

GREAT NICOBAR

A CONTEMPORARY CONSERVATION TIMELINE



Tracks of a leatherback turtle, Galathea Bay WLS

Great Nicobar Island has been home to rich biodiversity and indigenous communities for over 1000s of years. Hosting one Biosphere Reserve, two National Parks, and rich coastal and marine diversity, this island is of high conservation importance. This interactive timeline traces the contemporary conservation history of this unique island - click on each item to learn more.

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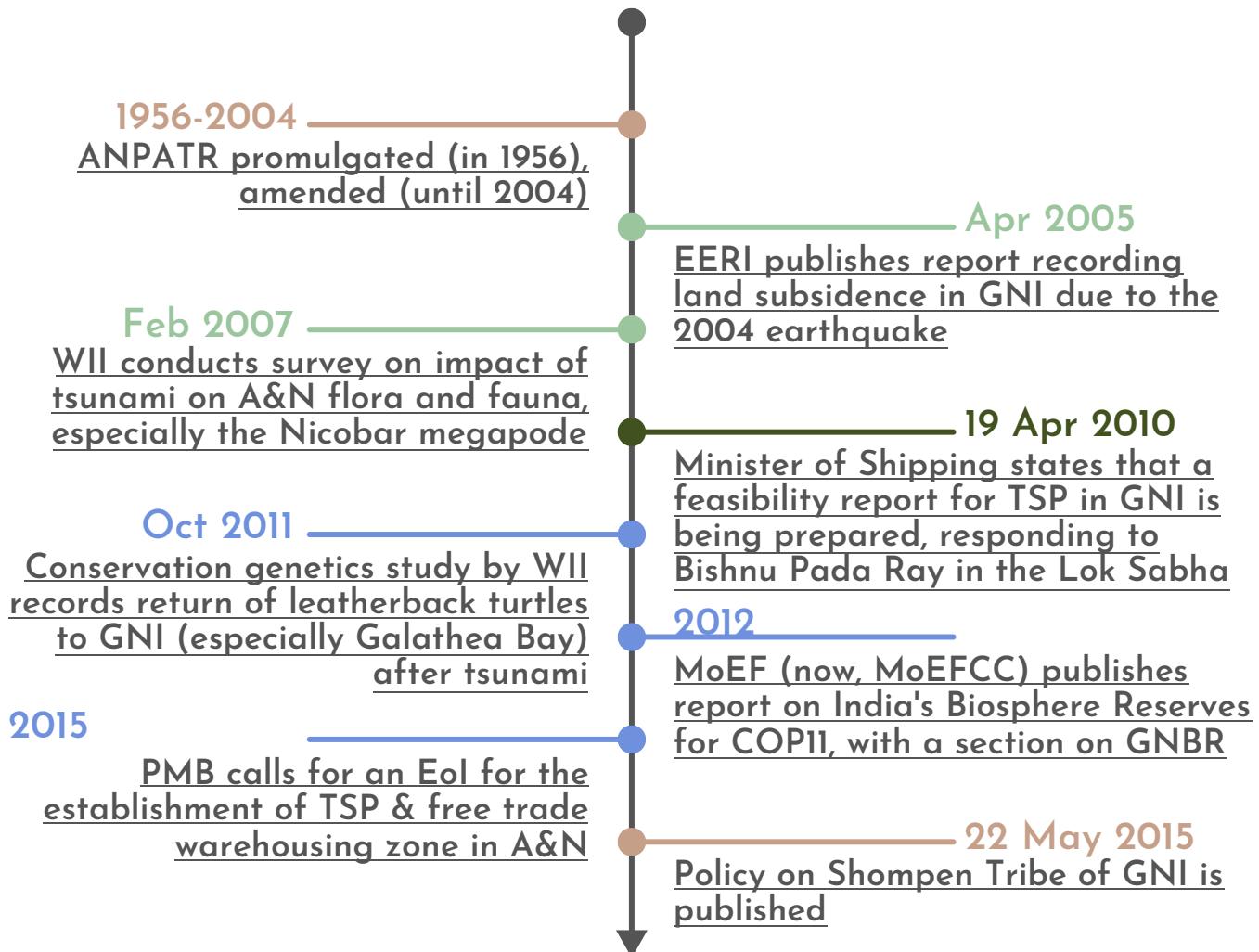
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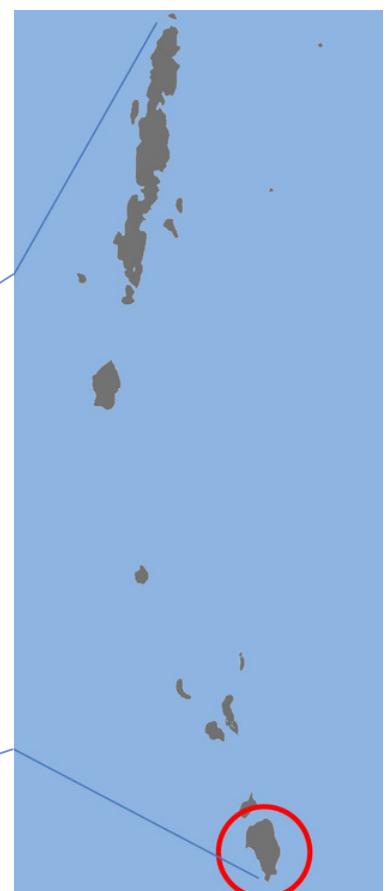
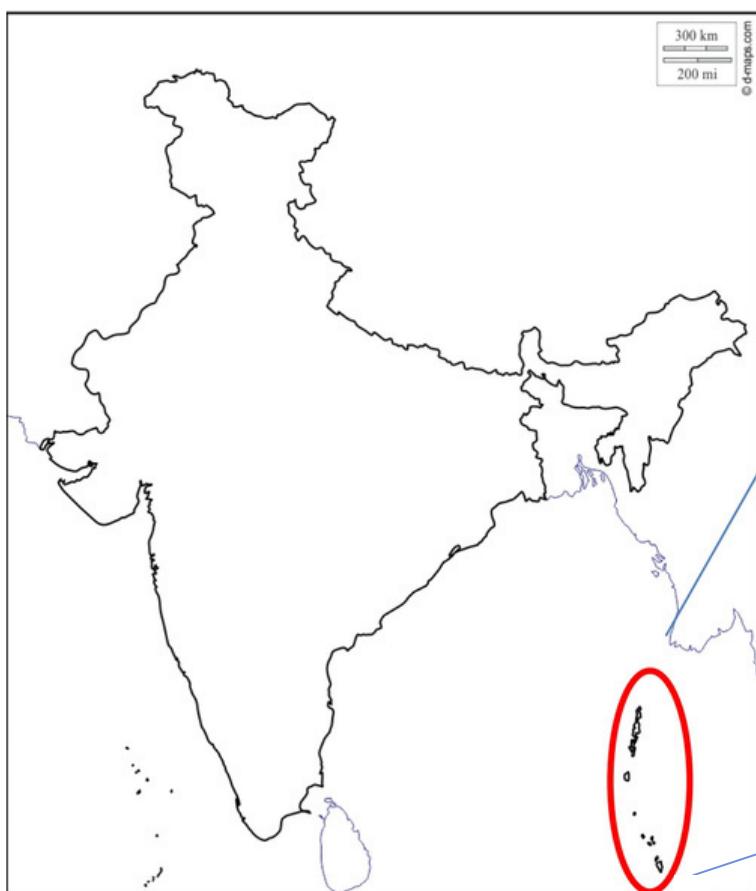
- █ Gazette notifications, notices, policies / action plans
- █ Technical reports, tenders, vision documents
- █ Independent scientific reports and articles
- █ Minutes of meeting, meeting notices
- █ News articles/ videos
- █ Representations from civilians, experts, and parliamentarians
- █ Documents for project clearance
- █ RTI responses
- █ Legal documents, committee orders

