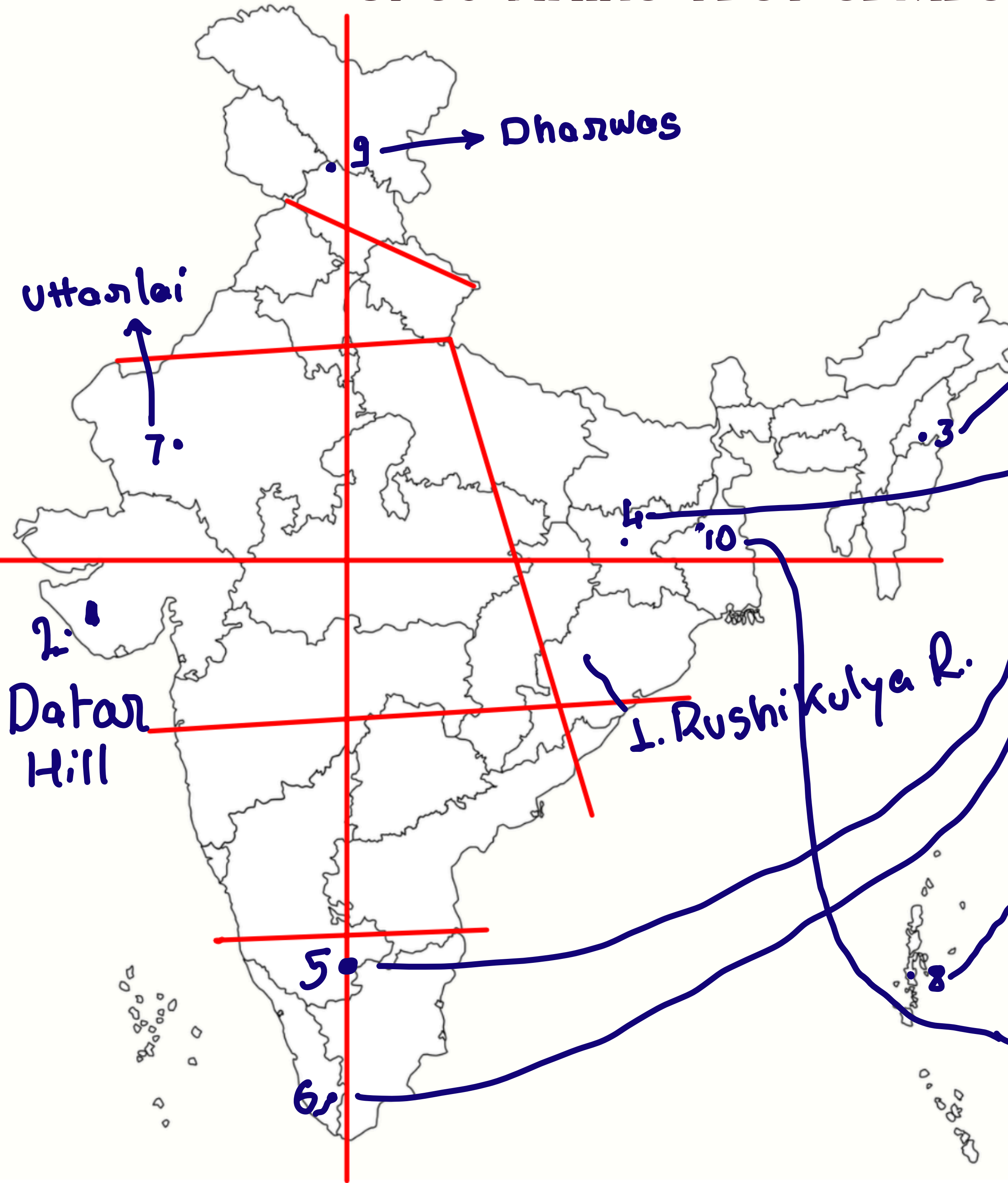


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1	Rushikulya River	River in Odisha, known for seasonal flow, fertile floodplains, fishing settlements, and Olive Ridley turtle nesting near its mouth. It supports agriculture and coastal ecology, while local communities depend on water, land, and marine-linked livelihoods shaped by monsoon rhythms.
2	Datar Hill	Hill in a northeastern highland setting with steep slopes, forest cover, and cool climate. The area reflects tribal settlement patterns, rural livelihoods, and mountain-based cultural life.
3	Kikruma	Village in hill terrain of Nagaland with terrace farming, forest surroundings, and strong tribal traditions. The settlement reflects a distinct cultural landscape shaped by clan-based community life, mountain agriculture, and local festivals, with daily life closely linked to slope farming and forest resources.
4	Choritand Tillaya	Mining locality / plateau in Jharkhand with coal-based industrial activity, labour settlements, and transport links. Its landscape is shaped by extraction, migration, and resource dependence.
5	Byalalu	Village / plateau fringe near Bengaluru with dry inland climate, rural surroundings, and scientific significance because of research and communication infrastructure. The area combines agriculture, open land, and modern institutional presence.

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6	<u>Neyyar</u>	River and <u>reservoir system</u> in Kerala with tropical vegetation, irrigation importance, and eco-tourism value. The area supports forests, wildlife, and water storage, while nearby communities depend on agriculture and tourism.
7	Uttarlai	Desert town / airbase area in Rajasthan with arid climate, sparse vegetation, and <u>strategic defence</u> importance. The region has desert settlement patterns, military presence, and links to rural livelihoods in dry conditions.
8	<u>Port Blair</u> Sri Vijayapuram	Town / unique cultural locality with administrative and heritage significance in the source context. The place represents a cultural landscape shaped by settlement history, local identity, and public institutions.
9	<u>Pongji Valley</u> Dharwas <u>Himachal</u>	Village / hill region with rugged terrain, forest cover, and mountain settlement characteristics. The area reflects a rural Himalayan or sub-Himalayan environment where livelihood depends on farming, livestock, and forest use.
10	<u>Bisbhum</u> <u>West Bengal</u> Gitabitan	Cultural site / unique heritage place associated with literature and memory. It reflects a strong artistic and intellectual identity rather than a physical landform. The place carries symbolic importance through Bengali culture & literary heritage.