

MOUNTAINS OF PENINSULAR REGION: (9:24:12 AM):

- **Aravalis:** Starts from Gujrat and upto Delhi
- Old fold mountains, formed via folding.
- Caledonian mountains.
- Mt Guru Shikhar is the highest. ^{1722m}
- **Vindhya and Satpuras:**
- Block mountains formed during the carboniferous period.
- Faulting activity.
- Rift valley- Narmada and Tapi.
- **Western and Eastern Ghats:**

Vindhya Range
Narmada River
Satpura Range
Tapi River

order of
Rift Valley as
we move from
North to South.

Western Ghats

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- **Extent** Gujarat (south of Tapi) to kanyakumari
- **States** ^{DDD&NH} Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu

Eastern Ghats

- ^{part of Western Ghats} South of Mahanadi to Nilgiri
- ^{some part of Chhattisgarh} Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamilnadu, Karnataka

- **Continuity** Continuous
- Discontinuous
[* Due to the rivers coming from the west which have eroded the eastern Ghats]

Slope

These are taller

These are bit shorter

Narrow

Wide

Topography

Highest peak- ^{2695m} Anaimudi
Overall height increases towards the south

Highest peak- Mahendragiri
Some sources state that Zindgada's peak
Height increases towards the North

Closeness with coast

More closer to the coast

Bit far from coast

Precipitation

Higher precipitation, from monsoon.

Lower precipitation, many from NE monsoon.

Vegetation

Vegetation in Western ghat is an evergreen type

Vegetation- Deciduous

Biodiversity

Higher Biodiversity in Western Ghat

Lower biodiversity in Eastern Ghat

all peaks are in Sahayadri Range

• **Parts of Western Ghats: (9:53:14 AM):**

- In Maharashtra and Karnataka- Called Sahayadri
- Mahabaleshwar peak, kalsubai Peak. (they are in Maharashtra and Krishna river originates from Mahabaleshwar)
- In Karnataka- **Mulangiri peak** and **Baba Budan Hills**. It is the origin of coffee.
tallest peak of Karnataka
- **Kedrumukh** peak- horse peak.
Kudremukh
Kudre means Horse in Karnataka
- **Coorg** hills.
India's most of Coffee cultivation happens here and Cafe Coffee Day also started from here
- **Nilgiri**.
it was a princely state. It is also known for its distinctive culture and they also contributed a lot in army. Kaveri river originates from this region.
- **Anaimalai Hills**
both Western and Eastern Ghats merge here that is why we will see richest diversity of life here. Largest density of tiger and elephant are found here. Here biosphere reserve is also present that is Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. Bandipur Tiger Reserve is there which was declared as India's first tiger reserve along with Jim Corbett. Ooty hill station is also found here.
- Palani hills
- Cardamom Hills
Anaimudi which is the highest peak in whole Peninsular region is present in Anaimalai Hills.

• **Parts of Eastern Ghats:**

- **Mahendragiri** (highest peak of Eastern Ghats with height 1501m which is present in Odisha)
- Nallamala hills
it is the region of one of the world's most smuggled wood that is Red Sandal wood.
- **Palkonda Hills**- Tirupati is part of this
- Nandidurg.
- Javadi & **Shevroy hills**
Nilgiri me merge ho jata h

Plateaus of Peninsular Block: (10:06:47 AM):

- Deccan trap and deccan plateau.
- flood basalt province.
- The tectonic events of the peninsular plateau.
- The peninsular region is a great complex of ancient rocks that have existed as a single rigid block for millions of years.
- It was subjected to a few episodes of tectonic activity like the formation of rift valleys of Narmada, Tapi, and others due to faulting activities.
- Submergence of the western side of the western Ghats resulted in a steeper western side and a wider continental shelf along the western coast.
- The formation of Deccan traps;
- When the Indian plate was moving towards the Eurasian plate, a large scale of basaltic magma over the reunion hotspot resulted in the formation of flood Basalt called as Deccan traps.

some part of western ghats have submerged into ocean which resulted in steeper side of west part of western ghats, wider continental shelf and gradual slope in eastern side.

It is richest in minerals and it known as Ruhr of India (Ruhr valley is in Germany which is rich in minerals)

Located between Aravallis and Vindhayas.