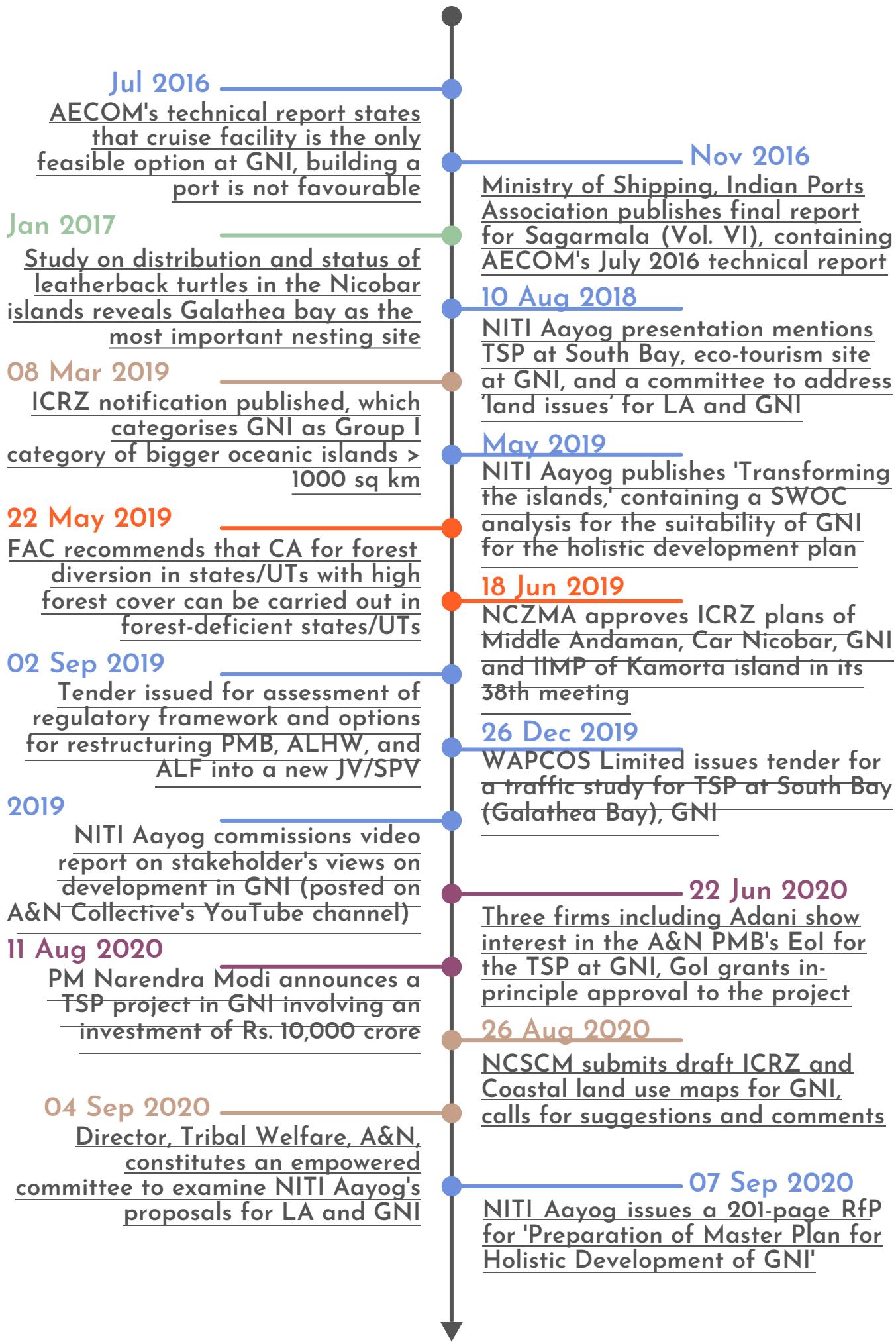
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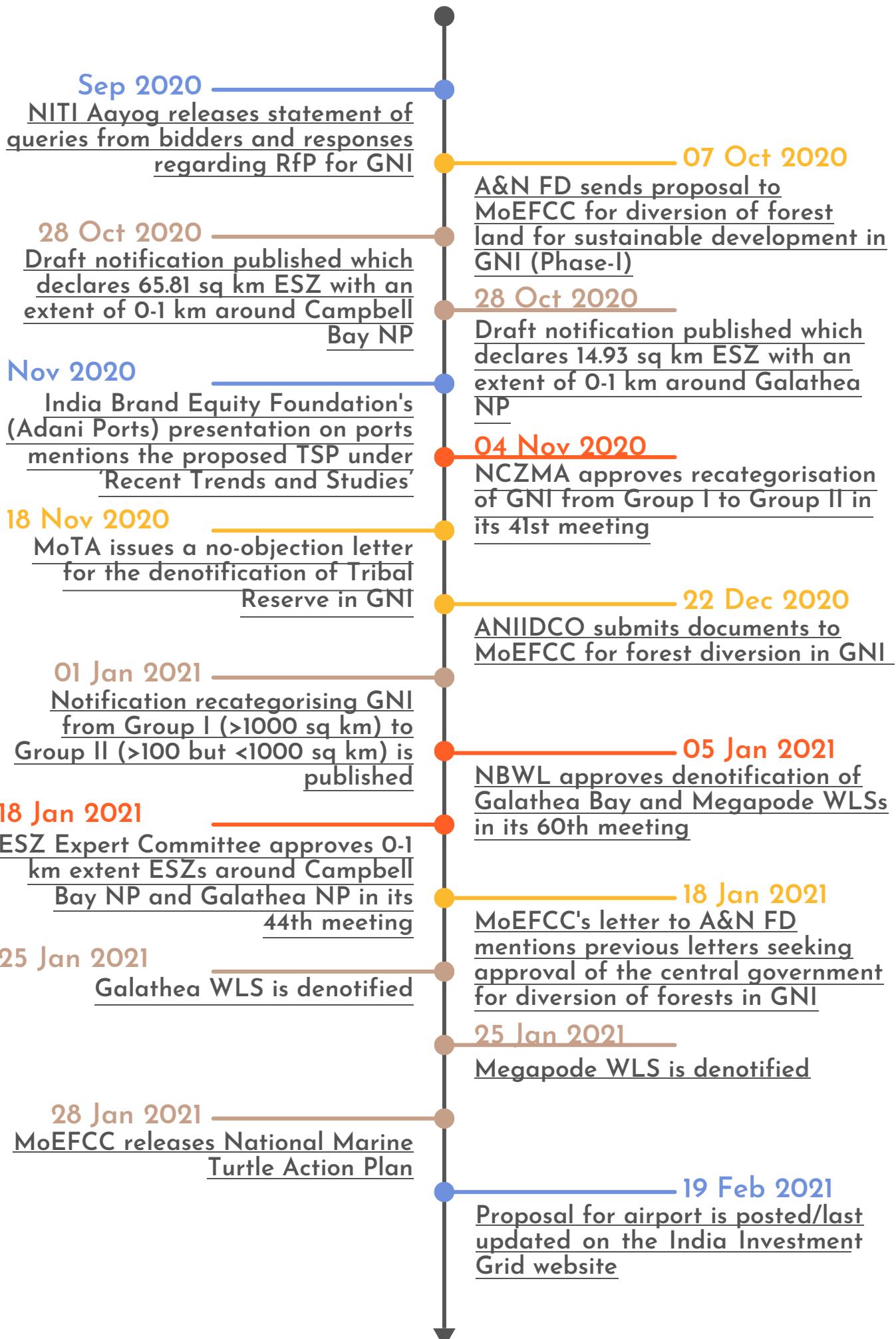
AAI:Airports Authority of India	IIMP:Integrated Island Management Plan
AAJVS:Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti	IPZ:Island Protection Zone Notification
AC:Assistant Commissioner	ISRO:Indian Space Research Organisation
ACF:Assistant Conservator of Forest	JV:Joint venture
ALF:Andaman Labour Force	LA:Little Andaman
ALHW:Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works	MHA:Ministry of Home Affairs
ANPATR:Andaman and Nicobar (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956	MoEF:Ministry of Environment and Forests
ANPCC:Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Committee	MoEFCC:Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change
ANIIDCO:Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited	MoTA:Ministry of Tribal Affairs
A&N:Andaman and Nicobar Islands	MP:Member of Parliament
CA:Compensatory Afforestation	NCSCM:National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management
CERD:Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	NCST:National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
