

## Bhavani Island

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### Bhavani Island Latest News

Back-to-back floods at the Prakasam Barrage across the Krishna River have become a bane for the tourism department, which has once again been forced to close Bhavani Island and suspend boat operations, severely impacting tourism revenue.

### About Bhavani Island

- It is a **river island** situated **near Vijayawada** on the **Krishna River in Andhra Pradesh**.
- Spread over an area of 133 acres, it is **one of the largest river islands in India**.
- The island has **extensive forest coverage**, shimmering ponds and rolling meadows.
- Initially known more for its natural beauty and abundance of flora and fauna, the island has transformed into a **well-equipped tourist spot**.

### Key Facts about Krishna River

- It is a river of **south-central India**.

- **One of India's longest rivers**, it has a total length of about **1,400 km**.
- **Course:**
  - The river **rises** in western **Maharashtra** state in the **Western Ghats** range near the town of **Mahabaleshwar**, not far from the coast of the Arabian Sea.
  - **Krishnabai Temple in Mahabaleshwar** is considered to be the **starting point** of the Krishna River.
  - It passes through the Indian states of **Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana**, and **Andhra Pradesh** and **meets the Bay of Bengal** at Hamasaladeevi **in Andhra Pradesh**, on the east coast.
- The Krishna River **Basin** extends over an area of about 258,948 sq. km, which is nearly **8 percent of the total geographical area of the country**.
- It has the **second largest river basin in peninsular India (after the Godavari)**.
- It is **bounded by** the **Balaghat range** on the north, by the **Eastern Ghats** on the south and the east, and by the **Western Ghats** on the west.
- The principal **tributaries** joining Krishna are the **Ghataprabha**, the **Malaprabha**, the **Bhima**, the **Tungabhadra**, and the **Musi**.
- The **major dams** on the Krishna are the **Lal Bahadur Shastri Dam** (also known as **Almatti Dam**), the **Nagarjuna Sagar**, the **Srisailem Dam**, the Dhom Dam, the Narayanpur Dam, and the Jurala Dam.

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