Different-Different Plateaus in Peninsular Plateau:-

- **Malwa plateau;**
- **Bundelkhand Plateau**
- Kuno National Park.
- **Chotanagpur Plateau-** Entire Jharkhand state
- ~~Ruhr~~ of India.
- **Meghalaya Plateau-** Garo, Khasi, and Jaintia hills are part of this plateau
- separated from the Mainland by the Garo-Rajmahal gap also called the Malda gap.
- **Deccan Plateau-** Between Western Ghat and Eastern Ghat- Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Northern part of Telangana are covered in Deccan traps
- Deccan trap- Sugarcane cultivation.
- **Karnataka plateau-** Towards western ghat, it is a hilly region called as **Malnad** and on the other side it is a plain region called Rolling Plain/ **Maidan**
- **Seemandhra and Rayalseema.**
- **Rayalseema Plateau-** Region within Andhra Pradesh. [* It is called Rayalseema because it was ruled by the Clan of Rayas]
- **Telangana plateau**
- **Dandakarnya plains- Chattisgarh plains.**

Located at the right of Malwa Plateau this is also known as Bad Land Plateau because there is not so much rain here and land is also infertile and mineral less. Chambal Ravine is also the part of this plateau. Kuno National park is here which is famous world wide because this is first time that inter continental trans location of wild animals have happened i.e. re-introduction of Cheetah happened here.

Meghalaya Plateau is separated from Peninsular Plateau by Garo Rajmahal Gap (Garo is the western hill of Meghalaya and Rajmahal is the N-E hill of Chota Nagpur Plateau) which is also known as Malda Gap (Malda is the border place in West Bengal).

Maharashtra Plateau is the northern part of Deccan Plateau and there is scarcity of ground water here. Eastern part of Maharashtra Plateau is Vidarbha.

Telangana Plateau is dry unlike Andhra Pradesh, this is also a reason of separation of Telangana and it contains some minerals also.

Krishna River is the boundary between Rayalseema and Telangana.

Seemandhra is the coastal part of AP which is fertile and other part is Rayalseema which is a dry region is part of Deccan Plateau.

Northern part is filled with Deccan traps so Black soil is found here.

⇒ Chattisgarh Plains are called as plains of Dandakaranya.

there are other plains also like-

Residual Plains: Formed from the erosion of mountains and plateaus.

Structural Plains: There is no land subsidence, upliftment or any kind of tectonic activity and there is plain itself from the beginning. EX: Great Plains of North America which are present between Rockies and Appalachian mountains.

Plains of India: (11:12:26 AM):

- Flat regions
- Two types- Northern Plains and Coastal Plains
- **Northern Plains**
- **How did it originate?**
- The Northern Plains are formed by the deposition of sediments brought by the Himalayan rivers into the remnant of the **geosyncline** between the Indian and Eurasian plates.
- Forms deposition from the quaternary period after the formation of the Himalayas.
- They are the youngest geological formations of India.
- It extends for a total of 3200 KMs of which the plains of India are for 2400 KMs.
- This is the largest **alluvial plain** in the world
- It is divided into the Rajasthan Plain, Punjab & Haryana Plains, Ganga Plains, and Brahmaputra Plains (formed from sediments of Indus, Ganga and Brahmaputra.)
- Widely believed hypotheses suggest the existence of rivers which later dried up, changed the direction of monsoon, and also reduced the precipitation resulting in the formation of deserts.
- The western part of Rajasthan plains refers to the desert proper, eastern part- semi arid region known as Rajasthan Bagar.

A geosyncline is a large-scale, elongated depression in the Earth's crust that forms over a long period and is eventually filled with thick layers of sediments. These depressions typically occur at the margins of tectonic plates and are often the precursors to the formation of mountain ranges through processes of sedimentation, subsidence, and later folding or uplift.

formed from the sediments of river

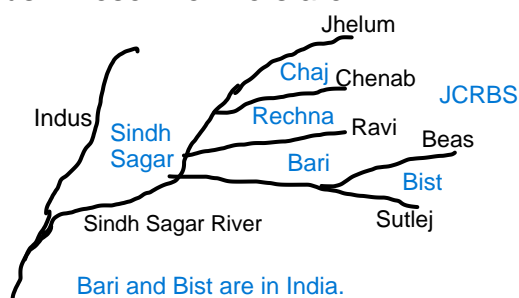
is known as Marusthali

Rajasthan Plains was also the part of alluvial plains but gradually it got converted into desert and according to a hypothesis there was a river flowing here which was known as Saraswati river which dried later.

