



# Katchatheevu Island

- Recently, **Katchatheevu Island** is situated between **Sri Lanka** and **Tamil Nadu**, due to which politics is quite heated these days.
- The PM alleged that the Congress (former PM Indira Gandhi during the Congress rule) had cut off a part of **Maa Bharati** by calling the Katchatheevu a useless island, which is very important from the security point of view between Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu,





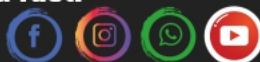
## Katchatheevu Island dispute?

- Katchatheevu Island, a green area of about 285 acres, was a part/part of India till 1976.
- Fishermen from both the countries have been fishing in each other's waters for a very long time without any dispute. The issue emerged when the two countries signed four maritime boundary agreements between 1974-76.
- In the year 1974, the then PM Indira Gandhi had signed four maritime boundary agreements with Sri Lankan President Srimavo Bandaranaike between 1974-76.



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- However, the resolution was passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 1991. In this there was a demand to take back this island.
- In 2008, the then CM Jayalalitha had filed a petition in the Supreme Court. The petition demanded that the agreement regarding Katchatheevu island be declared invalid.
- It was said in the petition that gifting Katchatheevu to Sri Lanka is unconstitutional.
- In May 2022, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin had demanded the central government to reclaim Katchatheevu island to India.





## Location of Katchatheevu Island:

- Katchatheevu is a 285-acre uninhabited place in the Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka.
- At its widest point it is no more than 1.6 km long and a little over 300 m wide.
- It is located north-east of Rameshwaram, about 33 km from the Indian coast.
- It is about 62 km south-west of Jaffna, on the northern tip of Sri Lanka, and 24 km from the inhabited Delft Island of Sri Lanka.





## History of Katchatheevu Island:

- Katchatheevu Island was formed due to a volcanic eruption in the 14th century.
- It was once under the rule of Raja Ramanad/Ramnad of Madurai in the 17th century.
- During British rule the island came under Madras Presidency.
- In 1921, both Sri Lanka and India claimed this land for fishing but the dispute remained unresolved. After independence it was considered a part of India.

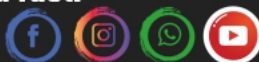


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# Miami Open 2024

- Recently, Indian tennis star **Rohan Bopanna** and his Australian partner **Matthew Ebden** won the Miami Open 2024 tennis men's doubles title at the **Hard Rock Stadium** in **Florida**.
- At the **age of 44**, **Bopanna** has become the oldest player to win the **ATP Masters 1000** title.





- In Miami Open 2024, the pair of **Bopanna** and **Ebdon** have defeated Ivan Dodik of Croatia and Austin Krajicek of US.
- Bopanna and Ebden defeated second seeds Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek 6-7 (3), 6-3, 10-6 in a thrilling match that lasted **one hour and 42 minutes in Miami.**
- This was Bopanna's **14th ATP Masters 1000 final.** This was the **63rd ATP Tour level final** and **26th doubles** title for this **experienced Indian player.**
- The pair of Bopanna and Ebden won the men's doubles title in the Australian Open 2024.





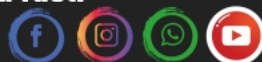
## Miami Open (tennis):

- **Established – 1985**
- The Miami Open is played on **hard courts**.
- It is held in **Miami Gardens, Florida**
- America's '**Danielle Collins**' has won the women's singles title in 2024.



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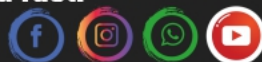
## Tennis related cups and trophies:

- Davis cup
- French Open
- Billie Jean King Cup (Fed Cup)
- Swaythling Cup (Men)
- Halfman cup
- Wimbledon open
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- Wightman cup
- Australian Open
- US Open
- Jayalakhshmi Cup (Women)



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