

Arkavathi River

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About Arkavathi River:

- It is an important mountain river in **Karnataka**.
- It is a significant **tributary of the Kaveri River**.
- **Course:**
 - **Origin:** It originates at **Nandi Hills** of the district of Chikkaballapura at an elevation of 1478 meters.
 - It joins the Kaveri River around 34 km south of Kanakapura in the Ramanagara District.
 - **Total Length: 190 km.**
- **One-third of Bengaluru city falls within its 4,150 sq. km. river basin.**
- **Historically**, the river was a **major source of drinking water for Bangalore** and surrounding areas.
- It has **three tributaries; the Kumudavathi, Suvarnamukhi, and Vrishabhavathi**.
- **Reservoirs:** The Arkavathi feeds two important reservoirs:
 - **Hesaraghatta Reservoir:** Built in 1894 to supply drinking water to Bangalore.
 - **Thippagondanahalli Reservoir** (T.G. Halli): Also supplies drinking water to Bangalore.

Q1: Which are the main tributaries of Kaveri River?

Its important tributaries joining from left are the Harangi, the Hemavati, the Shimsha, and the Arkavati, whereas the Lakshmantirtha, the Kabbani, the Suvarnavati, the Bhavani, the Noyil, and the Amaravati joins from right.

News: [Mercury, cancer-causing pesticide found in Arkavathy river water sample](#)

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