

Details About Little Andaman

Island code = INAN692

Pin code of little Andaman = 744207

Literacy Rate of little Andaman = 84.4%

Name of the island = Little Andaman Island

About Little Andaman

Little Andaman Island is the southernmost island of the Andaman group in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands with an area of 707 sq.km. It is separated from Rutland Archipelago in Great Andaman by the Duncan Passage and located south west of South Brother island. Hut Bay and Dugong Creek are the two Ports in this island. Little Andaman is composed of 16 habitations and four main panchayats—Hut Bay, Netaji Nagar, Vivekanandapur, and Ramkrishnapur. The island has waterfall, beautiful beach and coconut plantation. Apart from the settlers, Tribal people such as Onges and Nicobarese live in these islands. The island has dense mixed jungle, partly covered with mangrove swamp and surrounded by edged rocks. A Lighthouse is located 14 km south by road from Hut Bay port and is situated on the Southern tip of Little Andaman Island. It is a secluded paradise known for its pristine beaches, waterfalls, and lush rainforests. It requires permits to visit, especially for forest areas. The best time to visit is during the pleasant weather from November to April, as the monsoon season (May to August) can make travel and activities challenging. The island is rich in biodiversity with dense evergreen rainforests, coastal mangroves, and rare marine life. Notable species include endemic birds such as the Nicobarese pigeon, nesting sea turtles, and exotic flora. Some areas are home to the Onge tribe, whose native zones are protected under the Protection of Aboriginal Tribes (PAT) Act and are off-limits to visitors.

Type of island = Oceanic Island

State / UT = Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Location = Bay of Bengal (This island is located south west of South Brother island) & is 88km away from Sri Vijaya Puram (capital city, South Andaman)

Geographical coordinates :-

10°41'34.80"N 92°29'16.80"E

Area = 707 sq.km

Revenue Villages of Little Andaman : There are total 5 major revenue villages in little Andaman, which are Netaji Nagar, Rabindra Nagar, Vivekananda Puram, Ram Krishna Pur, Hut Bay.

Area range

Above 50 sq.km

Climate of little Andaman: The island comes under South Andaman district and situated 88 km south of Port Blair. The climate of Port Blair is categorized as 'Am', i.e. tropical monsoon climate according to the Köppen-Geiger system of climate classification. Port Blair has a tropical climate. Most months of the year are marked by significant rainfall. The annual average temperature is 26.4°C and the average annual rainfall is 3068 per year (Source: climate-data.org).

Terrain

The island is mostly flat except in the central and southern portions are undulating and hilly.

Maximum Elevation / Altitude of little andaman

Maximum elevation is 183 m (600ft)

Soil type

Alluvial soil, Sandy soil, Valley soil and Hilly soil

Fresh water sources

Ground water, springs, dam, well, rainwater harvesting & ponds water.

Hydrology

The presence of Iron (Fe) content in groundwater is more than the permissible limit and found to occur in pockets. Brackishness in dug wells were reported close to the coastal tracts of the island. The quality of ground water throughout the A & N Islands is neutral to alkaline (Source: CGWB report, Kolkata, 2013).

Population of little andaman

- Total population is approximately 18,823 people. Includes nearly 9,964 males and 8,859 females. Rural population is about 18,823 people.
- There are around 2,096 children aged 0 to 6 years. This includes approximately 1,047 boys and 1,049 girls.

- Literate population is about 13,916 people. Non-literate population is around 4,907 people.
- There are nearly 5,093 households.

Language spoken in little andaman

Ranchi, Bengali, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam

Religion in little andaman

Hinduism, Christianity, Islam

Ethnic groups of little Andaman: Onges and Nicobarese tribes

About tribes of little Andaman : Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Island are experts in navigation skills such as recognition techniques of different kinds of waves, tides, currents, winds, depths measuring, direction finding using stars, cyclone prediction, navigational techniques in lagoon and open sea, fishing etc. They are expertise in making handicrafts such as bow, arrow and spears, wooden buckets and chest guards. They use medicinal plants for curing multiple ailments such as intestinal disorders, malarial fever, asthma, cough, cancerous blisters, arthritis and allergic ailments.

Coastline / Shoreline of little andaman : 132 km

Tidal amplitude at little Andaman: 60 -80 cm (Diglipur station)

Distance to nearest Port / Jetty / Harbour from Little Andaman:-

Sri Vijaya Puram (headquarter of A&N) is the nearest port to Little Andaman which is approximately 120 km away.

By air however, the direct distance is 88km and can be covered via helicopter service in 35-40 mins

Nearest Airport to little andaman

Veer Savarkar Airport, Port Blair

Activities

Agriculture

Paddy, vegetables, coconut, arecanut, palm plantation, pulses, and fruits

Commercial activity

Tourism, agricultural activities

Industries

Yes, around 17 Industries were registered. Wood Based -2; Agro Based -3; Others -12.

