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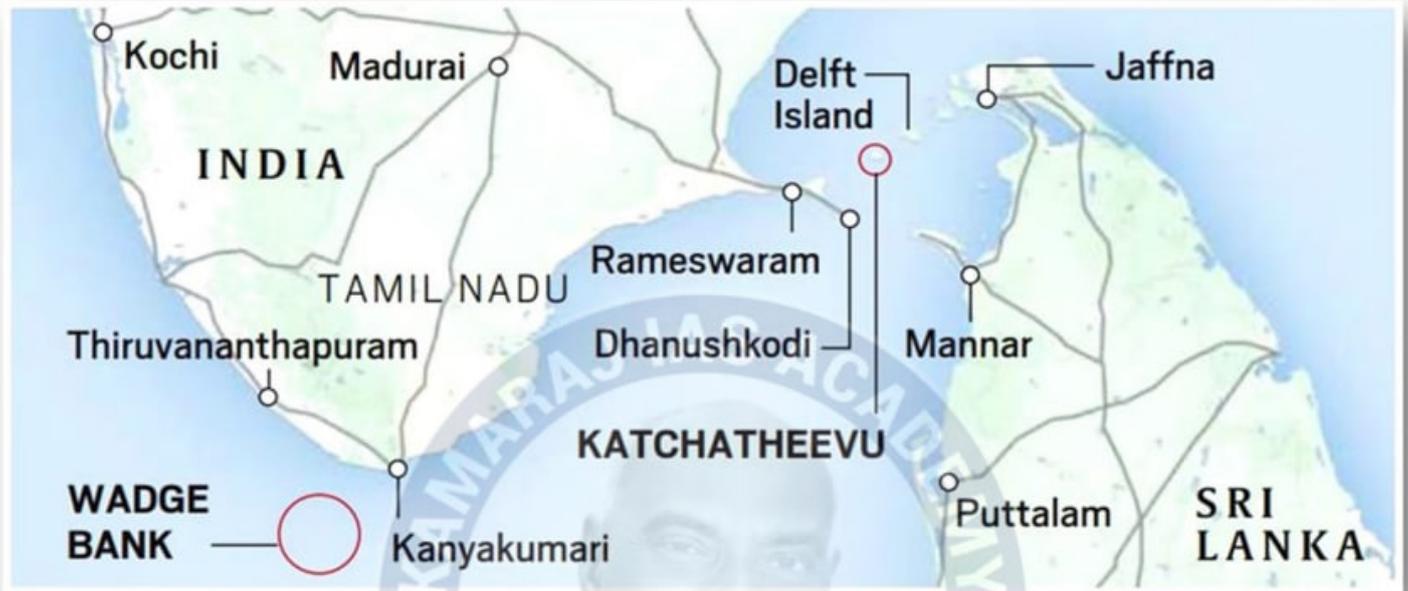
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Wadge Bank

- Fishermen in Kanyakumari have opposed the Centre's proposed hydrocarbon project at **Wadge Bank**, citing threats to **livelihoods and marine ecology**.
- The project, under the **Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP)**, targets one of the world's richest fishing zones.
- **Wadge Bank** is a **submarine plateau** in the Indian Ocean, located about **80 km off Kanyakumari**.
- It lies within **India's (EEZ)** and is part of the **continental shelf**.
- A **"bank"** refers to a **shallow elevation** usually less than 200 meters deep, of continental origin.
- Wadge Bank is rich in **marine biodiversity** and **fishery resources**, making it ecologically important.
- As per the **1976 India-Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary Agreement**, India has **sovereign rights** to explore resources here.
- **Sri Lankan fishermen** are **prohibited** from fishing in this area under the same
- It is one of the **world's richest fishing grounds**, with high **organic productivity**.
- **Seasonal upwelling** from **July to October** boosts nutrient levels and enhances fishing yield.
- The area serves as a vital **breeding and feeding ground** for various marine species.
- It falls under the **Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP)**, inviting ecological concerns.

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Alberta Plateau (Canada)

- **Alberta Plateau** lies in **western Canada**, mostly covering the southern and central parts of the province of **Alberta**.
- It forms a transitional zone between the **Rocky Mountains** to the west and the **Interior Plains** to the east.
- The plateau is part of the **Western Cordillera system** and comprises ancient **sedimentary rock formations**.
- The average **elevation ranges** between **600 m and 1,200 m**, gradually sloping from west to east.
- Major **rivers like the Peace River and Athabasca River** flow across the plateau, carving
- The **Glacial activity** during the Pleistocene period shaped the plateau's **undulating plains and depressions**.
- The plateau includes parts of the **Foothills**, which act as a transitional belt between the Rockies and plains.
- **Soils are mainly chernozem** (black soils) and **luvisolic**, making the area suitable for **wheat and barley cultivation**.
- The plateau falls within the **temperate continental climatic zone** with cold winters and warm summers.
- Rainfall is **moderate (around 400–500 mm/year)**, more concentrated in the **summer**
- **Mixed grass prairie and aspen parkland** are dominant natural vegetation types in the southern part.
- The **northern section** of the plateau has **boreal forests**, composed mainly of spruce, fir, and pine.
- **Oil sands and natural gas reserves** are abundant, particularly near **Fort McMurray and Peace River region**.
- The Alberta Plateau is a core region for **Canada's energy sector**, especially for **oil extraction and refining**.
- Important urban centres like **Calgary and Edmonton** lie

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