West to the Aravallis is the Rajasthan Plateau and to the east of Rajasthan the part is of Malwa Plateau.

Punjab and Haryana Plains:-

⇒ Punjab and Haryana plains are part of Indus plains in India. Indus plains were formed by Indus river and its tributaries. There are total five tributaries to the main Indus river. Five rivers form a single river then merges to Indus. These five rivers are-



Region between two rivers is known as Doab. Doab is a very fertile land because sediments from two rivers get mixed continuously. Punjab is the most fertile land in the world, western Punjab is in Pakistan which is more fertile than eastern Punjab which is in India.

This is not exactly mentioned that on what basis a river will be named if it is formed due to merger of two rivers whether it will be according to largest river or longest river. So, among Jhelum, Chenab and Ravi, Chenab is the largest one and among Beas and Sutlej, Sutlej is the longest one but according to UPSC finally after merging all the five the river will be named Sutlej but it should be Sindh Sagar river.

- **5 tributaries to the main Indus River:**
- Doab is a region between two rivers
- BIST doab- between Beas and Sutlej rivers. It is only in India.
- BARI doab- Between Beas and Ravi rivers
- RECHNA doab- Between Ravi and Chenab
- CHAJ doab- Between Chenab and Jhelum
- Sind Sagar Doab- Between Sind and Chenab

Ganga ~~Anga~~ plains: (11:45:39 AM):

- It covers UP, Bihar, and West Bengal
- It extends from Delhi to Kolkata
- **Parts of Ganga plains**
- Doab- Ganga- Yamuna Doab
- Rohilkhand plains
- Awadh plains
- Lower Ganga plains

Western part of UP is divided into two parts among them one is known as Doab which is present in between Yamuna and Ganga and Doab is fertile as well as it is strategically very important since it is in between two rivers so to conquer this land was not so easy and other part is Rohilkhand plain. Central and Eastern UP is known as Avadh Plains (Avadh is now known as Lucknow). Part of Bihar and WB is lower Ganga plains.

- Delhi ridge. ← Elevated part between Indus and Ganga plains.

- **Brahmaputra Plains:** ← plains of Brahmaputra river in India, it is the northern part of Assam. Brahmaputra is also called Dehang in some part of India.
- It is also called Assam plains
- Extent- From Sadiya in the east to Dhubri in the west

- **Types of Northern Plains:**

- **Bhabhar-** (In Haridwar)

- It is a region of Porous gravel and boulders deposited by rivers entering the plains from the Mountains

- In this region the smaller rivers disappear and start flowing underground

- **Terai-**

These plains are porous in nature and smaller rivers get disappear and that underground flowing river comes out after sometime that creates water logged condition which is known as Terai plains for example land of Saharanpur.

- It is a marshy region after Bhabhar where rivers start to re-appear. It is very fertile and widely used for the agriculture of rice and sugarcane
- They are waterlogged regions and are prone to **water-borne diseases/ Mosquito-borne diseases**
- Northern parts of UP, Bihar border, Nepal, Muzaffarnagar area.
- **Khadar**
- It is the alluvial plain just next to River Valley.
- It is made up of fresh alluvial soil which gets replenished every year
- It is more fertile

- **Bangar**

- It is the older alluvial plain located away from the river valley and made up of older alluvium.
- It is less fertile than Khadar

- **Duars formation:** (it is like mix of Terai and Bhabhar.)

- These are unconsolidated sediments deposited by rivers from mountains along the foothills of the North-east region i.e. West Bengal and Assam

- They are best suited for tea cultivation. Doon is the plain between two mountains. For EX: Har ki Doon, Dehradun

- **Coastal Plains:** (formed from the river deposits when it is about to enter into sea) Karewa forms from lake sediments and it is in Kashmir and famous for saffron cultivation.

- They are formed by the sediments deposited by the rivers coming from the peninsular region
- There are two coastal plains- The eastern coastal plains and The western coastal Plains

- **Western coastal plain**

From Kutch to Kanyakumari
Narrow, less fertile.

The maximum extent is 65 Km (becomes narrower in middle)

Dominated by Estuaries

The western coast is called a submerged coast. (except Malabar coast)

The erosion process is more active

The western coast is a broken coast or an Indented coast

Natural harbors and ports because of the broken coast and erosion.

