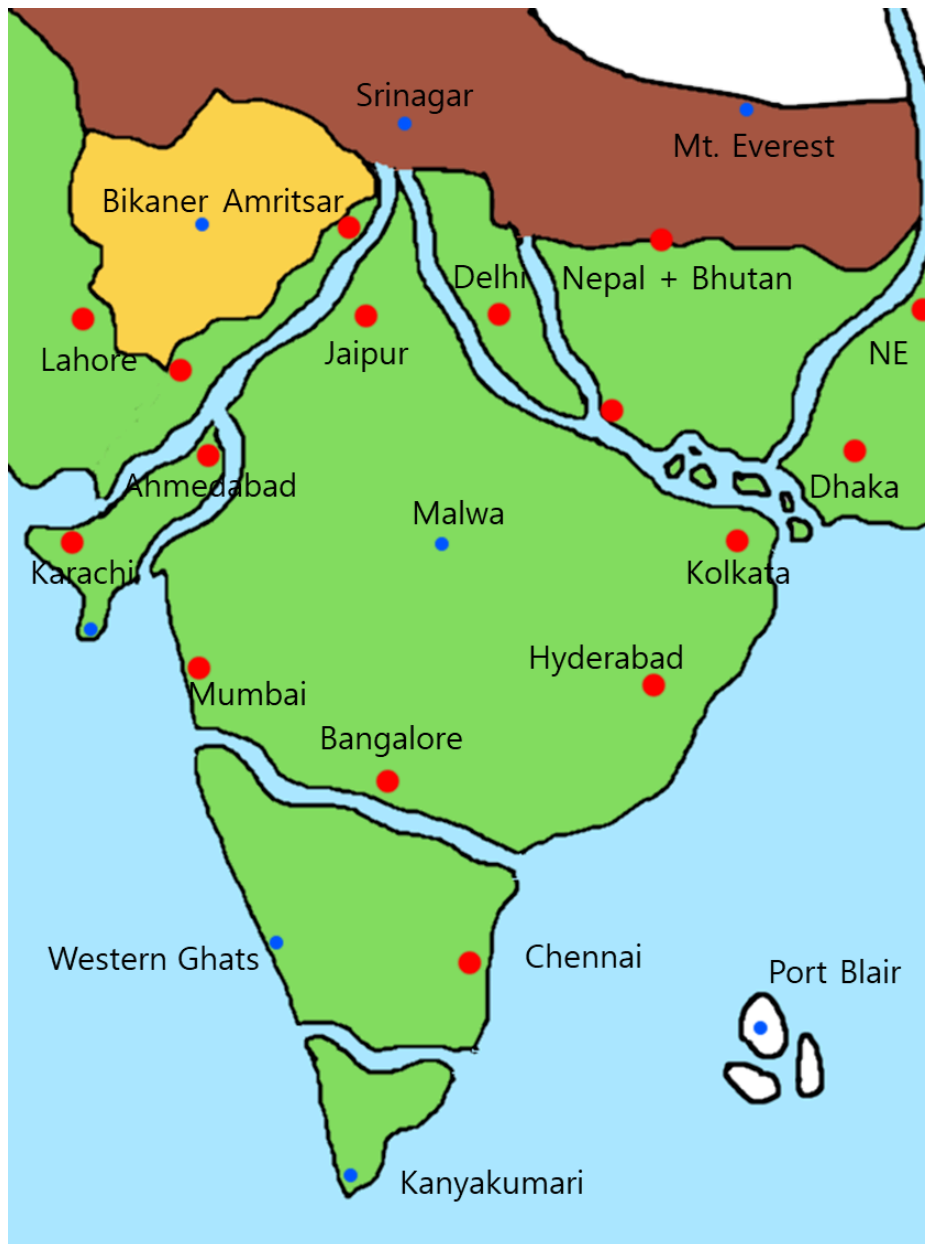


# Storyboard

## Salient points

The player R squares off against Rival V. Only the main quests are mentioned. Side quests are not. Here, we assume R is male, thus making V female.

