

Indira Point

The Indira Point was made open to the public on April 30, 1972. The history of this southernmost point of India is marked by a tragic incident where 16 to 20 families living near the lighthouse and 4 scientists researching leatherback sea turtles were lost after an earthquake hit the region, followed by a tsunami.

In 2004, an earthquake hit the Indian Ocean, and the southernmost tip of India (Indira point), located 500 kilometers north of the epicenter, sank 4.25 meters into the water.

Interesting Facts about Indira Point

Indira point is not only the south of the Great Nicobar Islands but the southernmost point of the Indian territory. Here, it is important to note that the southernmost point of the Indian mainland is Kanyakumari which is located at the Sangam of the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, and the Indian Ocean. But when it comes to the territory that comes under the Union of India, the Indira point is the southernmost point of India. Check out some interesting facts about Indira point listed below:

- Previously, it was known as the Pygmalion Point.
- It lies in Campbell bay on Great Nicobar Island and is only 150 km away from Sumatra, Indonesia.
- It is named Indira Point after former PM Indira Gandhi visited the lighthouse in 1984. On 10 October 1985, the official name-changing ceremony took place.
- The Indira Point got submerged in water by 4.25 meters during the 2004 tsunami. But gradually, the point rises again to its actual height.
- This southernmost point of India is located on the Great Nicobar Island, with a significant population of green turtles, leatherbacks, and hawksbills.
- The famous lighthouse was on high ground before the tsunami, but now it is underwater by 3-4 meters.
- At present, the local administration is trying to connect the Campbell Bay Area with Indira Point, the Southernmost tip of Indian Territory.

Other crucial details about the Indira point are presented in the following table:

Criteria	Details
Located in	Great Nicobar Tehsil, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
Submerged in water in	2004
Indira Point Latitude	6°45'38" N
Longitude	93°48'85" E
Other Names	Pygmalion Point Parsons Point

Southernmost Point of India

Kanyakumari, located in Tamil Nadu state, is the southmost point of the Indian mainland. But if the entire Indian territory is considered, then the Indira point, located in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, is the southernmost point of India.

- Parsons Point and Pygmalion Point were the other names of this point.
- After Indira Gandhi visited this place in 1984, it was renamed Indira Point through an official ceremony on 10 October 1985.
- Lighthouse and Galathea National Park are two major attractions of this place.
- As per the 2011 census, there are only 4 households left on Indira Point, and the literacy rate of the population over 6 years of age is 85.19%.

Indira Point on Map

Indira point on India Map can be identified as the southernmost tip of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The latitude of this place is $6^{\circ}45'38''$ N, while the longitude is $93^{\circ}48'85''$ E. Look at the following map to locate Indira Point:

