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CLASS – 9

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Contemporary India

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India–Size and Location

Part–2

India and The World

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OVERVIEW

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1. India
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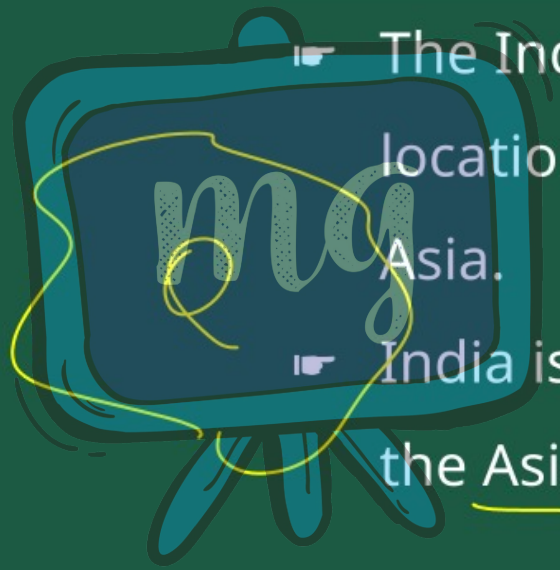
INDIA AND THE WORLD



- The Indian landmass has a central location between East and West Asia.
- India is a southward extension of the Asian continent.

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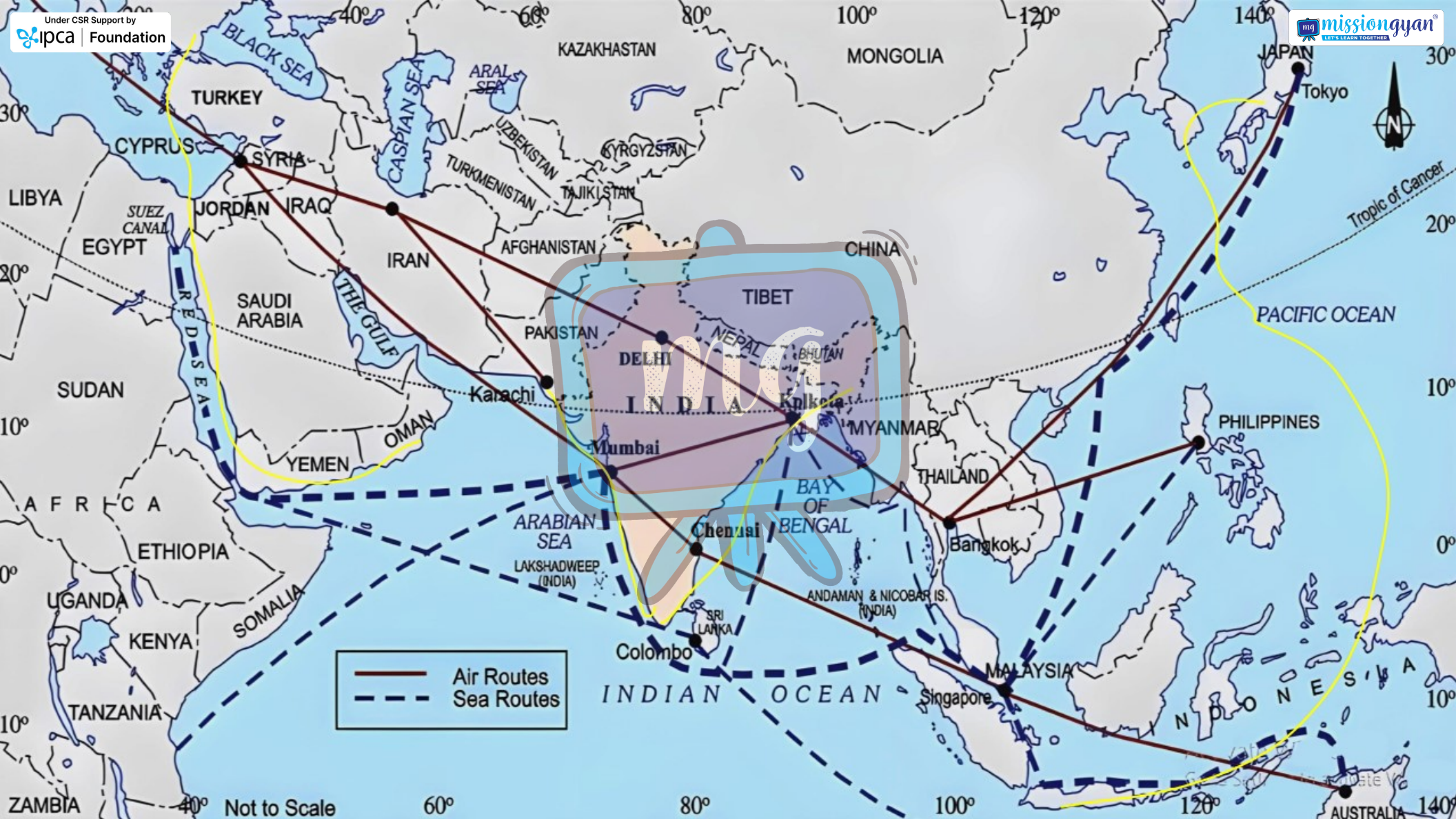