CM:Chief Minister	NCZMA:National Coastal Zone Management Authority
COP11:11th Conference of the Parties	NGT:National Green Tribunal
CRZ:Coastal Regulation Zone	NOC>No Objection Certificate
DLC:District Level Committee	NP:National Park
DPR:Detailed Project Report	PA:Protected Area
EAC:Expert Appraisal Committee	PfR:Pre-feasibility Report
EERI:Earthquake Engineering Research Institute	PM:Prime Minister
EIA:Environmental Impact Assessment	PMB:Port Management Board
EoI:Expression of Interest	PVTG:Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group
ESZ:Eco-Sensitive Zone	RfP:Request for Proposals
FAC:Forest Advisory Committee	RTI:Right To Information
FD:Forest Department	SDLC:Sub-Divisional Level Committee
FRA:The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	SLMC:State Level Monitoring Committee
GNBR:Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve	SPV:Special Purpose Vehicle
GANI:Great Nicobar Island	ToR:Terms of Reference
Goi:Government of India	TSP:Transshipment port
IAS:Indian Administrative Service	UN:United Nations
ICRZ:Island Coastal Zone Regulation	WII:Wildlife Institute of India
ICTT:International Container Transshipment Terminal	WLS:Wildlife Sanctuary
	ZSI:Zoological Survey of India