Wider continental shelves around the - western coast

Kathiawad coast, Konkan coast, Malabar coast

Coral reefs are found here.

- **Eastern Coastal Plain**

From Sundarbans to Kanyakumari
Wider, more fertile.

Maximum extent is 150-200 Km

Dominated by Deltas (rivers flows from western to eastern ghats)

The entire Eastern coast is an emergent coast

The deposition process is active- So more beaches, sandbars

The eastern coast is smooth coast. The coastline is smooth

Few of them are Natural harbor but most are artificial/ man-made port

Narrow continental shelves around the eastern coast

Utkal plain, Northern circar, Coromanadal coast

Coral reefs are not found because of higher sediments.

the topic for the next class is the **Drainage system.**

from Kachh to Daman

from Daman to north Karnataka coast.

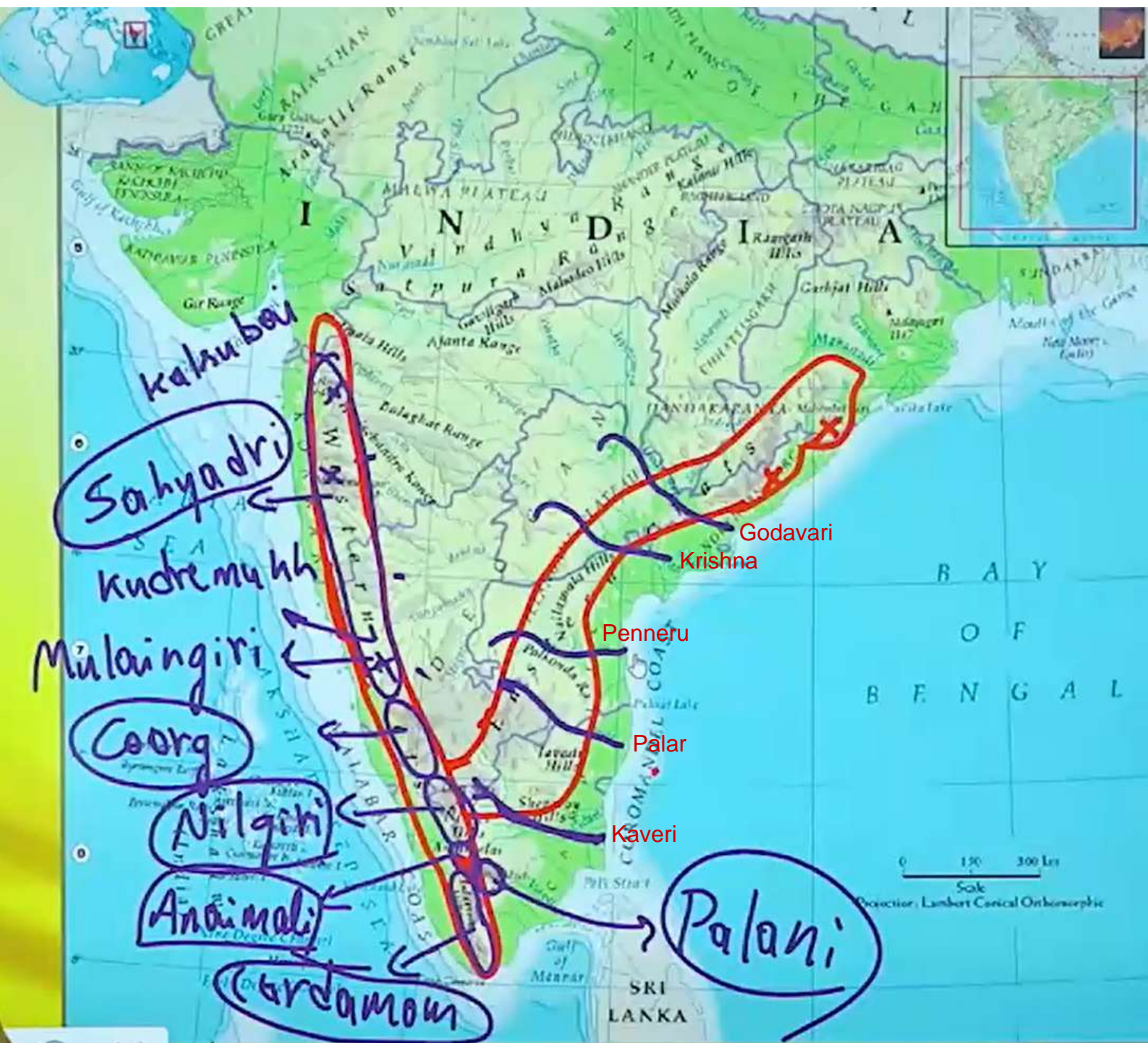
from north Karnataka coast to Malabar coast.

