

## Aghanashini River

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### Aghanashini River Latest News

Recently the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) advised the Centre that the Aghanashini-Vedavathi river linking project must comply with the norms set under World Heritage Conservation frameworks.

### About Aghanashini River

- **Origin:** It originates from Gadihalli (Sirsi) at an altitude of 676m in **the Western Ghats** of **Karnataka State**.
- Aghanashini, meaning **the “Remover of Sins”** is one of the very few free-flowing rivers of the world.
- The river has a catchment area of 1449 sq.km
- It **travels** a distance of nearly 117 km before it joins the Arabian **Sea at Tadri, Karnataka**.
- **Tributaries:** Donihalla, Chandika hole, Masti mane halla, Benne hole etc
- **Water Falls:** The variations in the terrain has led to formation of various water falls such as the **Burude falls, Dabbe falls, Waate halla, Benne holé falls, Unchalli falls**.

- The rainfall in the **catchment is orographic** with annual rainfall varying spatially between 2500mm at the plains to over 6300 mm at the Ghats.
- **Aghanashini Estuary:** Where the **Aghanashini River meets the Arabian Sea**, this estuarine system is rich in mangroves and supports a variety of fish and bird species.
  - Aghanashini Estuary has been designated as the **Ramsar Site**.

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