Location of GNI in India (source: AECOM, 2021)

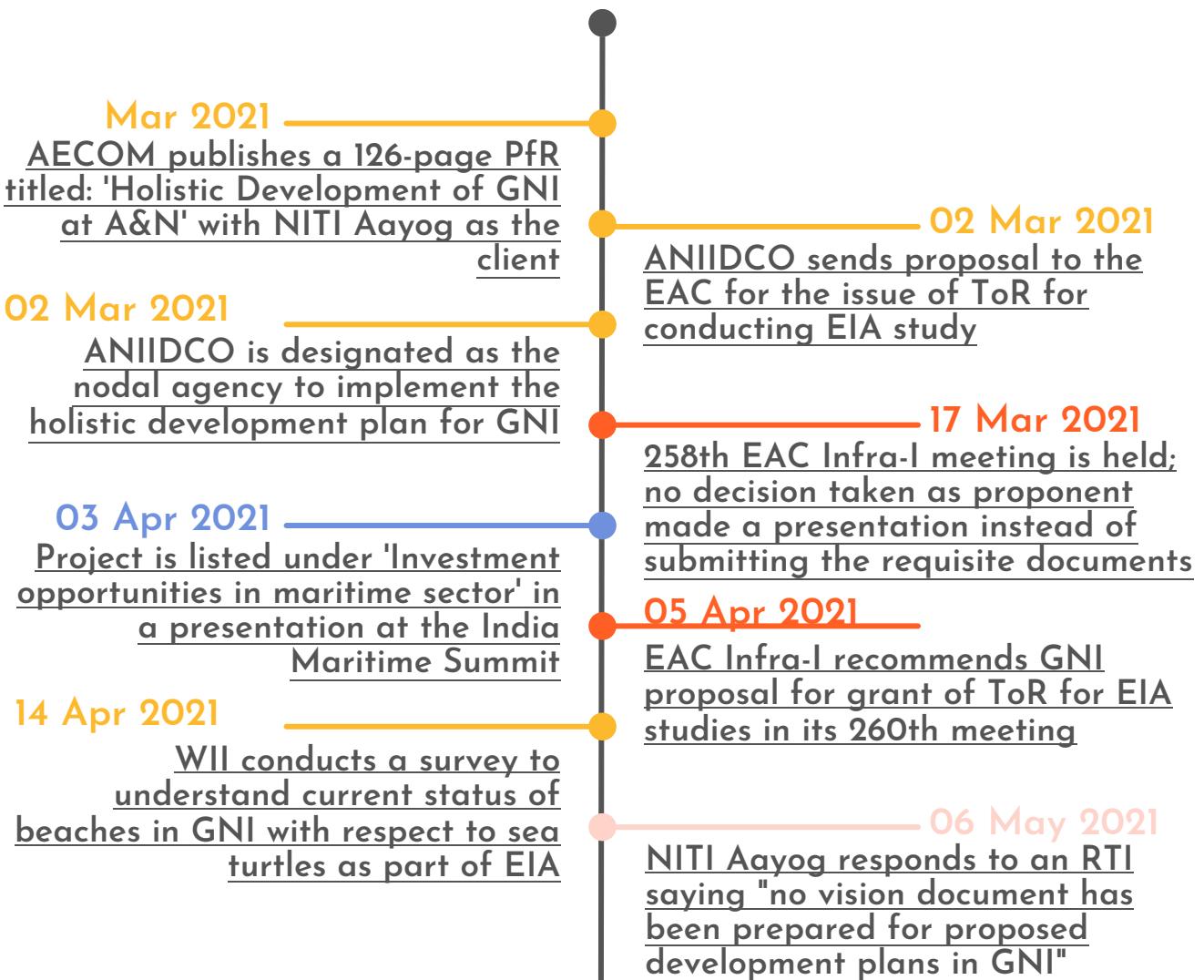


