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### Rivers of India

1. Indus: Rises Tibet, Near Mansarovar lake. Direction of flow West and Northwest and falls into Arabian Sea Drainage Area 11,65,000 km<sup>2</sup>, India has a share of 32,190 km<sup>2</sup>
2. Jhelum: Rises Verinag at the foothills of Pirpanjal. Direction of flow Northwards from direction and meets Chambal near Sawai Madhopur.
3. Son: Originates from the Amarkantak Plateau. It merges into Ganga as its right bank tributary near Ramnagar.
4. Ramganga: It rises in the Kumaoun Himalayas. Enters the Ganga plain near Kalagarh. It joins the left bank of the Ganga near Kannauj.
5. Sarada: It rises in the Eastern Himalayas and is known as Kali in Himalayas, the Sarada in Pilibhit and Kheri districts and Chauka before it joins the right bank of the Ghaghara near Bahramgaht. The Sarada runs along the IndoNepal boundary and leaves Himalayas at Brahmdeo.
6. Ghaghara: Rises in Karnali, is of Himalayan origin and crosses the western part of the Nepal Himalayas and joins Ganga near Chapra (Bihar) as its left bank tributary. The Rapti joins Ghaghara's left bank at Barhaj.
7. Gandak: Rises near China, Nepal boundary and enters Champaran (Bihar) and joins the left bank of the Ganga at Sonapur.
8. Kosi: Rises in Nepal and joins the left bank of Ganga at Karagola near Bhagalpur. The river is notorious for shifting its course, leads to floods and hence known as the 'Sorrow of Bihar'
9. Damodar: Rises in the Palamu dist, in Chota Nagpur plateau (Jharkand). It is better known as the 'Sorrow of Bengal' and joins the Bhagirathi, Hugly in West Bengal
10. Brahmaputra: Tsangpo, runs to the South along the eastern blank of Namcha Barwa and crosses the Assam Himalayas, under the name of Dhiang and enters Assam valley and called Brahmaputra. Tributaries are Subanshi, Bharati, Manas on the right bank and

Dibang, Luhit BariDihing, Dhansiri, Kapili on the left bank, Drainage area: 3,40,000 km<sup>2</sup> in India. In Bangladesh it is known as Meghna

11. Cauvery: Rises Brahmagiri range of Western Ghats (Coorg dist.) (Karnataka). Direction of flow: to Bay of Bengal (East, South East); It is called 'Ganga Dakshin'. Tributaries: on left bank: Ilemavati and Shinusha, Arkavati. On right bank: Kabani, Bhavani and Amaravati. Drainage area: 87,900km<sup>2</sup>
12. Krishna: Rises Near Mahabaleshwar, Western Ghats (Maharashtra). Direction of flow: flows through Satara and Dangli districts of Maharashtra, northern Karnataka and southern Andhra Pradesh, Tributaries: Kaya, Malprabha, Ghatprabha, Bhima, Tungbhadra. Drainage Area: 2,51,830km<sup>2</sup>
13. Godawari: Rises in Trimbak plateau near Nasik (Maharashtra) and flows eastward in the gorge upto Nasik town. Direction of flow: It drains eastern and south eastern
14. It is the longest river in Indian Peninsula. Tributaries left bank Darna, Penganga, Wardha, Wenganga, Indravati, Sabri, Pravara, Purna, Manpla, Maner, Pranhita. Right bank: Manjra.
15. Mahanadi: Rises in Dandkaranaya and Southern part Chhattisgarh. Direction of flow: after flowing northwards, it receives Sheonath in bank a little above Sheonarayan. Tributaries Sheonath, Hasdeo, Mand on left bank and Jank, Ung Tel on right bank. Drainage area: 1,41,600km<sup>2</sup>
16. Narmada: Rises in Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh. Drainage area: 98,786 km<sup>2</sup> Tributaries: Burhner Tawa, Sher, Dudli, Shakkar, Hiran, Tedoni, Brna, Anjal, Machak, Kundi, Joi, Karyan. The famous waterfall 'Dhuandhar' is on Narmada River near Jabalpur. The river forms an Estuary at the mouth of the sea.
17. Tapi: Rises: in Multai (Betul dis) M P (Satpura Range). Tributaries: Gomai, Janjal, Arunavati. Left bank; Veghar, Girna, Puma, Pujhara. Drainage area 65,145km<sup>2</sup>
18. Luni Rises in Annasagar in Ajmer dist.(Rajasthan). Drainage area: 42,240km<sup>2</sup> This river drains into Rann of Kutch. Tributaries Bandi, Sutri, and Jawai
19. Sabarmati: Rises in Jaisamand lake in Udaipur dist,(Rajasthan), Drainage area: 21,674km<sup>2</sup> Tributaries Wakal, Harrow, Neshwa, Hathmati.
20. Subarnrekha: Rises: Interposed between Ganga and Mahanadi. Drainage area 19500km<sup>2</sup>
21. Mahi: Rises in Aravallis in Udaipur dist. Direction south southwest into the Gulf of Cambay
22. Pennar: Rises in Kolar dist (Karnataka). Direction flows through a gorge of Cuddappah and enters the sea near the city of Nellore.
23. Ken: Rises in Vindhya in M P Direction flow northwards to join Yamuna.

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