



## Andaman and Nicobar Island

- \* **Capital:** Port Blair
- \* **Date of formation:** November 1, 1956
- \* **Languages:** Hindi, Nicobarese, Bengali, Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu
- \* **Size:** 8,249 sq km
- \* **Population:** 3,79,944
- \* **Sex Ratio:** 876 F/1000 M
- \* **Literacy:** 86.27%
- \* **Density:** 46 per sq km
- \* **Major crops:** Paddy, Coconuts, Nuts, Banana, Mango
- \* **Minerals:** Iron ore
- \* **Highest Peak:** Saddle Peak (732m)
- \* **Fairs and festivals:** Beach festival, Music/Monsoon festival, Food festival, Andaman and Nicobar Tourism festival, ethnic tribal festivals, Island tourism festival, Block mela, Vivekananda mela
- \* **Museum:** Anthropological Museum, Port Blair
- \* **Cuisine:** Sea food
- \* **State animal:** *Dugong* (sea cow)
- \* **State bird:** *Andaman wood pigeon*
- \* **State tree:** *Andaman Padauk*
- \* **Tourist attractions:** Cellular Jail, Ross Island, Havelock Island, Marine Museum

### Factoids:

- \* Denmark's presence in the Nicobar islands ended in 1868 when it sold the rights to the Nicobar Islands to Britain, which in 1869 made them part of British India.
- \* The islands host the Andaman and Nicobar Command, the only tri-service geographical command of the Indian Armed Forces.

