



River Umngot: Meghalaya

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Recently, the Meghalaya government has scrapped an agreement with private power developers to execute the proposed **Umngot hydroelectric project on river Umngot**.

Key Points

- Popularly known as **Dawki river**, the Umngot river in Meghalaya is undisputedly the **cleanest river in Asia with its crystal clear water**. It originates from the Eastern Shillong Peak, which is located 1,800 m above sea level.
- The **river is in the village of Mawlynnong ("God's Own Garden") in Meghalaya**, close to India's border with Bangladesh, which is touted as **Asia's Cleanest Village**. Alongside cleanliness, the village has also achieved a rare feat — a **100% literacy rate**.
- It **acts as a natural divide between Jaintia and Khasi hills**, before finally flowing into Bangladesh.

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