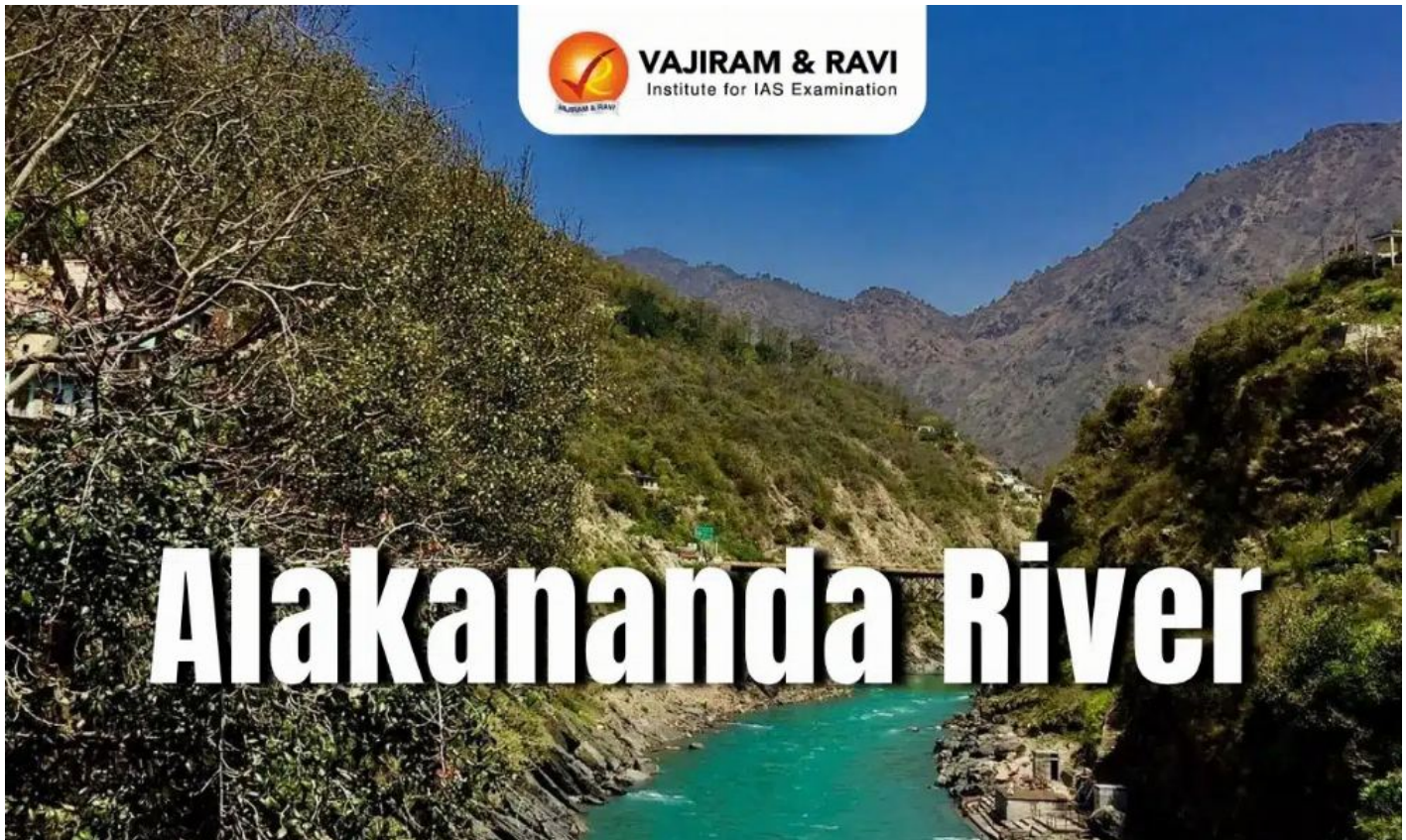


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Heavy rains in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand have triggered a surge in the water level of the Alaknanda River, creating a flood-like situation in the region.

About Alaknanda River

- It is a Himalayan river in the state of **Uttarakhand**.
- It is **one of the two main headstreams of the Ganges** River, the **other being the Bhagirathi River**.
- It **originates** from the **meltwaters of the Satopanth and Bhagirath Kharak glaciers** in the **Garhwal Himalayas of Uttarakhand**.
- The river is joined by many tributaries in Uttarakhand.
- **Five of the tributaries** are **considered major**, and their points of confluence are also worshipped. The **five holy confluences** in the Garhwal Himalayas are also **known as Panch Prayag**. They are listed below:
 - **Vishnuprayag: Alaknanda meets Dhauliganga** River
 - **Nandprayag: Alaknanda meets Nandakini** River

- **Karnaprayag:** Alaknanda meets **Pindar River**
- **Rudraprayag:** Alaknanda meets **Mandakini River**
- **Devprayag:** Alaknanda meets **Bhagirathi**. This is the **most revered confluence**, as it is here when the **surging water coming from the mountains is finally called the Ganga**.
- **At the time of the formation of Ganga, Alaknanda's contribution to the flow is much larger than that of Bhagirathi.**
- From its source till its union with Bhagirathi, Alaknanda travels for **190 km** (approx.).
- Along the banks of the Alaknanda are numerous important **pilgrimage sites** such as **Badrinath, Hemkund Sahib, and Joshimath**.
- The Alaknanda River valley is a **significant part of the Char Dham Yatra**, a pilgrimage **circuit that encompasses four sacred sites—Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri**.
- There are several **hydel projects** in the basin, which include the Alaknanda (Badrinath), **Lata Tapovan, Devsari Dam, Nandprayag Langasu, and Vishnugad Pipalkoti**, to name a few.

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