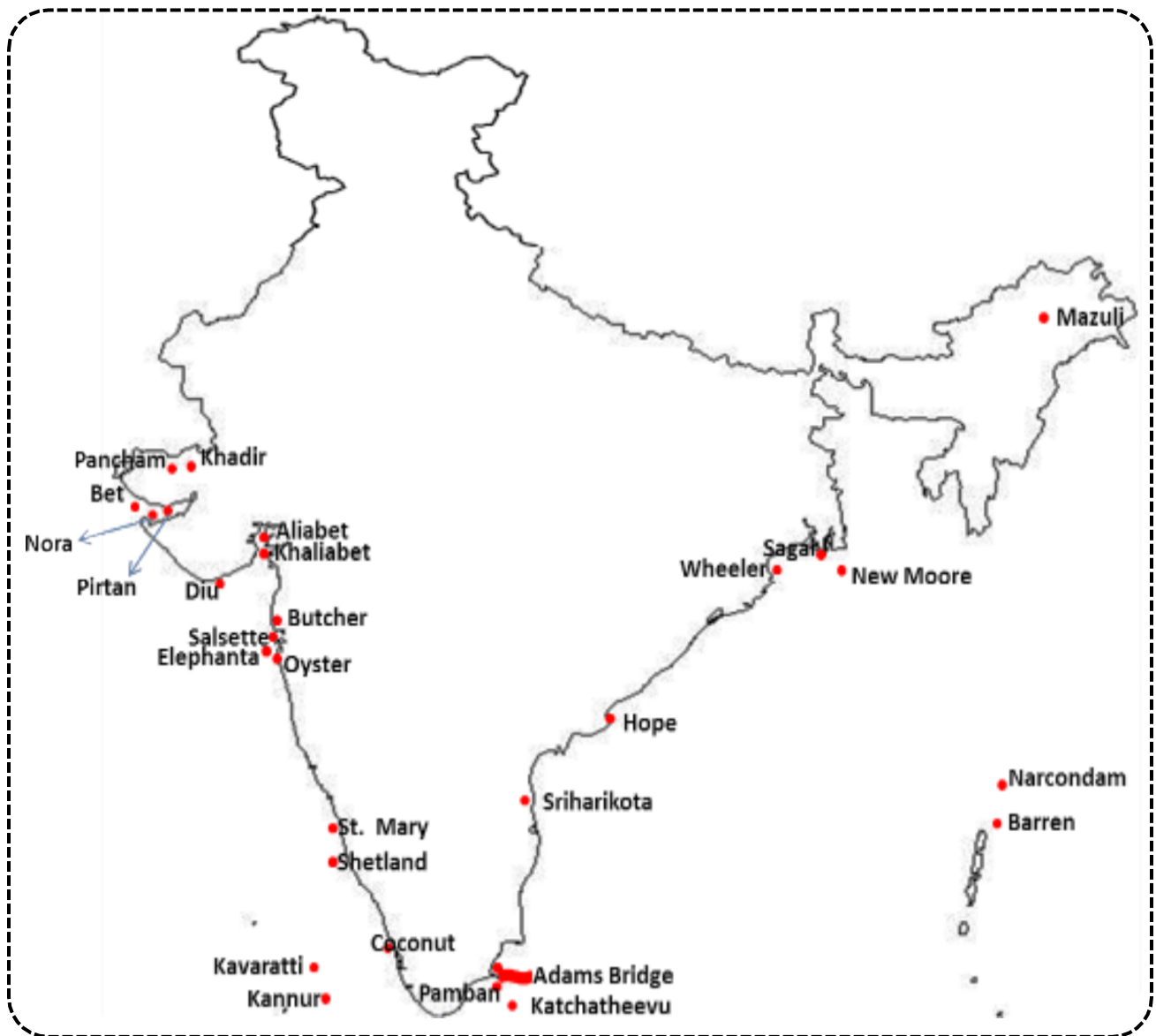


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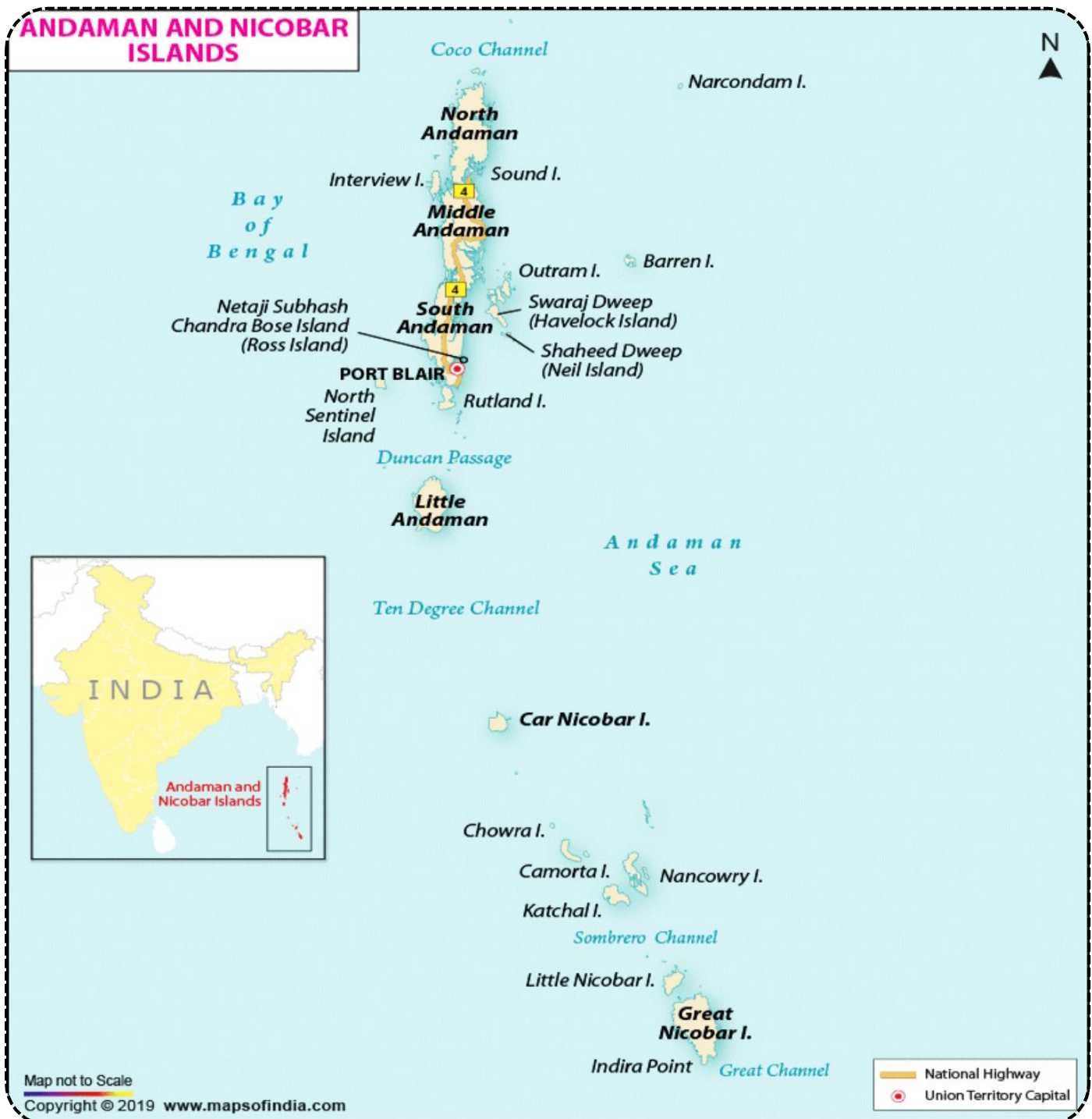


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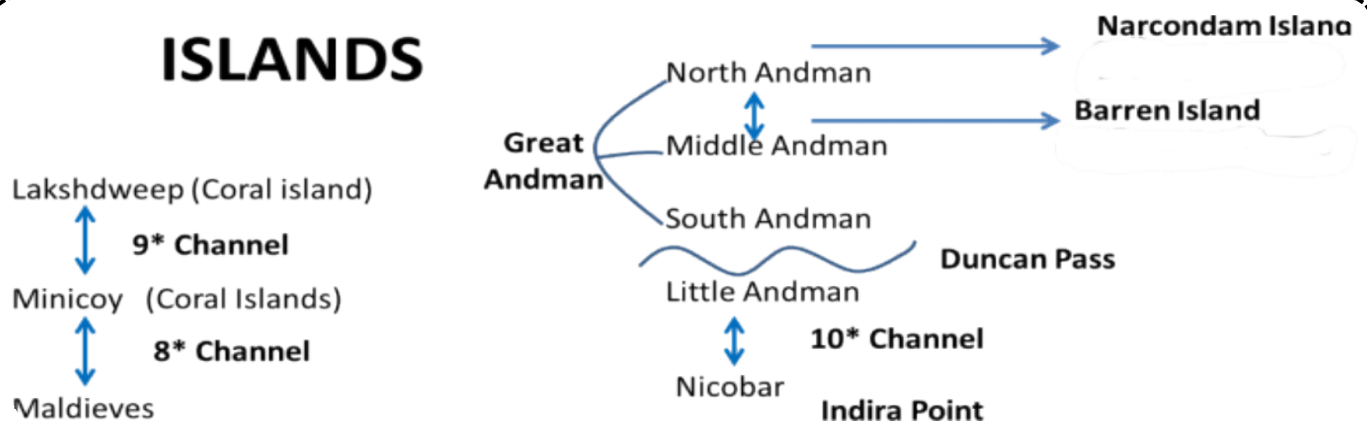
- ✓ **Majuli Island**, located on river Brahmaputra in Assam, is the **largest riverine island in the world**.
- ✓ **New Moore Island**, located in the Ganga-Brahmaputra delta region, is a disputed island between India and Bangladesh.
- ✓ **Sagar Island & Holiday Island** are both located in the Ganga-Brahmaputra delta in West Bengal; former is a pilgrimage site and later is a wildlife refuge on the Malta river.
- ✓ **Abdul Kalam/Wheeler Island**, off the Odisha coast, is India's most advanced missile testing facility.
- ✓ **Sriharikota Island** is located in Andhra Pradesh, between Pulicat Lake and the Bay of Bengal. It houses one of ISRO's satellite launch facilities – Satish Dhawan Space Centre.
- ✓ **Pamban Island** is located in the Gulf of Mannar, between Sri Lanka and India. Rameswaram Island is another name for it.

