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Recently, Denmark and Canada strike the deal to end 50-year row over Hans Island.

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[Ref- BBC]

Hans Island

- It is a **barren Island** in the Arctic.
- It is situated between **Canada and Greenland** in the centre of the Kennedy Channel of Nares Strait.
- It is the smallest of three islands in Kennedy Channel off the Washington Land coast.
 - The others are Franklin Island and Crozier Island.

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Nares Strait

- It is a **waterway between Ellesmere Island and Greenland** that connects the northern part of Baffin Bay in the Atlantic Ocean with the Lincoln Sea in the **Arctic Ocean**.
- The strait and neighbouring waters are usually hazardous for navigation and shipping.
- Smith Sound, Kane Basin, Kennedy Channel, Hall Basin, and Robeson Channel are all part of the strait from **south to north**.





[Ref- Nares Strait]