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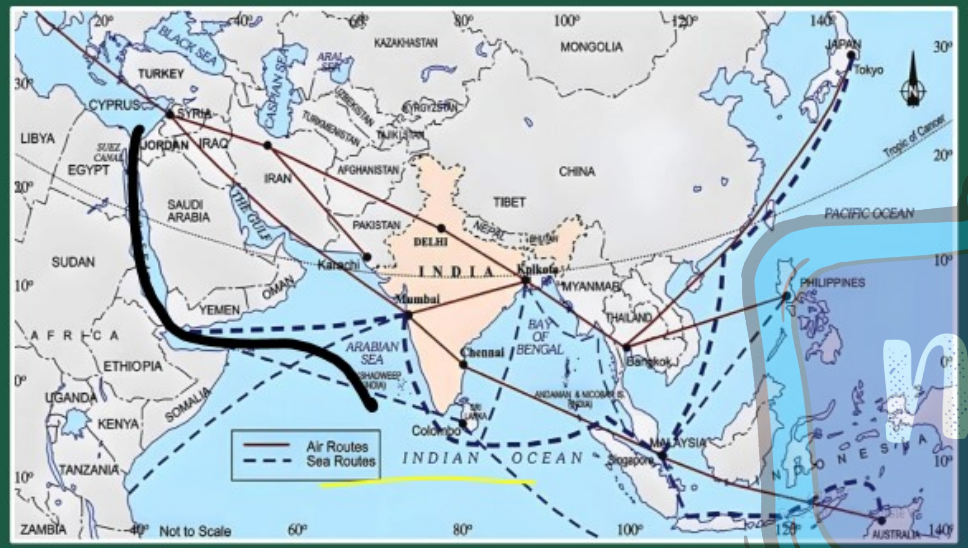

- The Trans–Indian Ocean routes connect –
  - Countries of Europe in the West
  - Countries of East Asia
- This provides a strategic central location to India.

