



Willingdon Island

- Willingdon Island is a seaport located in the city of Kochi, Kerala.
- It is the **largest man-made/artificial island** of India and is surrounded by backwaters (a part of a river in which there is little or no current).
- It was carved out of **Vembanad Lake** and is connected via road and rail. The island is connected to the mainland by the **Venduruthy Bridge**.
- It is a **major commercial centre** and is home to the **Kochi Naval Base** of the Indian Navy, the **Central Institute of Fisheries Technology** and the **Port of Kochi**.
- It was named after the **Viceroy Lord Willingdon and was created artificially in 1936** during his rule to improve the trade relations of British India with the rest of the world.

Lord Willingdon

- He served as 22nd Viceroy and Governor-General of India from 1931 to 1936.
- Important events of this period include:
 - Second (1931) and Third (1932) Round Table Conferences
 - Relaunching of Civil Disobedience Movement
 - Communal Award by Ramsay MacDonald (1932)
 - Poona Pact (1932)
 - Government of India Act 1935
 - Separation of Burma from India.

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