

Awaous Motla

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About Awaous Motla

- It is a fish with a vibrant yellow-coloured body and a fleshy upper lip.
- It was collected from the Mahanadi river.
- The discovery was made during the ongoing research project funded by the department of science and technology of the Odisha government.
- The species belongs to the family 'Awaous' (Oxudercidae), and thus, is named 'Awaous motla'.

Key facts about Mahanadi River

- It is one of the major east-flowing peninsular rivers in India.
- Origin: The river originates from the Sihawa range of hills in the Dhamtari district of Chhattisgarh state.
- Course:
 - It flows in a southeastern direction through Chhattisgarh and Odisha.
 - The catchment area of the basin extends over major parts of Chhattisgarh and Odisha and comparatively smaller portions of Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- It is bounded in the north by Central India hills, in the south and east by the Eastern Ghats and in the west by Maikal hill range.

- Tributaries: The main tributaries of Mahanadi are Seonath River, Jonk River, Hasdeo River, Mand River, Ib River, Ong River and Telen River.
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Q1) What is the Maikala Range?

It is a mountain range in Madhya Pradesh state, central India. It runs in a north-south direction and forms the eastern base of the triangular Satpura Range. The Maikala Range consists of laterite-capped, flat-topped plateaus (pats) with elevations ranging from 2,000 to 3,000 feet (600 to 900 metres).

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