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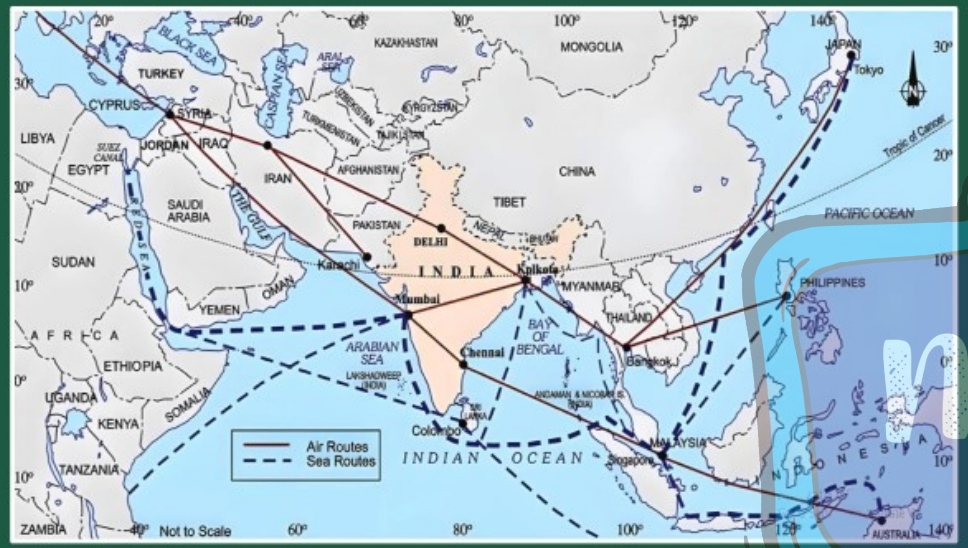

- The Deccan Peninsula protrudes into the Indian Ocean.
- This helps India establish close contact with :–
  - West Asia, Africa and Europe from the western coast.
  - Southeast and East Asia from the eastern coast.

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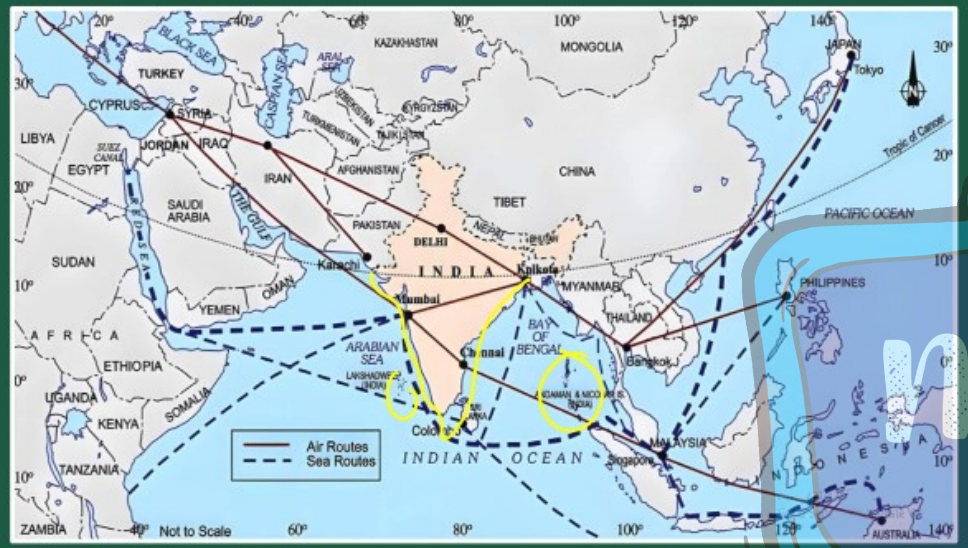

- No other country has a long coastline on the Indian Ocean as India has.
- India's eminent position in the Indian Ocean justifies the naming of the ocean after it.

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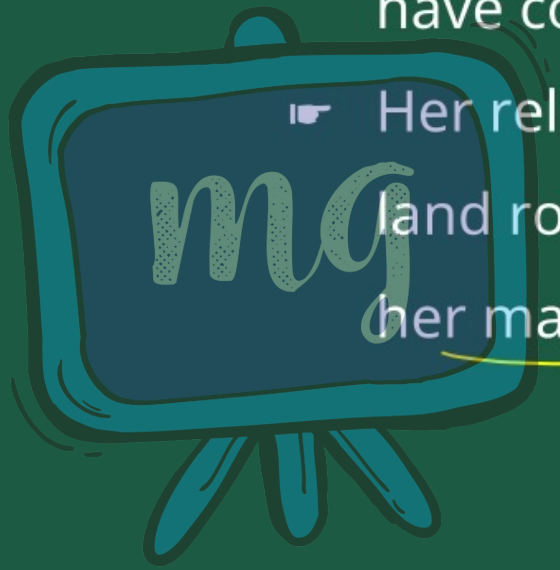
- India's contacts with the world have continued through ages.
- Her relationships through the land routes are much older than her maritime contacts.