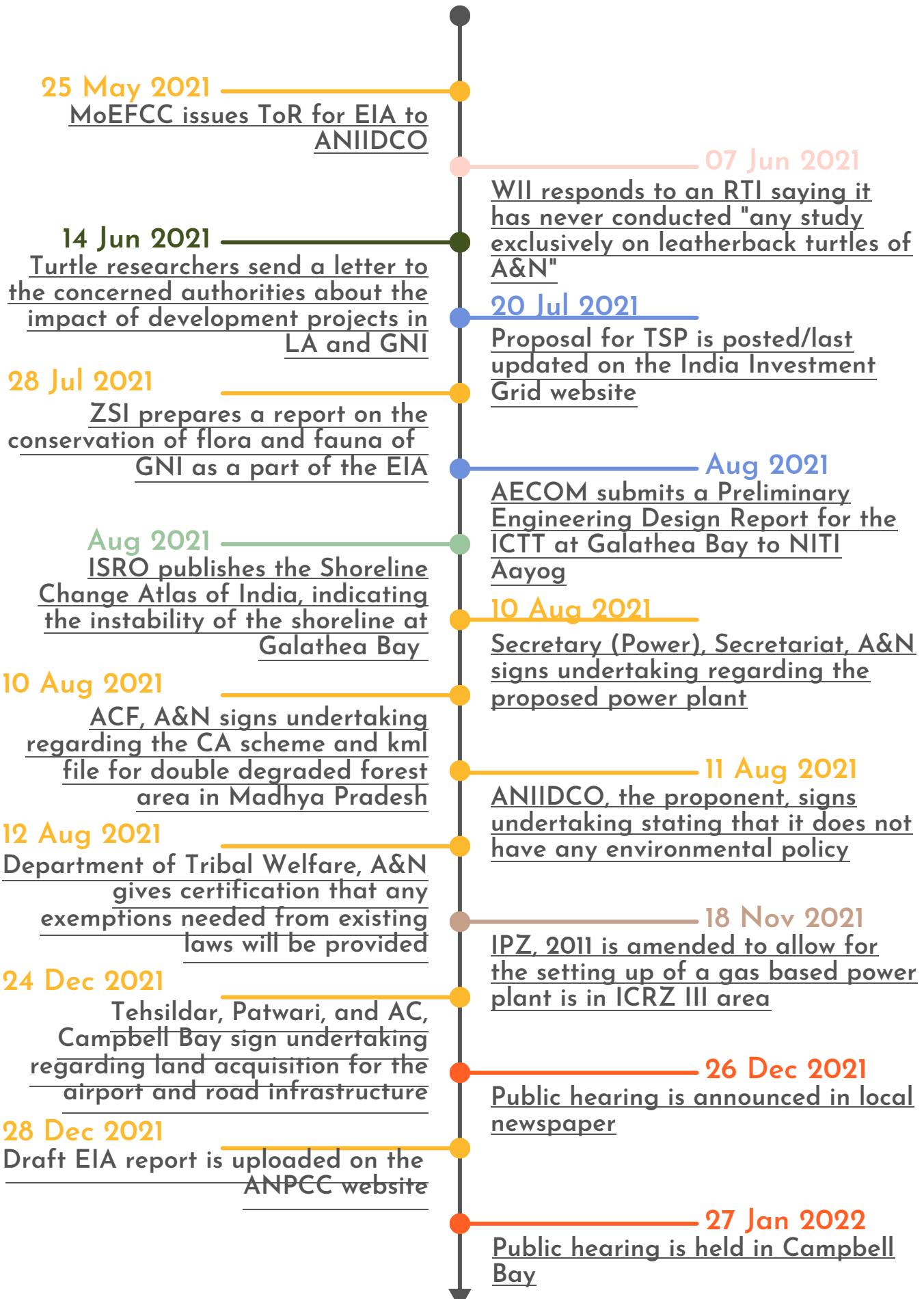




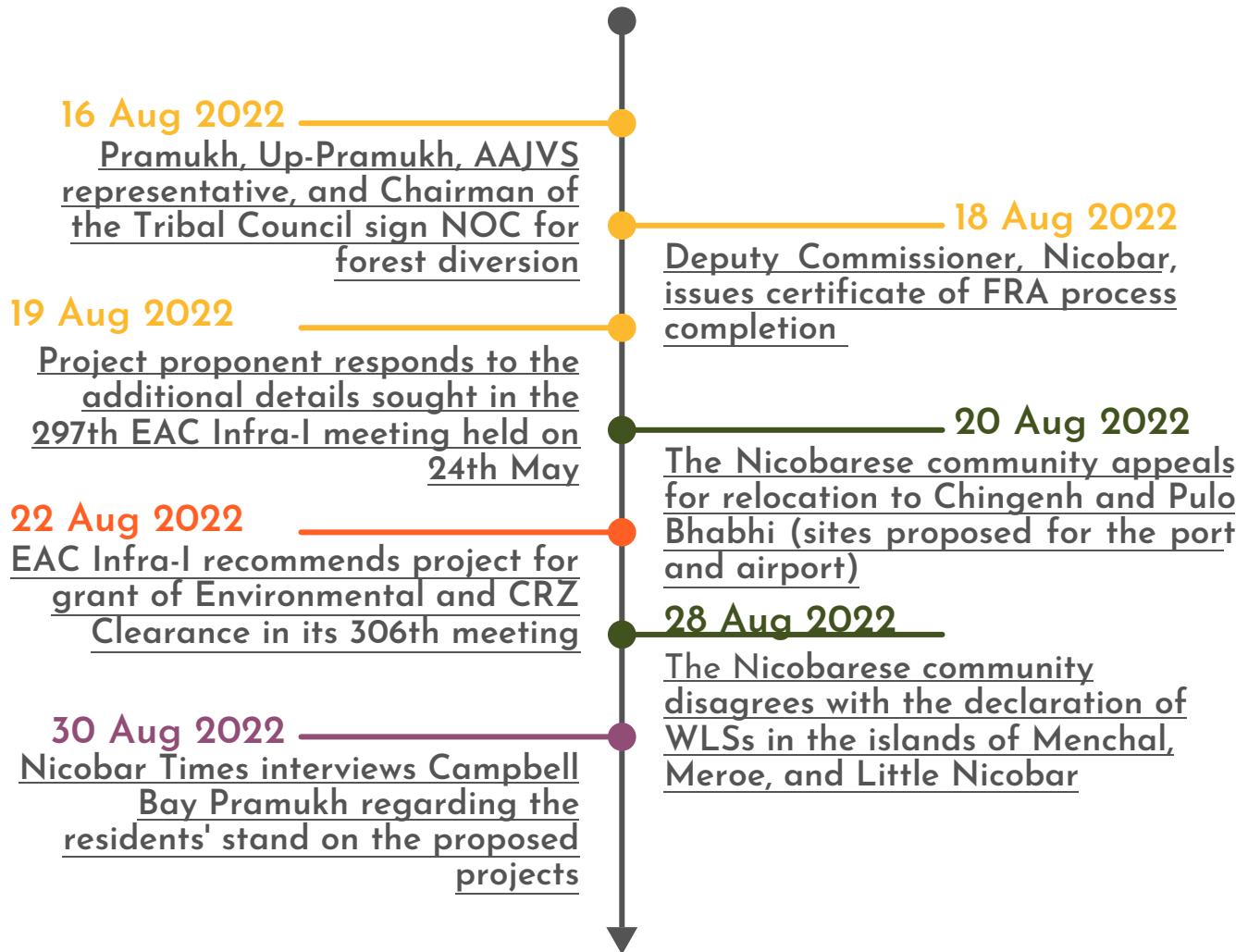


Fiddler Crab, Campbell Bay