Names of locations and their real life inspirations



Location Name	Real Life Inspiration
Shankhnaad City	Delhi
Granth Town	Amritsar
Jyoti Town	Varanasi
Jagaran City	Kolkata
Nizama City	Hyderabad
Jewelcoast City	Mumbai
Kadalkarai City	Chennai
Malabar Cove	Kerala
Bluefort Town	Rajasthan
Ashavati City	Ahmedabad
Avanti Archipelago	Andaman
Lalita Town	Kashmir
Shvasa Town	North East India
Silicore City	Bengaluru
Druk City	Nepal + Bhutan
Morecastle Town	Bikaner
Zafarnup City	Lahore
Rainlog Town	Chattogram
Ujjaini Town	Malwa
Chomo Lung Ma	Mt. Everest
Irin Marsh	Rann of Kutch
Shaulvich Range	Himalayan Range
Gir Jungle	Gir National Park

## **Shankhnaad City**

This interaction takes place in Old Shankhnaad City which is separated from New Shankhnaad City by a metro system.

After returning from his convocation R finds that his school is burning. He tries to save his school but he cannot. Just then a Pikablu firefighting squad arrives to salvage the situation. In the frenzy however, three people try to kidnap a small girl who was trapped within the fire. (The small girl is the daughter of **Professor Gulmohar**) R notices them and follows them. These plainclothes people reveal themselves to be police. They capture the girl but R jumps up to fight them. Here he deploys his Pokemon. (Here, R has his Pokemon from the very beginning of the game but the player gets to know which during the first battle.) R beats the three police officers one by one and saves the small child. Of these three police officers, one is his future rival, V. In this process he is injured and taken to the hospital.

Two weeks later, a mysterious man comes to release R from the hospital, who is an orphan. He gives R his trainer card and tells him to set out on his journey. This mysterious man is **Netamitra**. Netamitra is one of the Elite 4-members. He is a faction opposing the current champion: **Manusmriti**.

## **Granth Town**

R heads over to Granth town. R heads first thing to the Pokemon Centre where he notices a lot of sick Pokemon. He tries to find **Guru Satyam**, the leader of the Dojo to question him on this. He finds Guru Satyam in the Golden Temple with a bunch of scientists. The scientists mention to him how the quality of the water in the river was deteriorating. R promises to help the scientists and heads out on a small boat given to him by Satyam, to the location of the sewers.

R finds several thugs holding police and scientists hostage at the location. R defeats them and frees the scientists. However, the leader of the thugs mentions that they were only doing this because the scientists and the policemen kept polluting the river because of which the certain men from Jagaran City contracted them to protect the sewers. R does not believe them but he still goes to Satyam and his scientists to tell them the deed is done. Both seem shocked. They congratulate R and Satyam promises to fight him when he has 5 badges.

## **Bluefort Town**

Bluefort Town is filled with buildings which have blue roofs. There is an impressive fort on top of which the Gym is located. To the north of Bluefort Town (where R enters from) is the barren rocky expanse, the in-game representation of the Aravallis.

On the way from Granth Town to Bluefort Town a barren rocky expanse up a hill called **Raval Sial** (note Raval Sial is an anagram for Aravallis. Raval ties in to the inspiration from Jodhpur.) leads to R finding an abandoned fort. Here ghost Pokemon abound. In Bluefort Town R fights the Ghost Type Gym leader **Mirabai** and beats her quite easily. However, Mirabai immediately enters a trance-like state where she starts singing. Thus, R does not get his badge immediately and neither can he leave the city.

When it suddenly starts to rain extremely vociferously, R takes shelter in the Pokemon Centre. However, when he is charged money for both healing and shelter, he questions it. He defeats one of the Nurse Joys who tells him that they were having to smuggle in rare orphan medication for their perennially ill Chanseys. They knew they were being extorted but they had nothing to do. R decides to follow the trail of smuggling. He follows them up to the abandoned castle where he discovers Mirabai to be the ringmaster of the smuggling ring. He fights Mirabai again but this time Mirabai comes with a different set of much stronger Pokemon. R defeats them and secures enough medication for a lifetime for the Chanseys. Mirabai drops the Gym Badge while trying to run away. R thus, gets his first gym badge.