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- Various passes across the mountains in the north provided passages to ancient travelers.
- The oceans restricted such interaction for a long time.
- These routes contributed to the exchange of ideas and commodities since ancient times.

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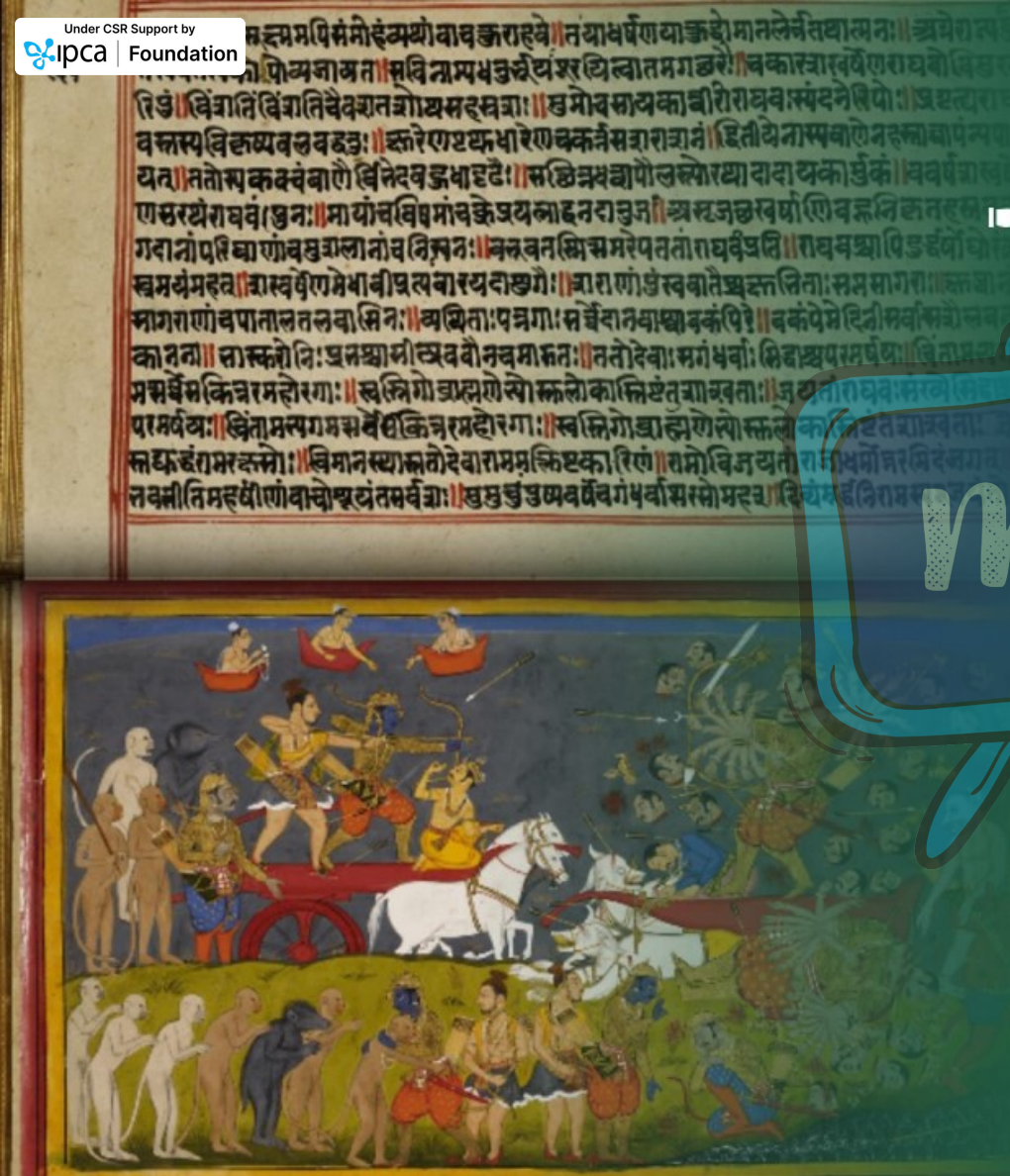

