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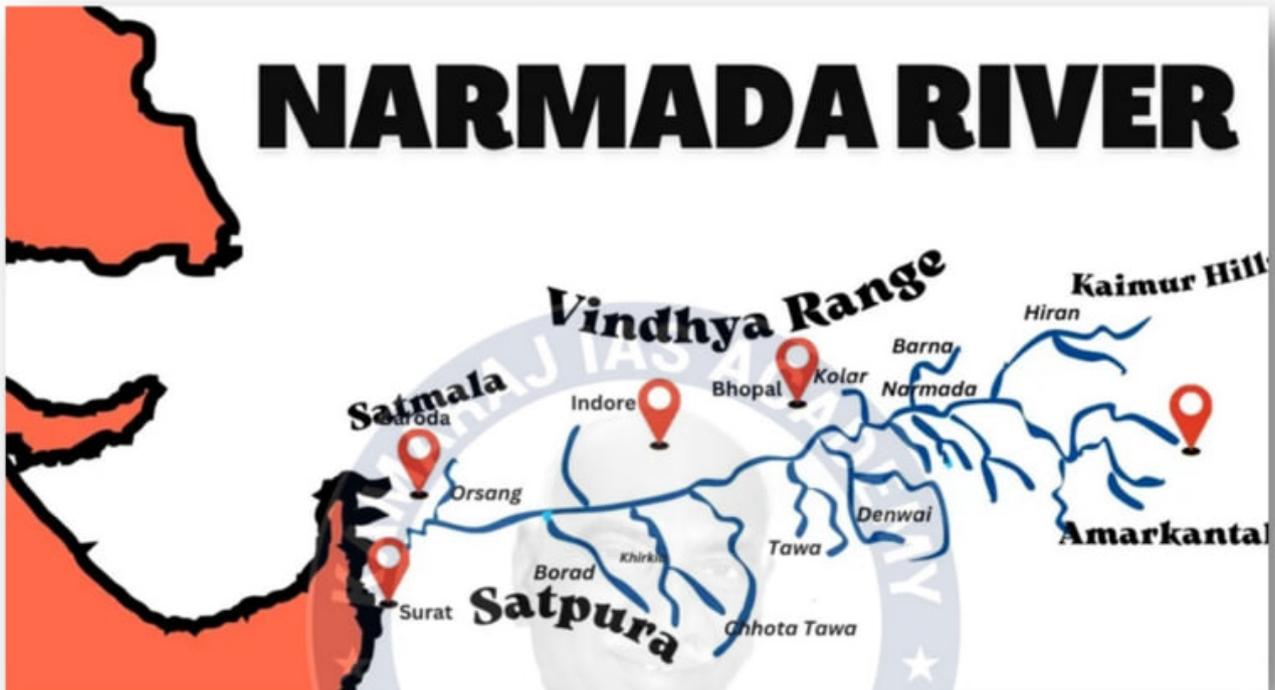
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Tawa River

- The **Tawa River** is the **largest tributary** of the Narmada River in central India.
- It is a **left-bank tributary** of the **Narmada basin** system.
- The river originates in the **Satpura Range** near **Mahadeo Hills (Pachmarhi)** in Betul district.
- The **total length** of the river is approximately **172 km**.
- The river flows primarily through the **state of Madhya Pradesh** across central India.
- Its flow direction is generally **northward and westward** before confluence.
- The river drains the **Satpura highlands** and adjoining **plateau regions**.
- The Tawa joins the Narmada near **Bandrabhan village** in **Narmadapuram district** (formerly Hoshangabad).
- Major tributaries include **Denwa River**, **Malini River**, and **Sukta River**.
- The **Denwa River** flows through **Satpura National Park**, enhancing ecological value.
- The river basin lies close to the **Satpura Tiger Reserve** in central India.
- The **Tawa Dam** is constructed near **Itarsi** in Narmadapuram district.
- Construction of the dam began in **1958** and was completed in **1978**.
- The dam forms the **Tawa Reservoir**, a key water body in the region.
- The **Bori Reserve Forest**, established in **1865**, lies along the Tawa basin.
- Bori Reserve Forest is part of the **Bori Wildlife Sanctuary** ecosystem.
- This sanctuary falls within the **Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve**, notified in **1990**.

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Aral Sea

- The **Aral Sea** was an **endorheic lake** located between Kazakhstan (north) and Uzbekistan (south).
- It was once the **third-largest lake** globally with an area of about **68,000 sq km**.
- The lake began shrinking in the **1960s** due to large-scale **Soviet irrigation projects**.
- Its primary inflow rivers were the **Amu Darya** and **Syr Darya**, both diverted for agriculture.
- The diversion supported **cotton cultivation** in the **Ferghana Valley** region.
- The **Barsakelmes Lake** emerged as a smaller intermediate water body during fragmentation.
- By **2009**, the southeastern basin had **completely disappeared** due to extreme desiccation.
- In **2014**, satellite imagery confirmed the **eastern basin** had entirely dried up.
- The dried eastern basin is now known as the **Eastern Aral Sea**.
- The name "Aral" translates to "**Sea of Islands**", referring to over **1,100 islands**.
- The drainage basin includes parts of **Central Asia** and extends into **Afghanistan and Iran**.
- The **Kokaral Dam** was constructed in **2005** to restore the northern section.
- Post-dam construction, the **North Aral Sea** water level rose by about **12 meters**.
- By **2013**, reduced **salinity levels** allowed the return of **fish populations**.
- The **Aral Sea basin** became a case study for **unsustainable water management**.
- UNESCO listed related archives under the **Memory of the World Register**.
- Historically, the **Amu Darya** once flowed into the **Caspian Sea** via the Uzboy channel.
- During the **Holocene period**, the river shifted its course toward the Aral basin.

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