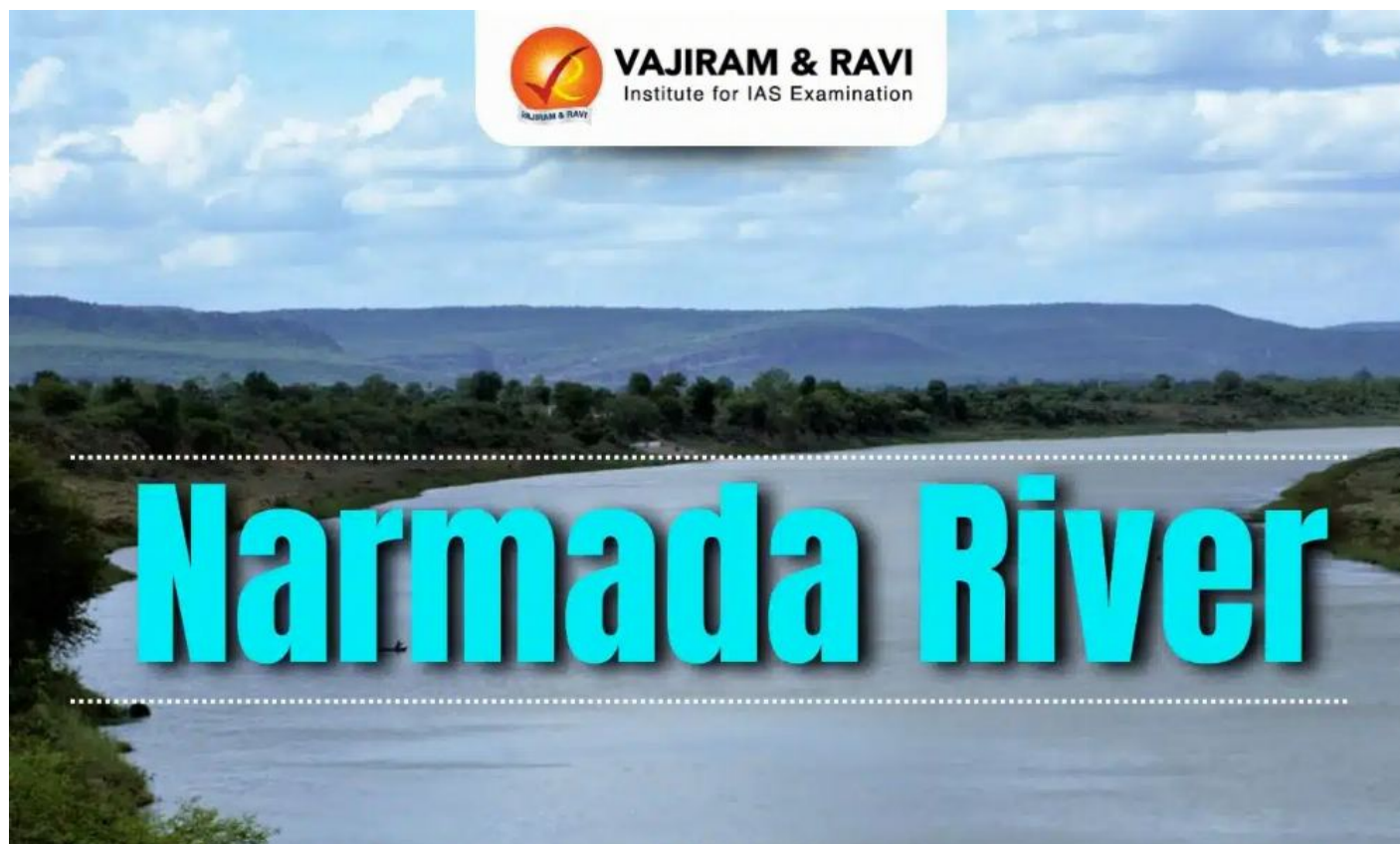


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At least nine people were killed recently after a cruise boat carrying around 30 people on board sank in Narmada River's Bargi dam area of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur.

About Narmada River

- It is the **largest west-flowing river in peninsular India**.
- Of the major rivers of peninsular India, only the Narmada, the Tapi, and the Mahiran flow from east to west.
- It has long been an important **route between the Arabian Sea and the Ganges (Ganga) River valley**.
- The Narmada was **called Namade** by the **2nd-century-ce Greek geographer Ptolemy**.
- **Course:**
 - The **origin** of the river is a **tiny reservoir named Narmada Kund**, which is situated on the **Amarkantak Hill in East Madhya Pradesh** at an elevation of 1,057 m on the **border with Chhattisgarh**.

- The river **flows through Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Gujarat between Vindhya and Satpura hill** ranges before **falling into the Gulf of Cambay** in the **Arabian Sea** about 10 km north of Bharuch, **Gujarat**.
- **Length:** The total length of the river is **1312 kilometres** (815 miles). It is the **fifth longest river of India**.
- Narmada flows through the **Hoshangabad plains**, the **Dhar upland**, the **Mahishmati plains**, and the **gorges at Mandhata and Murakta**.
- The **basin** is **bounded** on the north by the **Vindhya**s, on the east by the **Maikala range**, on the south by the **Satpuras**, and on the west by the **Arabian Sea**.
- The **Tropic of Cancer crosses the Narmada basin** in the upper plains area, and a major part of the basin lies just below this line.
- It is one of the rivers that **flow in a rift valley** and acts as a **divider between north India and south India**.
- These **rift valleys** are the **result of the faulting** that took place when the **northern flank of the Peninsula suffered subsidence**.
- The river has **numerous waterfalls**, notably the **Dhuandhar Falls, southwest of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Tributaries:**
 - The main tributaries of Narmada River are, namely, **Hallon River, Banjar River, Barna River, and Tawa River**.
 - The **Tawa River** is the **longest** tributary of the Narmada River.
- There are also **numerous pilgrimage spots** on the banks of the river, the most important among them are **Maheshwar and Omkareshwar temples**.
- There are several dams along the course of the river, including major hydroelectric projects, such as the **Sardar Sarovar Dam, the Indira Sagar Dam, the Omkareshwar Dam, the Bargi Dam, and the Maheshwar Dam**.

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