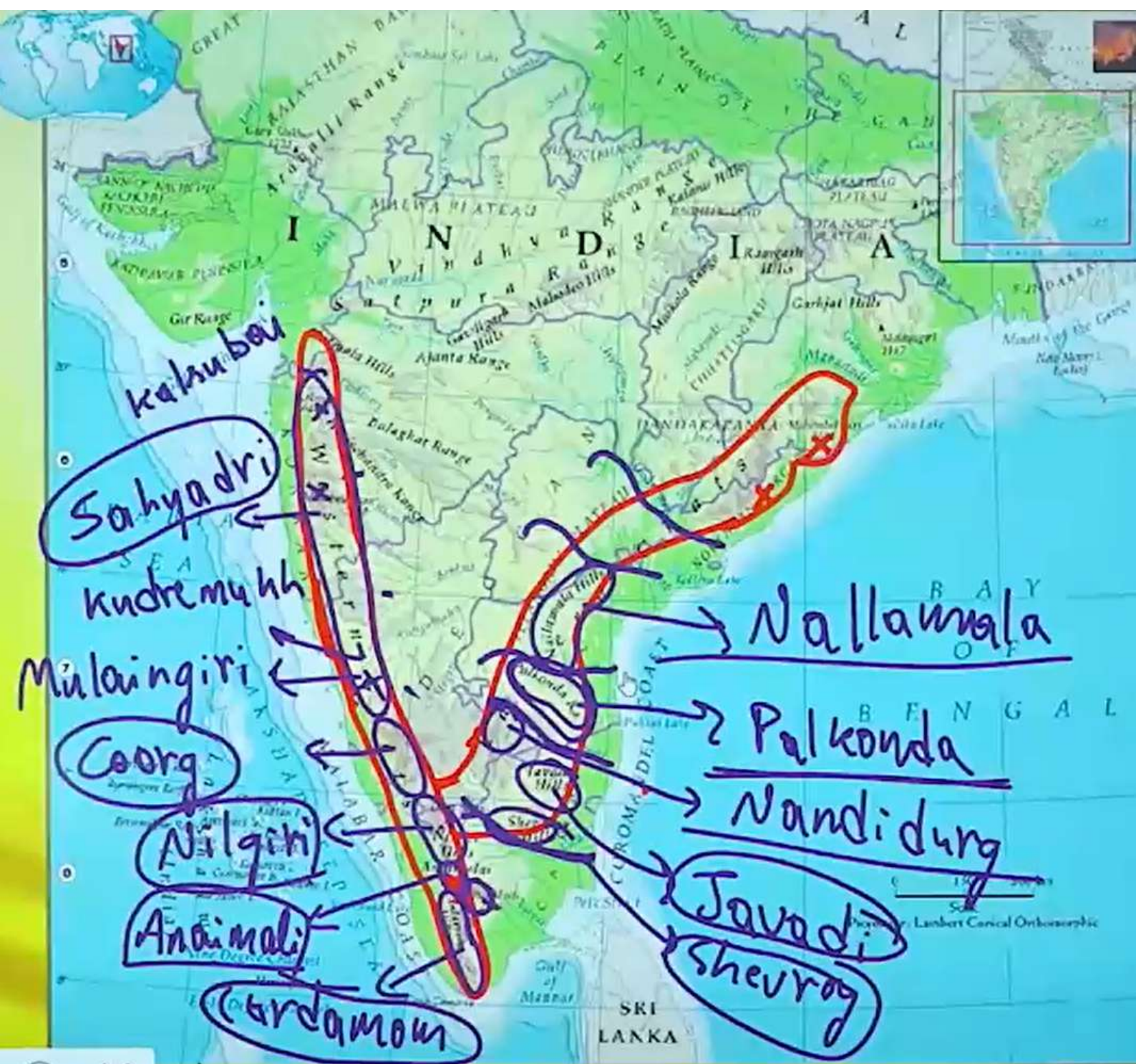
from Mahanadi to Odisha border or Odisha coast