- Ideas that reached many parts of the world include :
  - Upanishads
  - Ramayana
  - Stories of Panchtantra
  - Indian numerals
  - Decimal system

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- Spices, muslin and other merchandise were taken from India to different countries.
- The influence of Greek sculpture and the architectural styles of dome and minarets from West Asia can be seen in different parts of our country.

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- India has :
  - 28 states
  - 8 Union Territories



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- India land boundaries :–
  - Northwest : Pakistan and Afghanistan
  - North : China (Tibet), Nepal, and Bhutan
  - East : Myanmar and Bangladesh

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- India's southern neighbours consist of two island countries :
  - Sri Lanka
  - Maldives



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- Sri Lanka is separated from India by a narrow channel of sea formed by :
  - Palk Strait
  - Gulf of Mannar



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- The Maldives Islands are situated to the south of the Lakshadweep Islands.
- India has had strong geographical and historical links with her neighbours.

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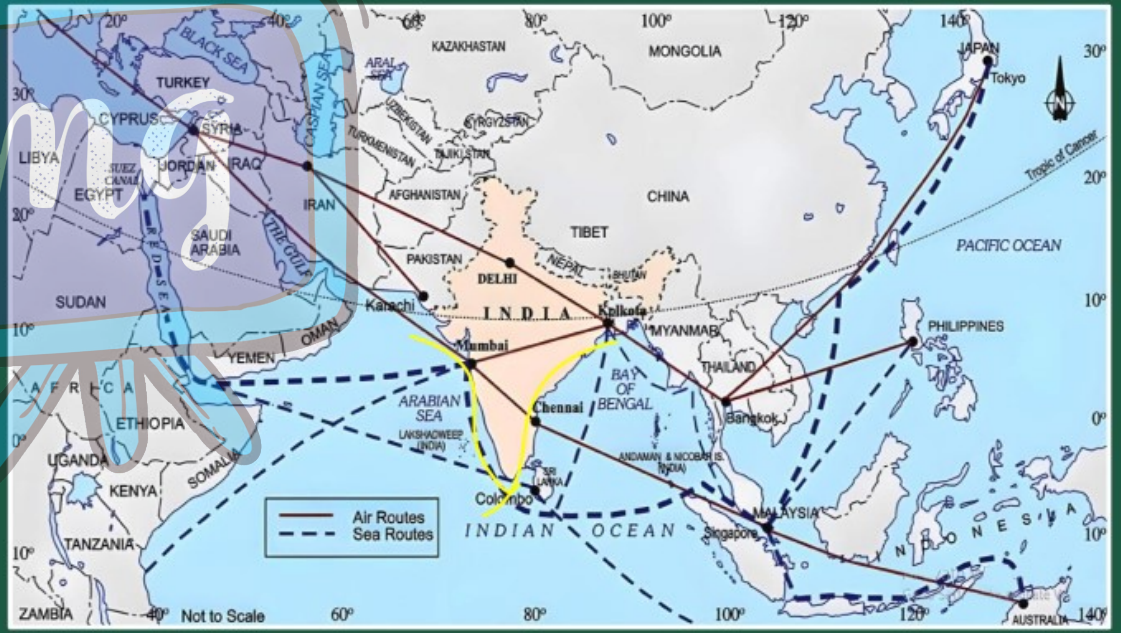
- India stands apart from the rest of Asia, as seen on the physical map of Asia.