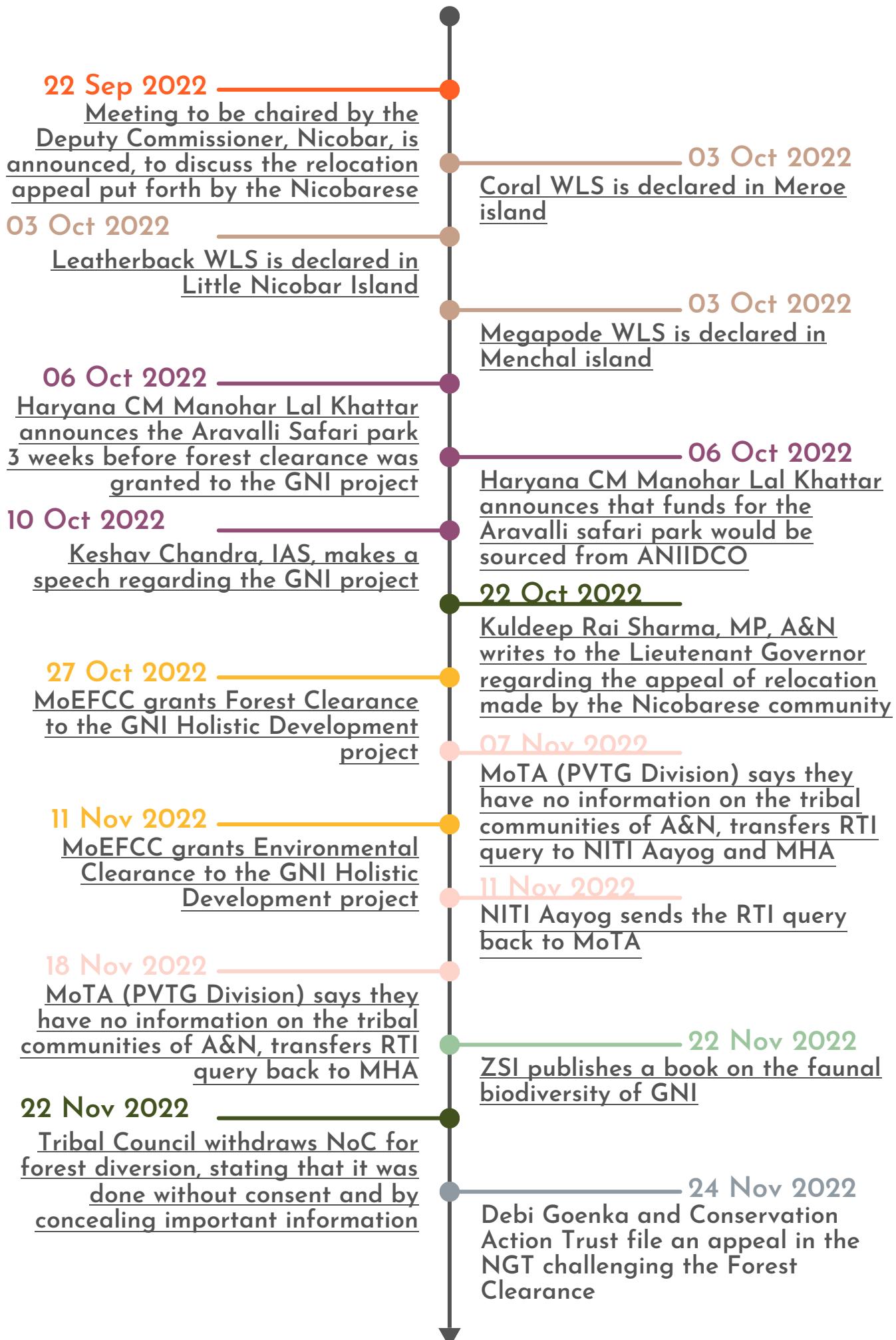


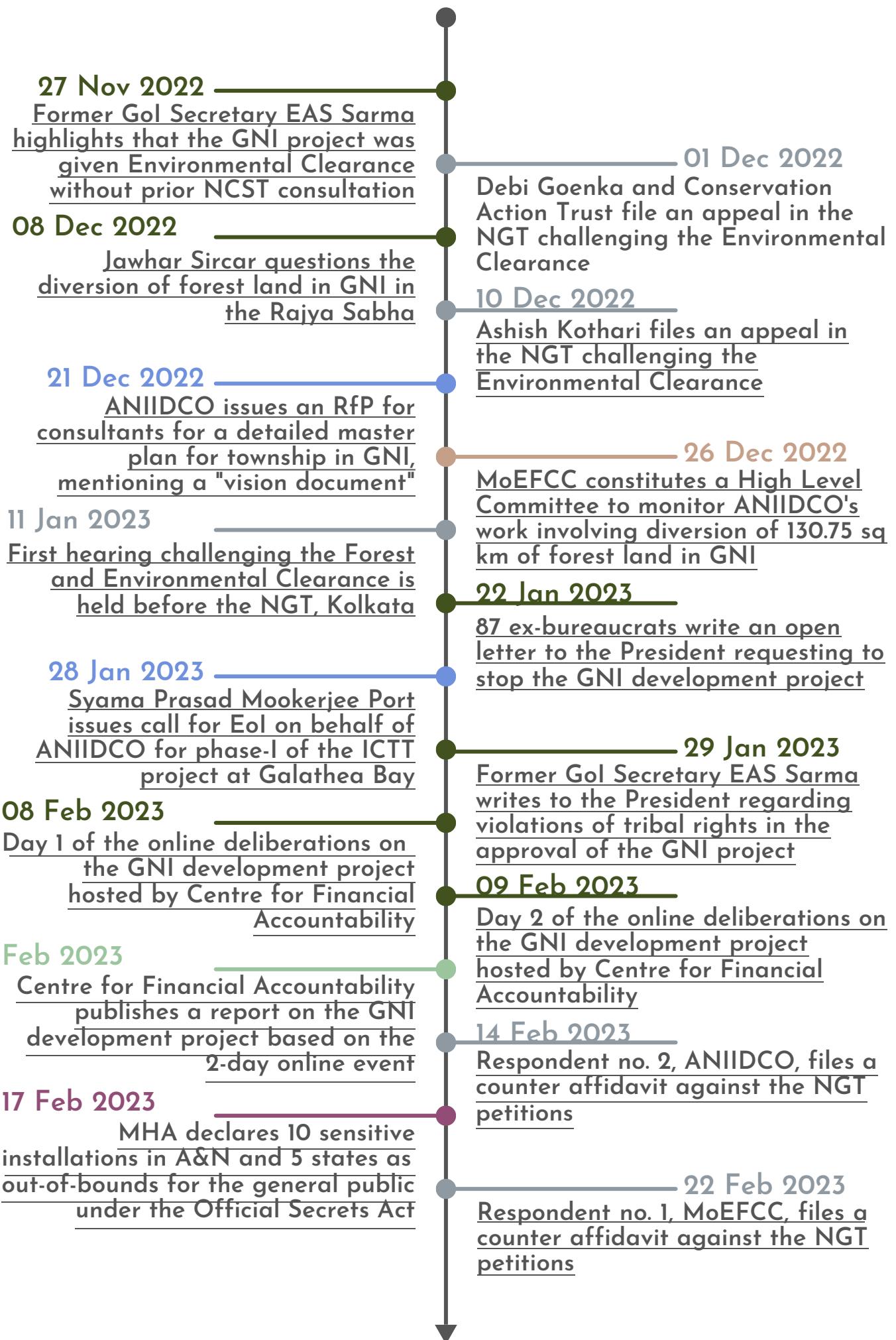




Working on the coastal road just outside Campbell Bay in 2006. It was washed out by the December 2004 earthquake and tsunami