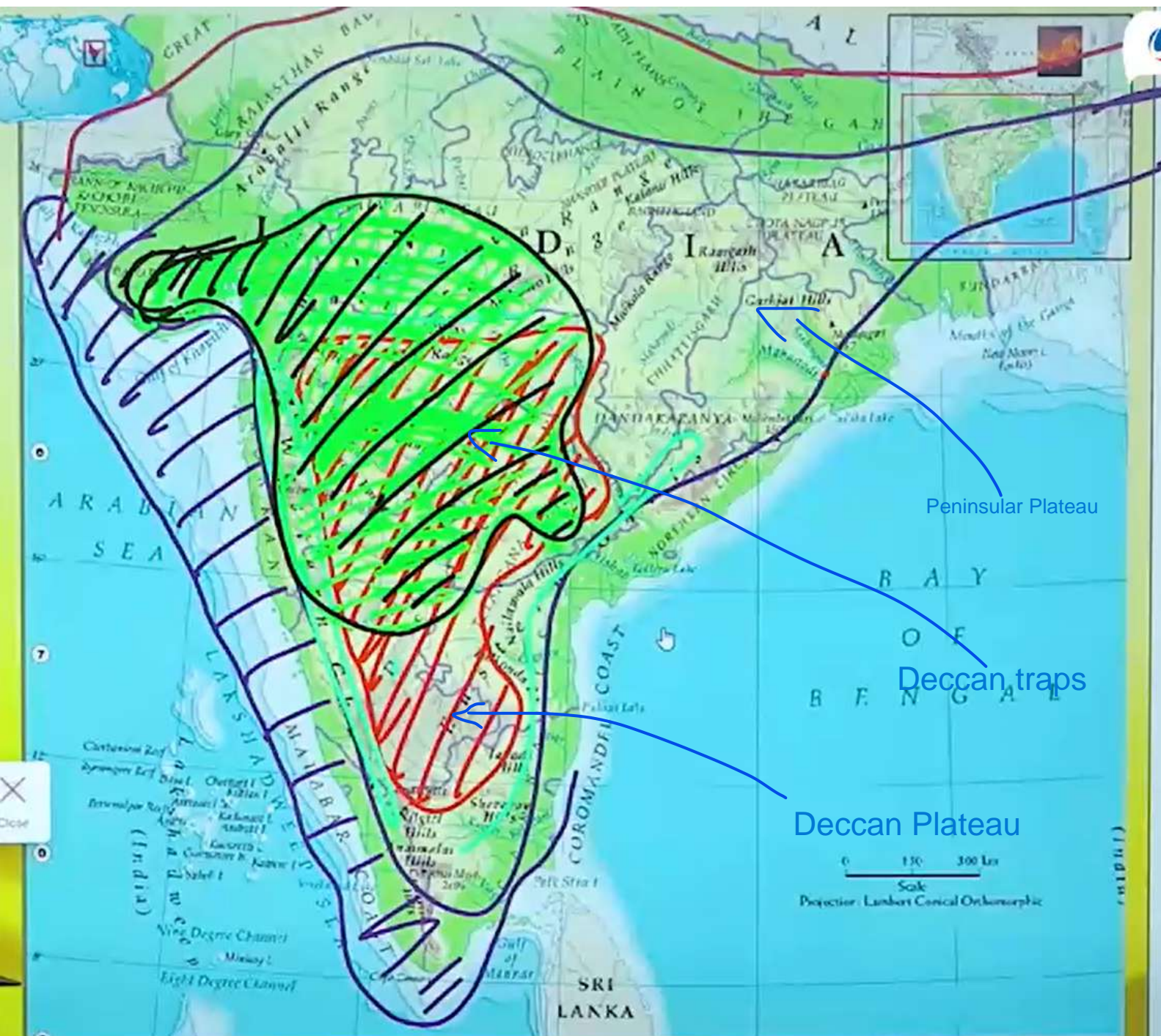
from Odisha border to KG delta.

