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## Bharathappuzha

- **Bharathappuzha River**, also called **Nila River**, flows through Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- It has a total **length of 209 km**, making it the **second longest river in Kerala** after Periyar.
- The river passes through the **Palakkad Gap**, the largest opening in Kerala's **Western Ghats**.
- In ancient scripts, the river is referred to as **Perar**.
- The **Thrissur-Ponnani Kole Wetlands** are situated along its banks.
- The river originates from the **Thirumoorthy Dam** in Tamil Nadu.
- Upon entering Kerala, it is known by five names: **Bharathappuzha, Ponnani River, Nila, Perar, and Kuttippuram River**, with Bharathappuzha being most common.
- The river meets the **Lakshadweep Sea** at an **azhi (estuary)** near Ponnani and Padinjarekkara.
- The **Kuttippuram Bridge** made the name Kuttippuram River popular in modern times.
- Headwaters originate as **small rivulets** in the
- Bharathappuzha flows north for the first **40 km** to Pollachi and then west after the confluence of **Kannadipuzha and Kalpathipuzha** at Parli.
- Other tributaries include **Gayathripuzha** at Mayannur and **Thuthapuzha** at Pallippuram.
- The river passes through **Kuttippuram, Tirunavaya, Irimbiliyam, Thavanur, Triprangode**, and ends at **Ponnani**.
- **Malampuzha Dam** is the largest across Bharathappuzha and its tributaries.
- Other dams include **Walayar, Mangalam, Pothundi, Meenkara, Chulliyar, Thirumoorthy, Aliyar, Upper Aliyar, Chitturpuzha regulator, and Kanjirapuzha Dam**.
- The river empties into the **Arabian Sea** at **Ponnani**.
- **Chamravattom Regulator-cum-Bridge** at Ponnani is the **largest regulator-cum-bridge** in Kerala over Bharathappuzha.
- Two main branches of the river meet at **Kuttippuram** before flowing to the **Arabian Sea**.

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## Panama

- **Panama** is a country in **Central America**, located on the **Isthmus of Panama**, connecting North and South America.
- The country comprises the **isthmus** and more than **1,600 islands** along its **Atlantic and Pacific coasts**.
- Panama is internationally renowned for the **Panama Canal**, which cuts through the **midsection** of the country.
- Indigenous peoples of Panama include the **Guaymí, Kuna, and Chocó** communities.
- Panama was the first **Spanish colony** on the **Pacific coast** of the Americas.
- The **capital** of Panama is **Panama City**.
- The estimated **population** of Panama in 2025 is **4,379,000**.
- The **official language** of Panama is **Spanish**.
- The **Panama Canal**, completed in **1914**, connects the **Atlantic and Pacific Oceans** over **51 miles (82 km)**.
- The country is bordered by the **Caribbean Sea** to the north and the **Pacific Ocean** to the south.
- Panama has an elongated **S-shape**, with a **Caribbean coastline** of about **1,290 km** and a **Pacific coastline** of about **1,700 km**.
- The **highest peak** in Panama is **Barú (Chiriquí)**, an inactive volcano with an elevation of **3,475 m (11,401 ft)**.
- Panama's soils are **reddish-brown, clay-rich**, and vary in **fertility**, requiring fertilizers in less fertile regions.
- A system of **shifting agriculture**, called **roza**, is practiced in poorer soils.

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