

Nandakini River

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About Nandakini River

- Nandakini is **one of the five main tributaries of the Ganges River**.
- **Origin:** Originating in the **glaciers below Nanda Ghunti on the Nanda Devi Sanctuary**, the river joins **the Alaknanda at Nandprayag (870m)**, which is **one of the panch prayags or holy confluences** on the Alaknanda.
- **Course of Nandakini River**
 - It **flows through the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand** primarily in the **Garhwal region**, covering a distance of **approximately 105 kilometers before merging with the Alaknanda River at Nandprayag**.

- At this point, the combined waters of the Nandakini and Alaknanda **form the Ganges River**.
 - It is **surrounded by the majestic Himalayan peaks**, including **Nanda Devi, Trisul, and Kamet**.
 - **Cultural Significance of Nandakini River**
 - The river holds great **significance in Hindu mythology** and is considered sacred. It is **believed to be the abode of Lord Vishnu**.
 - The region surrounding the river is **dotted with ancient temples and shrines**.
 - The **most famous temple along the Nandakini River is the Nandprayag Temple**, dedicated to **Lord Vishnu**.
 - The temple is believed to have **been built by Adi Shankaracharya**, a renowned philosopher and saint.
 - **Tributaries**: Several smaller streams and rivers join the Nandakini as it makes its way through the mountainous terrain. **One of the notable tributaries is the Pindar River**.
 - The banks of the Nandakini River **are rich with wildlife and biodiversity**. The region is home to **several protected areas, including the Nanda Devi National Park and the Valley of Flowers National Park**.
 - **The Nanda Devi National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, is home to a wide range of flora and fauna. The park **is known for its diverse ecosystem, which includes alpine meadows, high-altitude forests, and snow-capped peaks**.
 - **The Valley of Flowers National Park**, on the other hand, is **famous for its vibrant alpine flowers that bloom during the monsoon season**. It is also home to several rare and endangered plant species.
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Q1) Which are the major tributaries of Ganges river?

Tributaries of Ganga include Ramganga, Gomti, Ghaghara, Gandak, Kosi and Mahananda from the left bank and Yamuna, Tamsa, Son and Punpun from the right bank.

Source: [Uttarakhand's Nandakini River Swells After Heavy Rain, Water Enters Houses In Chamoli](#)

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