

Pennar River

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Pennar River is strangely also called Peenigula Penna, in other words, a river course with dead bodies lying around, even though other rivers in Andhra Pradesh are overflowing with water.

About Pennar River

- The Pennar River, also known as **Penna, Pinakini, or Penneru**, is a river in southern India that flows through the states of **Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh**.
- The name Penna is derived from the Telugu word "**Pennu**" which means "**silt**".
- The river gets its name due to the **high amount of silt it carries**, which has been instrumental in shaping the land around it.
- The Penna River is also **mentioned in ancient Indian literature**, including the **Ramayana and Mahabharata**.
- **Course:**

- It **originates** in the **Nandi Hills of Karnataka** and **flows through the Deccan Plateau** before **entering Andhra Pradesh**.
- The river then **flows through the Eastern Ghats**, creating several **waterfalls and rapids** before **reaching the flat plains of the coastal region**.
- The river finally **meets the Bay of Bengal** near the town of Nellore.
- It travels approximately **597 kilometers**, forming a **semi-arid yet agriculturally important** river basin.
- The river basin lies in the **rain shadow region of the Eastern Ghats**.
- The **river is seasonal**, becoming a **torrent after the rains** and a thin stream during dry periods.
- **Tributaries:**
 - The Penna River has several tributaries, most of which are **seasonal**.
 - **Major ones** include the **Chitravati, Papagni, Cheyyeru, and Kunderu rivers**.
- The Penna River is **crucial to agriculture in parts of Andhra Pradesh**, particularly the drought-stricken **Rayalaseema region**.
- Several **irrigation projects**, such as the **Somasila, Mylavaram, and Gandikota projects**, have been constructed to use the river's waters for farming and drinking purposes.

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