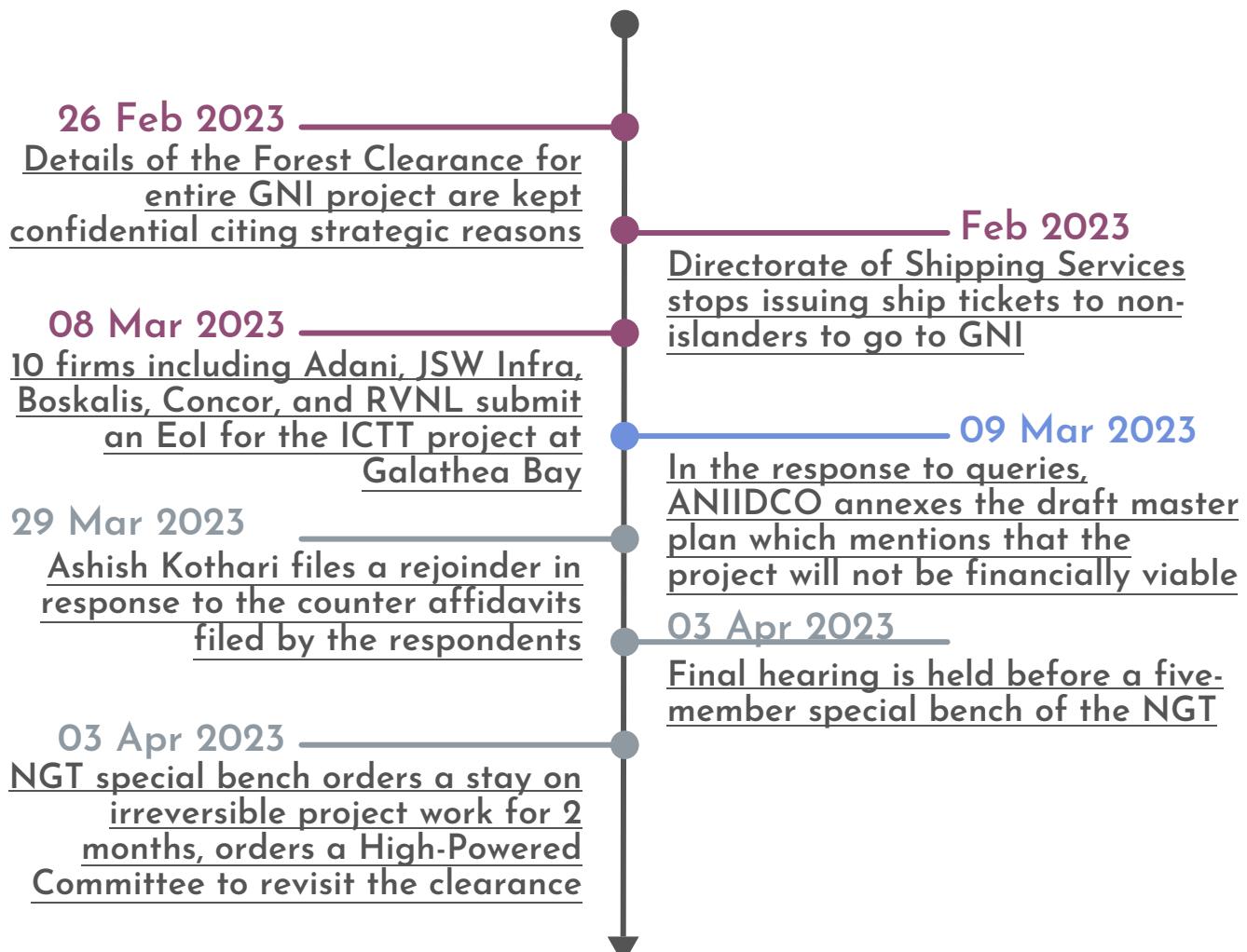








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08 Apr 2023	Former Gol Secretary EAS Sarma writes to the NCST again, asking for intervention in the GNI development project	14 Apr 2023	Former Gol Secretary EAS Sarma writes to the President again regarding the legal lacunae in GNI development project
02 May 2023	70 Ex-bureaucrats request the NCST to look into the threats posed by the GNI project to the Shompen and the Nicobarese	02 May 2023	NCST orders A&N administration to respond to violations of the FRA in Forest Clearance and forest diversion for the GNI project
03 May 2023	Ashish Kothari files an appeal to review the NGT order	12 May 2023	The NGT disposes of the appeal to review the order
12 May 2023	ANIIDCO responds to NCST order, dismissing petitioner EAS Sarma's contentions as unfounded and misleading	21 May 2023	Non-islanders continue to be denied ship tickets for GNI two months after the "unofficial rule" was first exercised

Large parts of Campbell Bay, on the eastern coast of GNI, submerged in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami of December 2004





ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

A Monumental Folly -

NITI Aayog's Development Plans for GNI
(A report by Kalpvriksh, December 2021)

Nicobar Nightmare

(Frontline Cover Package, 27 January 2023)

The Great Nicobar -
Mega Threats to Climate, Biodiversity and People

(Sanctuary Special Issue, April 2023)

Questions about Great Nicobar Island and the project
raised in the Parliament

MAPS:

Land details within proposed project area

(as per Draft Master Plan report, Holistic Development of GNI by
AECOM, August 2021)

Proposed land use plan for GNI

(as per Draft Master Plan report, Holistic Development of GNI by
AECOM, August 2021)