

# Major Rivers of India - Exam Notes

## 1. Ganga River

Origin: Gangotri Glacier (Uttarakhand)

Confluence: Bay of Bengal

Length: ~2,525 km

Tributaries: Ramganga, Gomti, Ghaghara, Gandak, Kosi (left); Yamuna, Son, Tamsa (right)

Facts: Longest river in India, forms Sundarbans Delta, sacred river.

## 2. Yamuna River

Origin: Yamunotri Glacier (Uttarakhand)

Confluence: Ganga at Prayagraj

Length: ~1,376 km

Tributaries: Chambal, Sindh, Betwa, Ken

Facts: Major river of northern India, flows through Delhi and Agra.

## 3. Brahmaputra River

Origin: Angsi Glacier (Tibet) as Tsangpo

Confluence: Bay of Bengal

Length: ~2,900 km (in India ~916 km)

Tributaries: Dibang, Lohit, Subansiri, Manas

Facts: Forms Majuli island, reversed flow during monsoons.

## 4. Indus River

Origin: Tibetan Plateau

Confluence: Arabian Sea (Pakistan)

Length: ~3,180 km (in India ~1,114 km)

Tributaries: Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, Sutlej

Facts: Associated with Indus Valley Civilization, Indus Water Treaty.

## 5. Godavari River

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Origin: Trimbak Plateau (Maharashtra)

Confluence: Bay of Bengal

Length: ~1,465 km

Tributaries: Purna, Pranhita, Manjira, Indravati

Facts: Longest peninsular river, called Dakshin Ganga.

### 6. Krishna River

Origin: Mahabaleshwar (Maharashtra)

Confluence: Bay of Bengal

Length: ~1,400 km

Tributaries: Bhima, Tungabhadra, Ghataprabha

Facts: Important for irrigation in Deccan region.

### 7. Narmada River

Origin: Amarkantak Plateau

Confluence: Arabian Sea

Length: ~1,312 km

Tributaries: Tawa, Hiran, Shakkar

Facts: Flows westward, forms estuary not delta.

### 8. Tapi River

Origin: Satpura range (M.P.)

Confluence: Arabian Sea

Length: ~724 km

Tributaries: Purna, Girna, Panjhra

Facts: Flows through Surat, west-flowing river.

### 9. Mahanadi River

Origin: Sihawa Hills (Chhattisgarh)

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Confluence: Bay of Bengal

Length: ~851 km

Tributaries: Seonath, Hasdeo, Mand

Facts: Hirakud Dam on this river, forms fertile delta in Odisha.

### 10. Kaveri River

Origin: Talakaveri (Karnataka)

Confluence: Bay of Bengal

Length: ~800 km

Tributaries: Hemavati, Shimsha, Bhavani

Facts: Water dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.