## **Irin Marsh**

To enter Ashavati City from Bluefort Town, R must cross a large bridge on the river. The river runs with mystical might and before R can help it, he falls into the river. It turns out V had pushed him. (But this is not shown to the player) R screams for help. However, a blockade of Dolphlins save him. They guide him carefully to the Irin Marsh (based on the Rann of Kutch. Irin is a Sanskrit word). R stays here in a camp. With R staying is V, a young girl of the same age. Here they are approached by a group of Bharat Corp. scientists to accompany them on an expedition as they try to realize the source behind the ghost lights at night in this region. They would need protection because of the poachers in the area.

The Bharat Corp. Research division, R, and V, head out deep within the Irin Marsh to find out the cause. Here they are ambushed by Bharat Corp. Research Group Grunts and their Admin **Madhavan**. R and V beat the grunts and win a double battle against Admin Madhavan. The two Bharat Corp. scientists accompanying R and V decided they would report this to their higher ups. Why was the Research Wing pulling off such stunts? However, before they could leave, they saw those ghost lights and a group of Maerryflies flying around. The Maerryflies surrounded them and started bombarding them with lights which shocked the four of them. At this moment V broke down because she feared such bright lights. It reminded her of her time in the clubs where she was forced to grow up and be exposed to those lights. Those lights brought back memories of repressed childhood trauma and fears. She broke down and admitted to R that it was she who had pushed him into the river. And that too because R had defeated V when she and her police buddies had tried to kidnap that girl from Shankhnaad City's school.

A Maerryfly attacks V and R protects her by fighting it off. (This Pokemon is catchable). In the end V realizes that she has lost all her face and to protect her reputation she must fight R. V challenges R, loses, and runs away.

## **Ashavati City**

R is shocked by the opulence of Ashavati City and he checks out on its great extracurricular activities. He fights the gym leader there: **Gukesh Advani**. Gukesh Advani is one of the richest people in the world. He is so impressed with R he invites R to his house as there are festivities to commemorate a Goddess. Here the Champion Manusmriti also attends. R is introduced to Manusmriti but he is not inclined to challenge Manusmriti who comes off as a boisterous person with occasional delusions of grandeur.

Before R can leave Ashavati City for the next city – Jewelcoast City, R meets a teacher who tells R the history of Aedon by showing him a submerged holy city (based on Dwarka) R dives in with special equipment and explores the ruins. He does not comment on whether the ruins are legitimate or not. However, on the seashore he sees a Lieugator egg. A sailor steals the egg and escapes. R cannot pursue him because an Admidile, the mother, assuming R took her eggs, attacks him. R fights off the high-leveled Admidile (not-catchable) and decides to pursue the sailor to bring back the egg to its mother.

From the gym leader, Gukesh, R learns that the sailor was headed to the train station. Thus, R jumps onto the bullet train that connects Jewelcoast City and Ashavati City.

## **Gir Jungle**

On the train Jewelcoast City R accosts the sailor who stole the Lieugator egg. Despite losing, the sailor is reluctant to reveal the details of those funding him. R pressures the sailor but the sailor, scared, jumps out of the train window. The train screeches to a halt. The ticket collector tells R that he is going to have to wait as the sailor's whereabouts are investigated. R explores the deep jungle, named the Gir Jungle. Here R is taken aback by the plight of the Dandylions who suffer as the poachers hunt them. R leaves the Dandylions and tries to find the sailor. At this point, R sees the Sailor and pursues him, and the poachers attack the pride of Dandylions who fight to protect their newborns. The Sailor runs into the poachers. The poachers recognize the Sailor as one of their bosses. R is shocked. R and the Dandylions attack the three poachers together. They win against the poachers who all escape. The sailor is left stranded in the middle of the Dandylions. R leaves with the Lieugator egg.

## **Jewelcoast City**

The train drops him off at Jewelcoast City. He explores the city and finds the gym which is a filming studio. The Gym leader, **Khandaan** is busy directing a film she had written. Khandaan is a 68-year-old woman. The film stars her children and her extended family. Khandaan challenges R and R wins the battle, thus obtaining his 3<sup>rd</sup> badge.