Tourism

How to reach little Andaman :-

1. By Ferry: Government-operated ferries run from Phoenix Bay Jetty or Haddo Wharf in Port Blair to Hut Bay. The journey takes 7 to 9 hours. Tickets and schedules can be accessed from the Andaman Government Shipping Service.
2. By Helicopter: Operated by the A&N Administration fly from Port Blair to Hut Bay in about 35 minutes

Tourist places

Butler Bay, Kalaphatar, Hut Bay, Harminder Bay, Christ Nallah waterfall, Oil Palm plantation, Ramakrishnapur and Rabindra Nagar Dams.

Tourism activity

Activities such as beach camping, trekking, snorkelling, scuba diving, coral watch by glass bottom boat, fish gaming, boat riding, swimming, sunbathing and turtle watching etc are most common.

Biodiversity and Conservation

Flora

Seaweed, Seagrasses, Littoral forests, arecanut, palm plantation, mangroves, coconut, and protected forests.

Fauna

Crustaceans, marine molluscs, fishes, sea birds and others

Medicinal plants

Andaman and Nicobar Islands are considered to be a hot spot of biodiversity of medicinal plants. There are 2500 angiospermic species of which 223 are endemic. Out of 2500 angiospermic species distributed across the island territory, the aboriginals, viz. Nicobarese, Shompen, Jarawas, Sentinels, Ongese and Great Andamanese use 52 species as medicaments. The family consisting of largest number of endemic species is Rubiaceae with 41 species followed by Euphorbiaceae and Orchidaceae with 34 and 24 taxa, respectively. *Ixora* of Rubiaceae is the largest genus with 12 species endemic to the islands. Out of 301 taxa, 251 are species, 7 are subspecies and 43 are varieties. Further, 62 species, 2 subspecies and 9 varieties are found to be endemic to both Andaman and Nicobar Islands, 135 species, 5 subspecies and 2 varieties are endemic to Andaman only and 54 species and 12 varieties are endemic to Nicobars only (Rao Vasudeva, 1986; Das et al., 2006).

Endangered species

Predominantly social forestry vegetation, mangrove and other flora

Flagship species

Fauna: Sea water crocodile, Dugong, dolphins and whales, sea turtles, shark species, sea cucumbers, Trochus, Giant Clam Shells. Flora: Arecaceae (family)- *Bentinckia nicobarica* Orchidaceae (family) - *Dendrobium tenuicaule* *Eulophia nicobarica* *Phalaenopsis speciosa* *Taeniophyllum andamanicum* Rubiaceae (family) - *Wendlandia andamanica* Viscaceae (family) - *Ginallia andamanica*

Sanctuary

Yes, mangrove, coral reefs, turtle nesting site

Hazards

Natural hazards

Cyclone and Tsunami

Seismic sensitivity

As per the seismic zone map of India, Andaman & Nicobar is assigned the highest earthquake hazard, zone V. (Source: NDMA, 2016)

High Flood Line (HFL) / Tsunami

This island was severely affected by the tsunami in 2004. Nearly around 56 people died in the event. At Hutbay, the maximum run-up height and inundation during the event was

reported 5 m and 1200 m respectively. From the wind hazard map of India, the islands of ANI come under the Moderate Damage Risk Zone-A ($V_b=44\text{m/s}$) for wind vulnerability. According to the cyclone hazard map of India, the maximum sustained wind for ANI is 64-90 (Knots) and in the hazard proneness category these islands come under the Moderate risk zone (Mohapatra et al., 2012).

Environmental Issues

Environment-current issues

Sand mining, destruction of forest by human activities, reduction of coral reef due to tsunami.

Common questions :-

Question: how many buses in little andaman?

There are 15 buses in Little Andaman.

Question: Is Doordarshan Relay Center in little Andaman?

The Doordarshan Relay Center in rebroadcasts national and regional television signals, ensuring reliable access to public broadcasting services across Little Andaman.

Question: How many fitness centres in little Andaman are there?

Answer: There is 1 fitness centre in Little Andaman.

Question: How many commercial vehicles in little Andaman are there?

Answer: There are 256 commercial vehicles in Little Andaman.

Question: How many transport offices in little Andaman are there?

Answer: There is 1 transport office in Little Andaman.

Question: How many bus terminus in little Andaman are there?

Answer: There is 1 bus terminus in Little Andaman.

Question: How many bus stops in little Andaman are there?

Answer: There are 27 bus stops in Little Andaman.

Question: How many schools in little Andaman are there?

Answer: There are 15 schools in Little Andaman.

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Number of Fitness centre in little Andaman :- 1

Number of Commercial vehicle in little Andaman :- 256

Number of Transport Office in little Andaman :- 1

Number of Manpower in little Andaman :- 35

Number of Bus Terminus in little Andaman :- 1

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of schools in little andaman :- 15

Number of fire Stations in little andaman :1

