



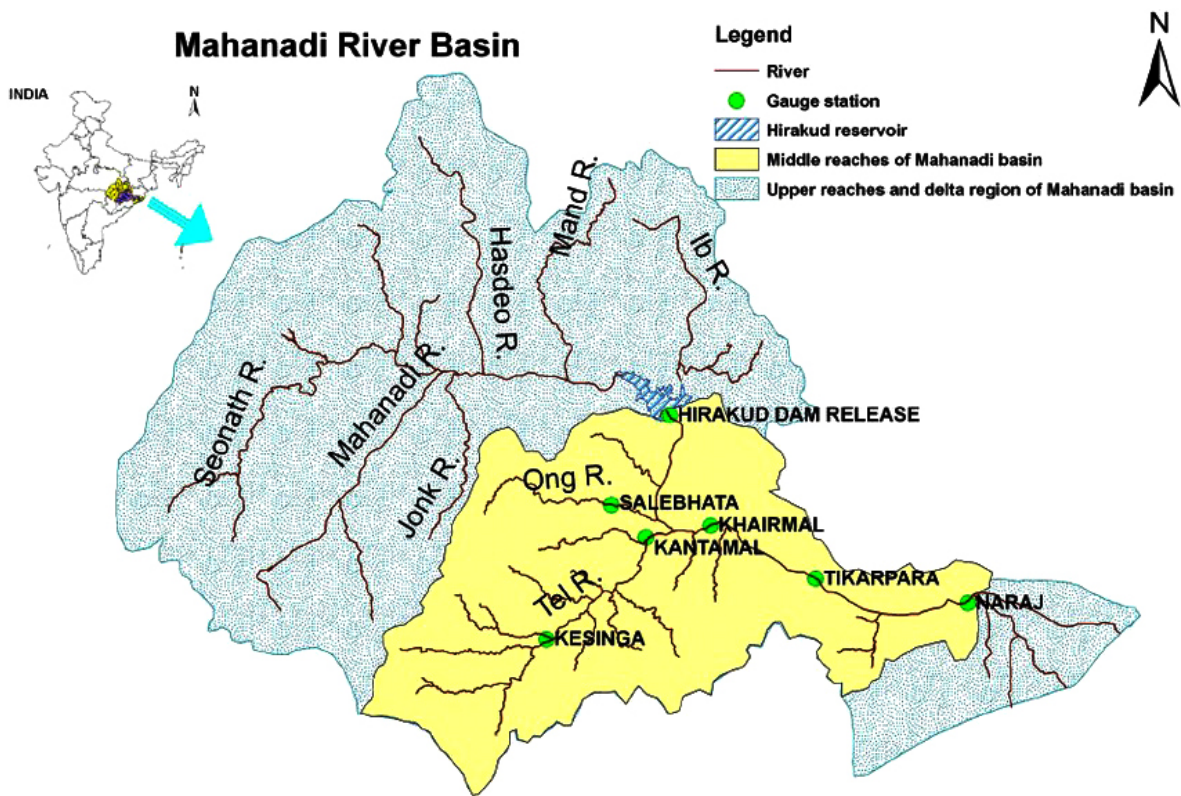
Mahanadi River

Why in News?

Recently, a boat accident on [Mahanadi river](#) led to the death of seven people. Chief Minister has announced an **ex-gratia** amount of **₹4 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased**,

Key Points

- **About:**
 - The Mahanadi River system is the **third largest of peninsular India after [Godavari](#) and [Krishna](#)**, and the largest river of Odisha state.
 - The catchment area of the river **extends to Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Maharashtra**.
 - Its basin is **bounded by the Central India hills** on the north, by the **Eastern Ghats** on the south and east and by the [Maikala range](#) in the west.
- **Source:**
 - It rises from a place near **Sihawa, near Raipur in the state of Chhattisgarh** to the south of Amarkantak.
- **Major Tributaries:**
 - The **Seonath, the Hasdeo, the Mand** and the Ib joins Mahanadi from left whereas the Ong, the Tel and the Jonk joins it from right.
- **Mahanadi River Dispute:**
 - The Central Government constituted [Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal in 2018](#).
- **Major Dams/Projects on Mahanadi:**
 - [Hirakud Dam](#): This is the longest dam of India.
 - Ravishankar Sagar, Dudhawa Reservoir, Sondur Reservoir, Hasdeo Bango and Tandula are other major projects.
- **Urban Centres:**
 - Three important urban centres in the basin are **Raipur, Durg and Cuttack**.
- **Industries:**
 - Mahanadi basin, because of its rich mineral resource and adequate power resource, **has a favourable industrial climate**.
 - **Iron and Steel** plant at Bhilai
 - **Aluminium** factories at Hirakud and Korba
 - **Paper mill** near Cuttack
 - **Cement factory** at Sundargarh.
 - Other industries based primarily on agricultural produce are **sugar and textile mills**.
 - **Mining of coal, iron and manganese** are other industrial activities.



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