- ✓ **Diu Island**, an off-shore island off the Gulf of Cambay, is known for Nagoa beach and Portuguese forts.
- ✓ **Other Islands to Note**
 - **West Coast Islands** → Piram, Bhaisala (*Kathiawar*); Diu, Vaida, Nora, Pirtan, Karunbhar (*Kachchh coast*); Khadiahet, Aliabet (*Narmada-Tapi mouths*); Butchers, Elephanta, Karanja, Cross (*near Mumbai*); Bhatkal, Pegioncock, St. Mary (*Mangalore coast*), Vypin, Wellington (*near Kochi*)
 - **East Coast Islands** → Pamban, Crocodile, Adunda (*Gulf of Mannar*); Sri Harikota (*mouth of Pulicat Lake*); Pairkud (*mouth of Chilka Lake*); Short, Wheeler (*Mahanadi-Brahmani mouth*); and New Moore, and Ganga-Sagar and Sagar (*Ganga Delta*).

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS



ISLANDS



DID YOU KNOW ?

- ✓ Andaman & Nicobar archipelago is composed of around **265 big and small islands** [203 Andaman islands + 62 Nicobar Islands] – grouped as Great Andaman, Little Andaman, Ritchie Archipelago and East Volcano Islands.
- ✓ The **Great Andaman** islands are divided into seven major islands i.e. **North, Interview, Middle, Long, Baratang, South & Rutland**. Great Andaman (South Island) and Little Andaman are separated by the **Duncan Passage**. Little Andaman is separated from the Nicobar Islands by the **Ten Degree Channel**.
- ✓ **Port Blair**, the capital of Andaman Nicobar Islands lies in the South Andaman. The **Coco Channel** is between the North Andaman islands and the Coco Islands of Myanmar. The **Barren Island** (Active) and **Narcondam Island** (Dormant), north of Port Blair, are volcanic islands in India. **Saddle peak** (737 m) in North Andaman is the highest peak.
- ✓ Among the Nicobar islands, the Great Nicobar is the largest and the southernmost island. The Car Nicobar is the northernmost. **Grand Channel** separates Great Nicobar & Sumatra islands of Indonesia.
- ✓ **Ritchie's Archipelago** is a cluster of smaller islands which lie 20 km east of Great Andaman. **Ross** Island was renamed **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** Dweep, **Neil** Island as **Shaheed** Dweep, and the **Havelock** Island as **Swaraj** Dweep.
- ✓ Andaman and Nicobar Islands are also known as the **Emerald Islands**. It has a **tropical marine climate**. Sate animal is **Dugong**. Andaman islands are home to the only known palaeolithic people, the **Sentinelese**.

LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS

- ✓ Lakshadweep Islands situated in the Arabian Sea is a group of **36 islands** having an area of 32 square kilometres. These islands were earlier (till 1973) known as **Laccadive, Minicoy** and **Amindivi** Islands. Aminidivi Islands are the northern most while the Minicoy island is the southernmost.
- ✓ **Amindivi Islands** consist of 6 main islands of *Amini, Keltan, Chetlat, Kadmat, Bitra and Perumul Par*. **Laccadive Islands** consist of 5 major islands of *Androth, Kalpeni, Kavaratti, Pitti and Suheli Par*.