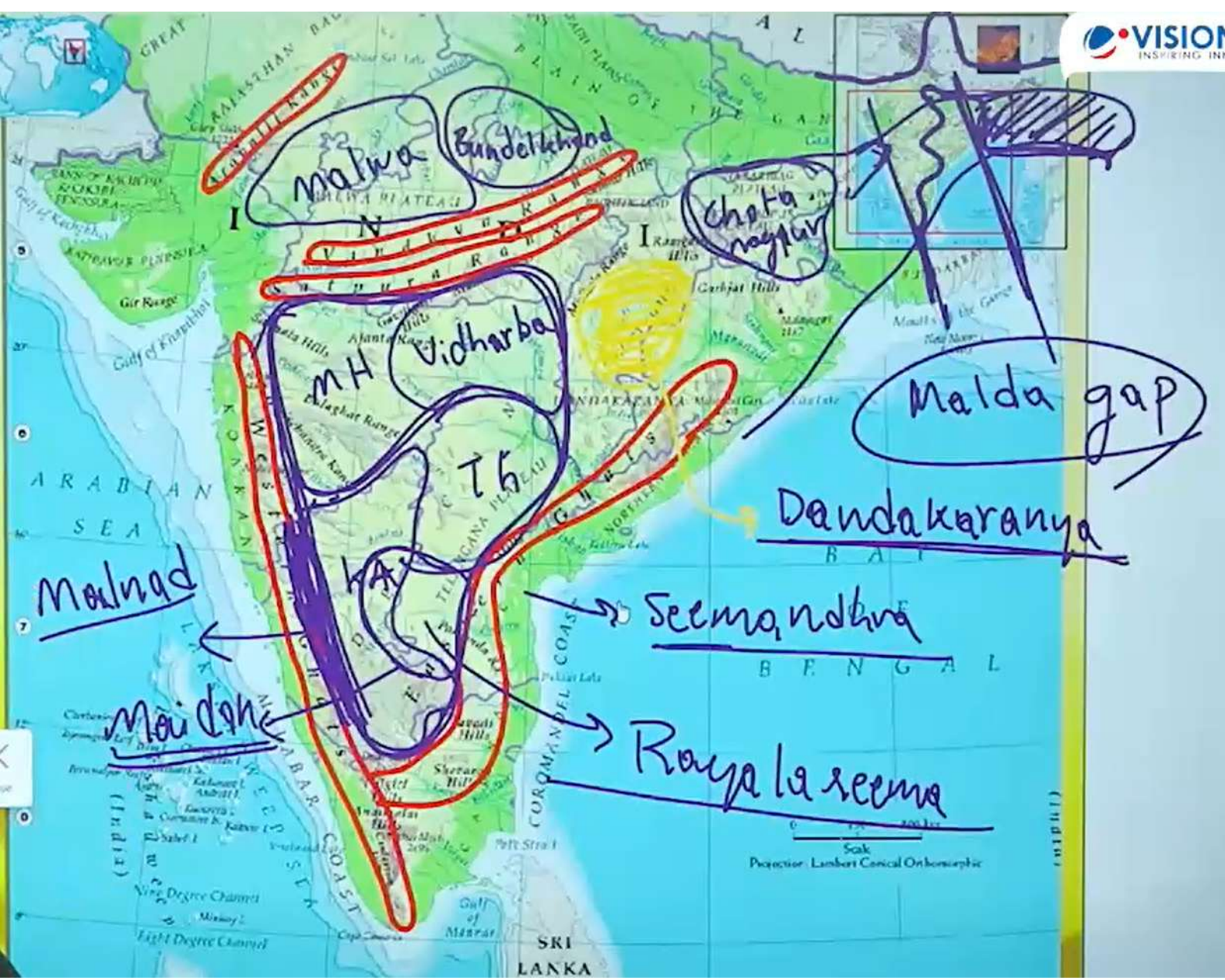
from KG delta to Kaveri delta. Ruled by Cholas and were earlier known as Cholmandalam coast.











