

Adyar River

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Tamil Nadu Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources recently inspected Adyar river areas, prioritizing cleaning efforts and addressing residents' needs for basic amenities.

About Adyar River

- The Adyar River (sometimes called Adayar) is an important river flowing through the city of **Chennai** in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Course:**
 - It **originates** near the **Chembarambakkam Lake** in the Kanchipuram district of Tamil Nadu.
 - Finally, it **reaches the Bay of Bengal** at a place called the **Adyar Estuary**.
- **Total Length: 42.5 km**
- It is one of the three rivers which winds through Chennai.
- The river forms a **backwater near the mouth**, known as the **Adyar Creek**, due to the **formation of sandbars at the mouth**.

- This creek is a **natural channel** which **carries tidal water back into the sea**.
- The **river collects surplus water** from about 200 tanks and lakes, small streams, and the rainwater drains in **Chennai city**, with a combined catchment area of 860 sq.km.
- Most of the **waste from the city** is drained into this river.
- The **Adyar Estuary**, covering around 300 acres, is home to diverse bird species and marine life.
 - Recognizing its ecological significance, it was declared a **protected wildlife reserve in 1987**.

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