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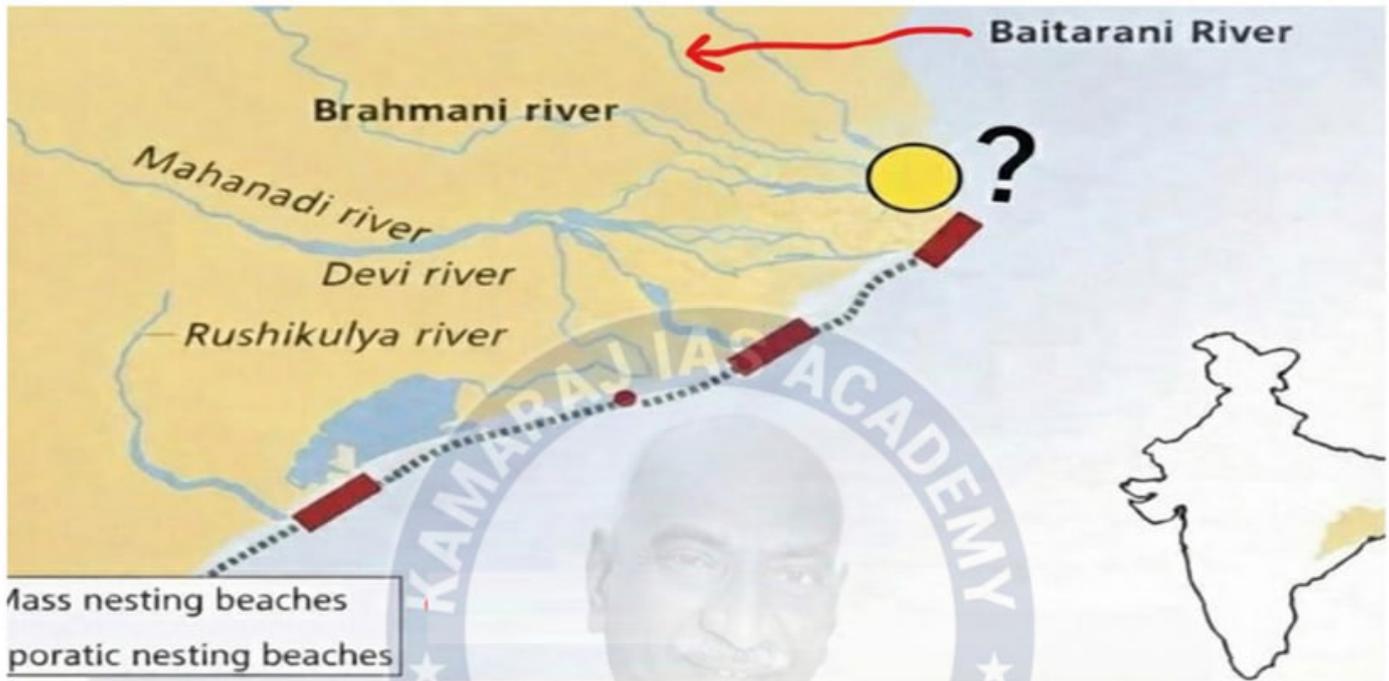
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Baitarani River Delta

- The **Baitarani River Delta** is located in the **Middle Coastal Plain of Odisha** along the eastern coast of India.
- It is a **compound delta** formed by the combined deposition of the **Baitarani and Brahmani rivers**.
- The delta developed mainly during the **Holocene period** (last ~10,000 years).
- The rivers meet near the **Dhamra estuary** before draining into the Bay of Bengal.
- The lower course forms a **deltaic coastal plain** with flat and low-lying terrain.
- The river shows strong **meandering channels** in the slope.
- The **Baitarani River** (also called **Vaitarani**) is one of the six principal rivers of Odisha in eastern India.
- It holds deep **mythological importance** in Hindu belief and is associated with the river crossed after death in the **Garuda Purana**.
- The river originates from **Gonasika Hills** (also known as **Guptaganga**) in Keonjhar district at an elevation of about 900 metres above sea level.
- The river briefly forms part of the boundary between **Odisha** and **Jharkhand** in its upper reaches.
- The total length of the river is approximately **360 kilometres**, draining into the **Bay of Bengal**.
- The Baitarani joins the **Brahmani River** near the Dhamra estuary close to Chandabali before entering the sea.
- Along with the **Mahanadi** and Brahmani, it forms the Middle Coastal Plain of Odisha within the Hexadeltaic region.
- Odisha's coastal tract is called the **Hexadeltaic Region**, meaning the "Gift of Six Rivers."
- Jajpur district is often referred to as the "Gift of the **Baitarani River**" due to fertile alluvial

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Chesapeake Bay

- **Chesapeake Bay** is the largest estuary in the United States and the biggest inlet along the **Atlantic Coastal Plain**.
- It was formed by the drowning of the lower valley of the **Susquehanna River** after the last Ice Age sea-level rise.
- The bay extends about **193 miles (311 km)** in length and varies between 3 and 25 miles in width.
- The northern section is bordered by **Maryland**, while the southern portion lies within **Virginia**.
- The entrance from the Atlantic Ocean is marked by **Cape Charles** in the north and **Cape Henry** in the south.
- Major western tributaries include the **Potomac River** and **James River**, along with the York and Rappahannock.
- Important eastern tributaries include the **Nanticoke River** and **Choptank River**, among others.
- The eastern shoreline is generally **marshy lowland**, whereas the western side features long stretches of cliffs.
- The first permanent English settlement, **Jamestown**, was established in 1607 along the bay's watershed.
- In 1608, **Captain John Smith** conducted extensive exploration and mapping of the bay and its estuaries.
- During the **War of 1812**, British naval forces entered the United States through the bay's waters.
- The **William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial Bridge**, opened in 1952, spans approximately 4 miles near Annapolis.
- In 1983, the **Chesapeake Bay Agreement** initiated coordinated interstate restoration efforts.

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