Himalaya

Bhabar

Terai

Bhangar

Khadar

River valley

- Northern Plains is divided into following parts:

- **1. Bhabhar**
- **2. Tarai**
- **3. Khadar**
- **4. Bhangar**



- **1. Bhabhar:** They are south of Himalayas.
- The rivers coming from Himalayas deposit all material consisting of gravel, sand, clay. Due to absorbing capabilities of these materials, water percolates in the lower layers.
- It extends upto 8-11 kms
- **2. Tarai:** Tarai means full of water. It lies in south of Bhabhar plains. In this rivers/streams reemerge after they are being absorbed by the material like sand, silt, clay etc. and thus develop swampy conditions etc.
- Its length is 10-12 kms

Himalaya

Bhabar

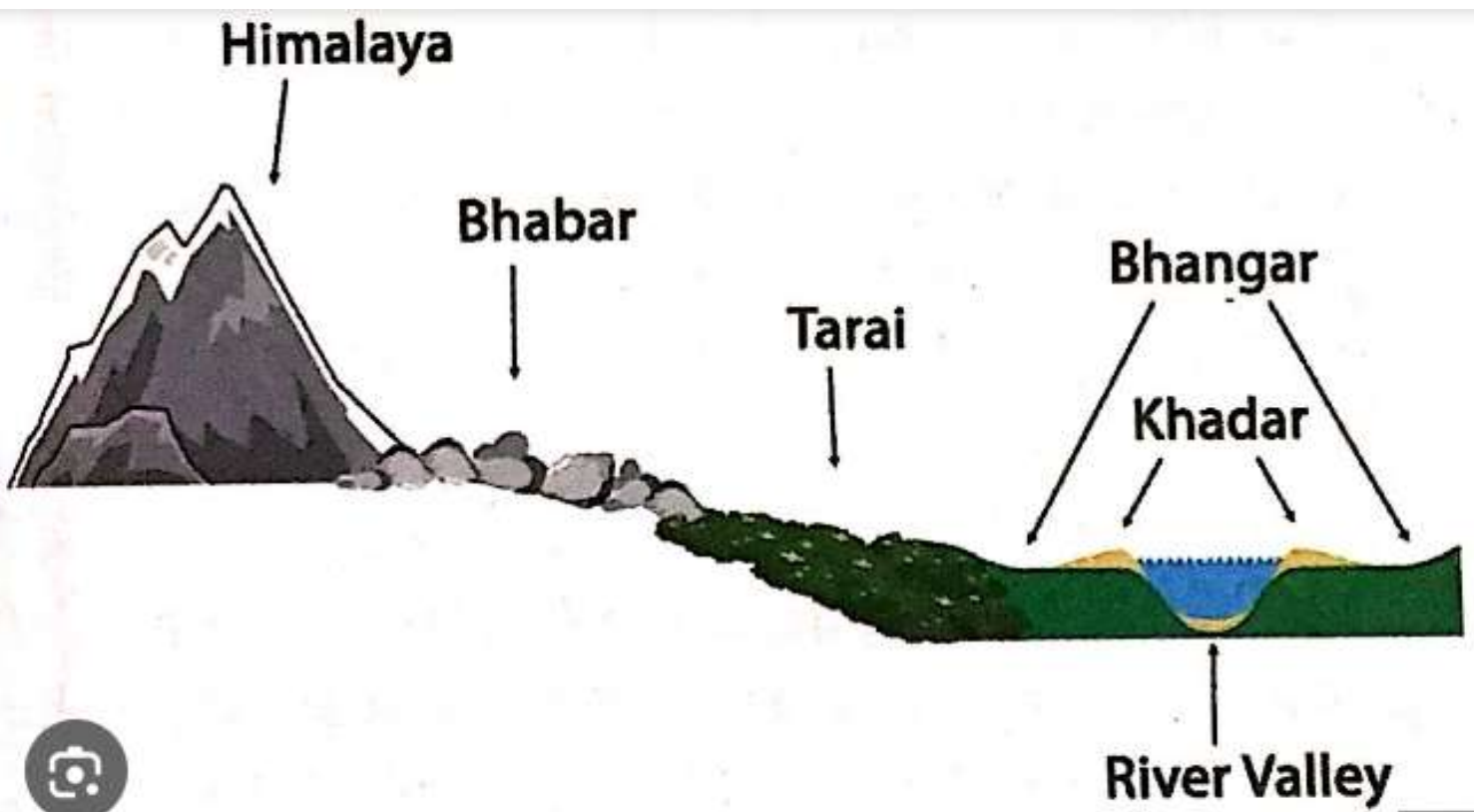
Tarai

Bhangar

Khadar

River Valley

1,280 × 704



भाबर और तराई क्षेत्र में अंतर

