

Disarm the importance of ANI islands to India.

The Shompens - one of particularly vulnerable tribal group of Nicobars casted their first vote in this election. The importance of Andaman and Nicobar islands is on the rise.

Importance

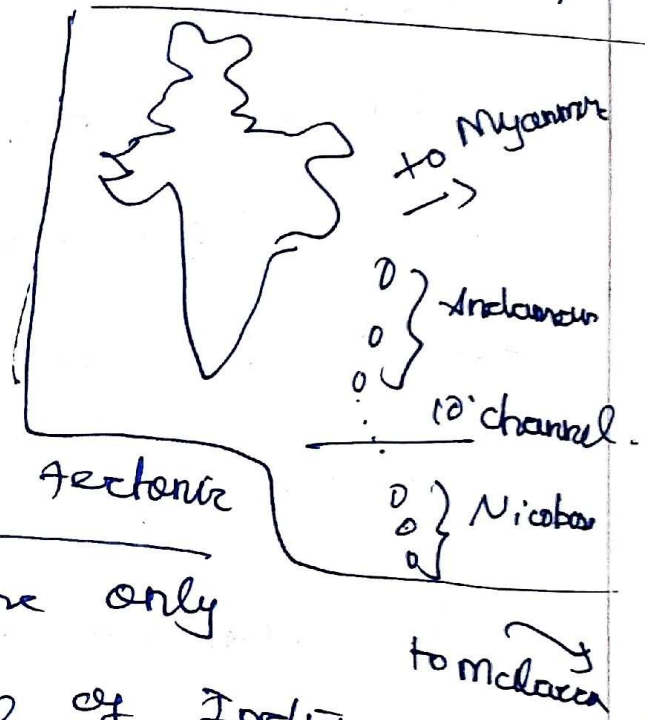
① Geographic

The islands are of tectonic origin and houses the only active Barru volcano of India.

Monitoring this volcano can give impetus regarding Tsunami - preparedness

② Strategic location

The island is located at the crossroads of the Indian ocean. It is located closer to the Malacca



Lombok, Aru, and Ika Canal. It is potential competitor to Chinese aggression in the region.

③ Biodiversity

It is one of the biodiversity hotspots and houses India's gen-pools. Species such as Nicobarese megapode, leather back turtles are of significant importance.

④ Economic

The lush rainforest, scenic beaches has been tourism potential. The rainforests yield enough resources to the tribals inhabiting it.

Andaman and Nicobar islands are of great importance to the country as they offer wide range of opportunities for India.