

Jhelum River

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The Kashmir Valley is witnessing one of its most unusual early springs in decades, with the river Jhelum, its lifeline, dropping below the zero-gauge level while temperatures surge to record highs.

About Jhelum River

- It is an important river that flows through **northwestern India and eastern Pakistan.**
- It is a **tributary of the Indus** River.
- The river is also known as **Vitasta in Sanskrit, Hydaspes in Greek, and Bidasp in Persian.**
- It is the **lifeline of Kashmir**, the region where it flows for most of its course.
- It is the **largest and most western of the five rivers of Punjab** and **passes through the Jhelum District in the North of Punjab province, Pakistan.**
- **Course:**
 - It **originates** at the **Verinag Spring** at Ananthenag, at the **foot of the Pir Panjal range in the Kashmir Valley.**

- The river meanders northwestward from the **northern slope of the Pir Panjal Range through the Vale of Kashmir to Wular Lake at Srinagar**, which controls its flow.
- The river **makes a deep, narrow gorge on its way to Pakistan**.
- It **joins the Chenab River** near **Trimmu, Pakistan**.
- Length: It has a total length of about **725 km**.
- The **hydrology** of the Jhelum River is largely **controlled by snowmelt from the Karakoram and Himalaya ranges in the spring** and the **southwest monsoon** on the Indian subcontinent that brings heavy rains from **June to September**.
- **Major Tributaries:**
 - The **largest tributary** of the Jhelum is the **Kishenganga (Neelum) River**, which joins near Muzaffarabad and enters the Punjab province, Pakistan.
 - The **Kunhar River** is the second largest tributary of the river, which connects Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Pakistan on the Kohala Bridge of the Kangan valley.
 - Other tributaries include the Sandran River, Bringi River, Arapath River, Watlala River, Lidder River, and Veshaw River.

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