



## Galathea Bay

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The mega [International Container Transshipment Port \(ICTP\)](#) at Galathea Bay, located on [Great Nicobar Island](#) in the **Bay of Bengal**, has been officially designated as the **13th major port in India**. **Kamarajar Port** located on the **Coromandel Coast (Chennai)** was named the country's **12th major port**.

- **About ICTP at Galathea Bay:**
  - **Strategic Location:** The ICTP is along the **East-West international trade and shipping route**, close to key transshipment hubs such as **Singapore, Klang, and Colombo**. This location enhances its **importance within global trade networks**.
    - Located **just 40 nautical miles from the Malacca Strait**, a key shipping route **handling 35% of global sea trade**, the port has strong potential as a major transshipment hub for cargo from India's east coast, Bangladesh, and Myanmar.
  - **Economic Advantage:** Currently, nearly **75% of India's transshipped cargo is handled at foreign ports**, the ICTP aims to **reduce this dependency**.
    - It could help Indian ports save an estimated **USD 200-220 million annually in transshipment charges**.
- **Great Nicobar Island:**
  - It is the southernmost and largest of the Nicobar Islands. [The Andaman and Nicobar Islands](#) consist of 836 islands, divided into two groups: the northern Andaman Islands and the southern Nicobar Islands, **separated by the 10° Channel**.



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