While leaving the elaborately constructed studio, R stumbles into alternate rooms. Here R notices a theosophical retreat of certain people, all clad in white. R meets Gukesh Advani who so just happens to be sponsoring Khandaan's film. R leaves the retreat being weirded out by the practises of the rich elite who rule the city. R decides to stay in Jewelcoast City for a week, to be part of the festivities where the local people danced on the streets.

On the specific day R saw two kinds of vibrant dances. Gone were the theosophical multitudes of arguments and in came the brash resplendence of mirth. The two dances were clearly aimed at two specific deities. Upon talking to the two groups (who did not compete) R realized that these were the guardian Pokemon of the people. The chairman of the festivities liked R and gave him a bicycle pass. R headed over to Ashavati City to collect his bicycle and return the Lieugator egg as the train services had again resumed.

Before he could reach Ashavati City, the Lieugator egg hatched and R was advised to keep it for himself. R collects his bicycle and returns to Jewelcoast City to head onwards to the next city: Silicore City.

## **Silicore City**

While R travels on the route between Jewelcoast and Silicore cities lightning strikes and the road is cracked and underneath a river of mud is revealed. R takes a detour through the path towards Ujjaini Town but does not enter the town. A cutscene shows that a group of warriors have blocked all the 4 exits of the town. These warriors belong to the Zeeshan bloc. The Zeeshan bloc controls the exits to Ujjaini town because Bharat Corp.'s research wing had started excavating the temples there without permission to find ancient artifacts and secrets. (R is not made aware of this)

R enters Silicore City but R is told that only those who knew technical lingo could stay in Silicore City. R runs off to fight **Kemparion**, the gym leader of Silicore City but the gym is empty. Through the back exit the poachers that R previously encountered enter the gym. R follows them into the gym where he realizes that the poachers are the gym's trainers. Moreover, the gym is full of logic puzzles using technical lingo (for example, complicated semi-conductor AND, OR, NOR and XOR gate puzzles. Moreover, these puzzles were in the form of a maze.

Once R defeats the poachers who have a triple battle with R, more of their group jump R and steal his Pokemon. R follows them and reaches Kemparion, the gym leader. Kemparion chides the poachers and gives R back his Pokemon and challenges R. But surprisingly all of R's Pokemon are now left with critical health.

Here the game takes two turns:

If R can beat Kemparion with highly damaged Pokemon (unlikely, Kemparion will be one of the strongest trainers by mechanics alone) R will get the badge but then a trapdoor opens under his feet and R falls and blacks out.

If R fails to beat Kemparion then (likely as Kemparion will have overleveled Pokemon) R will black out. He does not get the badge in this one instance.

Both instances will lead R to an underground cell where he wakes up in a cold sweat. He is bereft of his Pokemon. In the cell adjoining him is a man called **Detective Kashida**. He belongs to Jagaran City. Kashida is an investigative journalist from the Ananda news channel. Kashida tells R that he was imprisoned because he had figured out that Kemparion ran an illegal semi-conductor producing business underneath his gym. While this was good for showing up Aedon in the international scale, the number of resources it consumed led to the people of the country suffering, and producing it was extremely non-environment-friendly. An explosion rocks the cells as all the other cells burst. The chamber collapses, leading Kashida and R to escape.

Kashida and R formulate a plan to reach the exit. On their path together they engage in double battles together till they reach the absolute top where they face Kemparion and Bharat Corp. Research Group Admin **Aamir**. Aamir has the grunts take out Kashida by surprise by throwing an electric semiconductor-run net on him.

If R has beaten Kemparion, R faces off against Aamir alone. Kemparion would be there trapped in the same net as Kashida. If R has not beaten Kemparion, R faces a double battle against Kemparion and Aamir together. This is one of the most difficult battles in the entire game.

Once everything is shut down, R calls the police.

(If R beats Kemparion on the first try he gets an ascension stone and promotes fear among Bharat Corp.'s research unit. If he beats Kemparion on the second try he gets a badge and a TM.

R thinks he ought to take a break. Therefore, he decides to take a vacation in Malabar Cove after leaving Silicore City.)