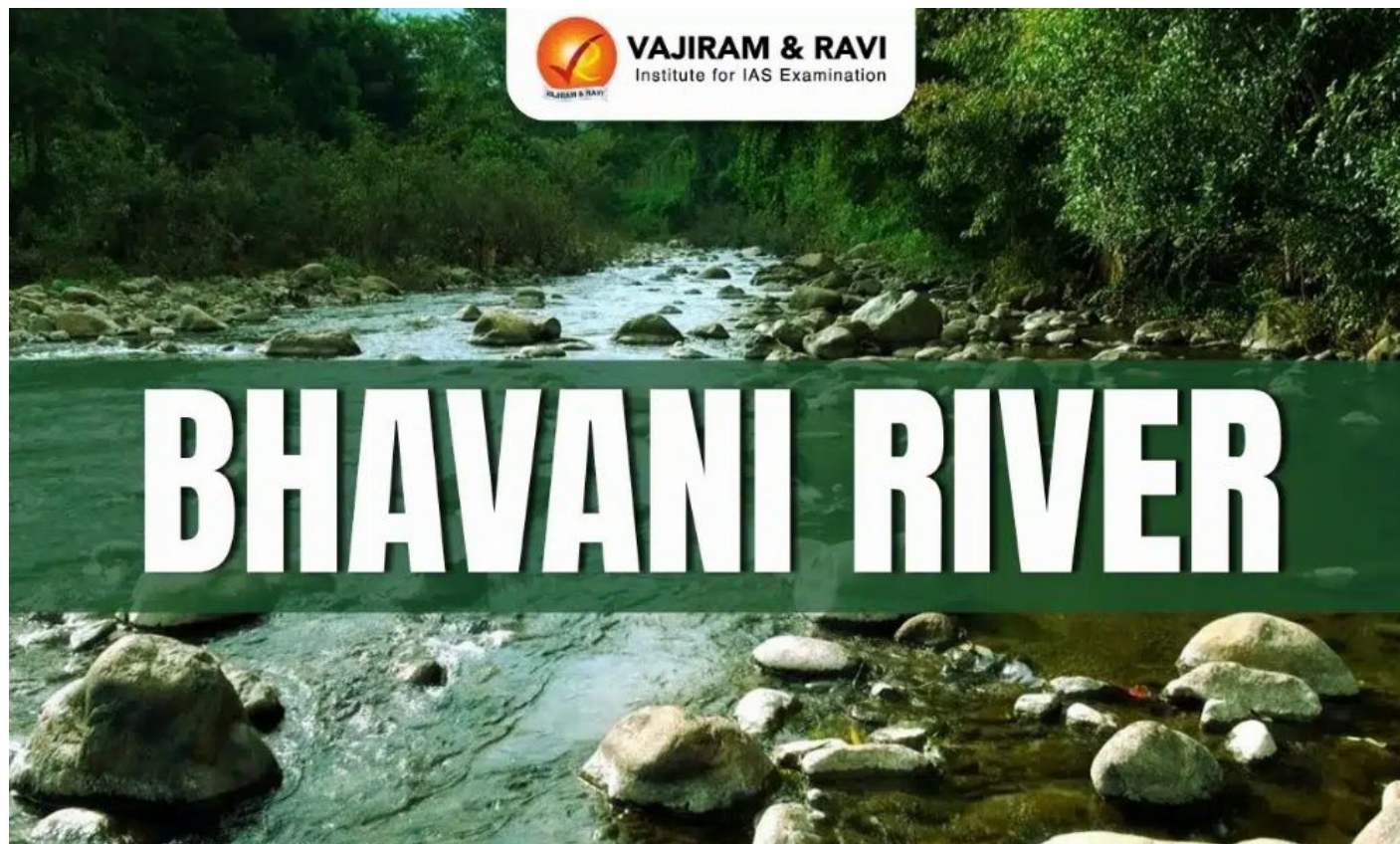


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Large stretches of the Bhavani River near Kooduthurai at Bhavani have been recently engulfed by water hyacinth, prompting farmers and residents to urge the State government to remove the invasive aquatic weed.

About Bhavani River

- It is a major **tributary of the Cauvery** River flowing through the states of **Kerala and Tamil Nadu**.
- It is the **second largest river in Tamil Nadu**.
- **Course:**
 - It **originates** from the **Western Ghats** in the **Nilgiri Hills**, located in the Tiruppur district of **Tamil Nadu**.
 - The river **emerges from Bhavani Lake**, at an elevation of about 2,165 meters (7,100 feet) above sea level.
 - From there, it **flows into Kerala**, passing through the **Silent Valley National Park**.
 - After flowing through Kerala, the river **turns and flows back into Tamil Nadu**.

- Finally, the river **merges with the Cauvery** River in the town of Bhavani, at a location known as **Bhavani Sangameshwarar Temple**, a significant pilgrimage site for Hindus.

- **Total Length: 217 km.**

- It is a **“perennial” river**, which means it flows all year round and never dries up.
- The **drainage basin** spans approximately 6,200 sq.km., covering parts of **Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka**:
- About **90 percent** of the river water is used for **agriculture**.
- **Tributaries**: The largest tributaries are **West and East Varagar**, which come from the Nilgiris.
- **Major Dams**:
 - Bhavani Sagar Dam
 - Kodiveri Dam.

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