



Mahanadi River

Why in News?

Recently, a boat accident on [Mahanadi river](#) led to the death of seven people. Chief Minister has announced an **ex-gratia** amount of **₹4 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased**,

Key Points

▪ About:

- The Mahanadi River system is the **third largest of peninsular India after [Godavari](#) and [Krishna](#)**, and the largest river of Odisha state.
- The catchment area of the river **extends to Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Maharashtra**.
- Its basin is **bounded by the Central India hills** on the north, by the **Eastern Ghats** on the south and east and by the [Maikala range](#) in the west.

▪ Source:

- It rises from a place near **Sihawa, near Raipur in the state of Chhattisgarh** to the south of Amarkantak.

▪ Major Tributaries:

- The **Seonath, the Hasdeo, the Mand** and the Ib joins Mahanadi from left whereas the Ong, the Tel and the Jonk joins it from right.

▪ Mahanadi River Dispute:

- The Central Government constituted [Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal in 2018](#).

▪ Major Dams/Projects on Mahanadi:

- [Hirakud Dam](#): This is the longest dam of India.
- Ravishankar Sagar, Dudhawa Reservoir, Sondur Reservoir, Hasdeo Bango and Tandula are other major projects.

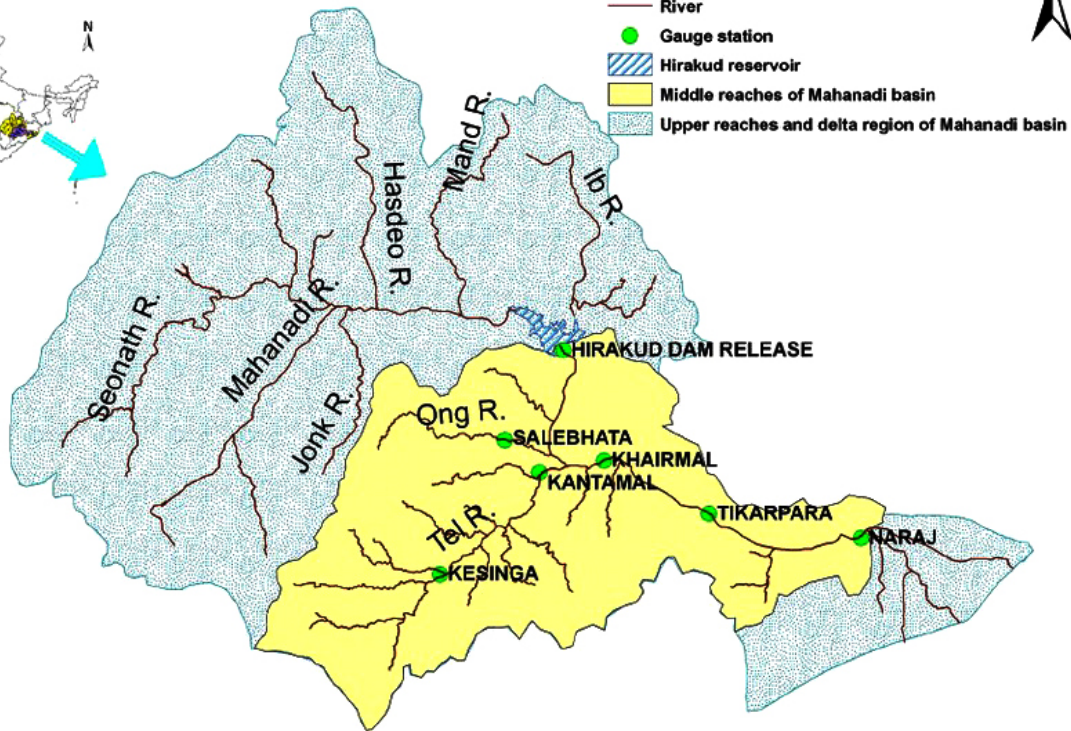
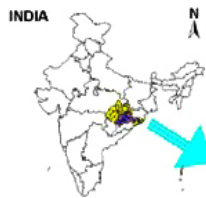
▪ Urban Centres:

- Three important urban centres in the basin are **Raipur, Durg and Cuttack**.

▪ Industries:

- Mahanadi basin, because of its rich mineral resource and adequate power resource, **has a favourable industrial climate**.
 - **Iron and Steel** plant at Bhilai
 - **Aluminium** factories at Hirakud and Korba
 - **Paper mill** near Cuttack
 - **Cement factory** at Sundargarh.
 - Other industries based primarily on agricultural produce are **sugar and textile mills**.
- **Mining of coal, iron and manganese** are other industrial activities.

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