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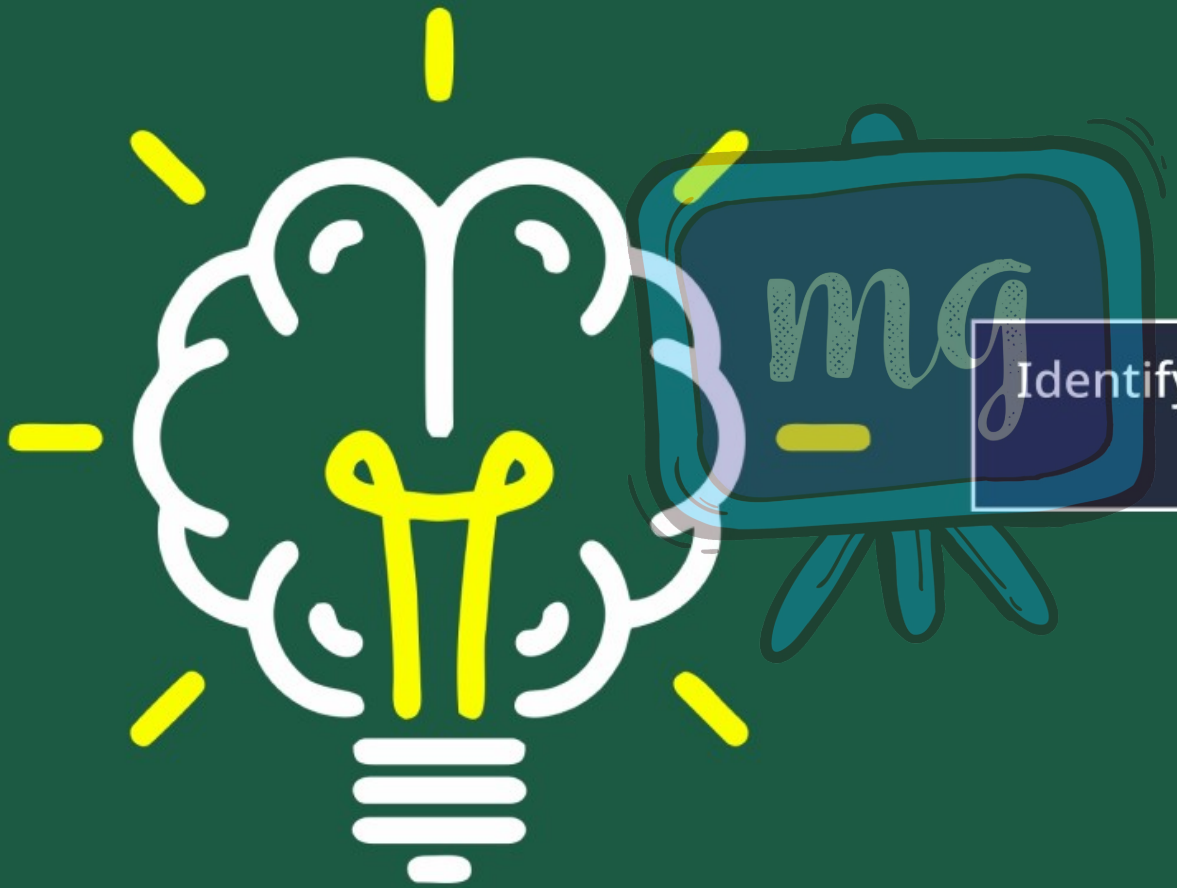

Identifying India's Neighboring Countries

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1 Which strait separates India from Sri Lanka?

A Strait of Gibraltar

B Palk Strait

C Strait of Malacca

D Bering Strait

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2 Which ocean does the Deccan Peninsula protrude into?

A Atlantic Ocean

B Indian Ocean

C Pacific Ocean

D Arctic Ocean

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