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Mekong River

- The Mekong River is not just a water body; it is the cultural and economic backbone of six nations.
- Key Features**
- **Length and Reach:** Approximately **4,350 km** long, it is the longest river in Southeast Asia and the **12th–13th longest** in the world.
 - **Origin:** It originates from the **Tibetan Plateau** (China).
 - **Journey through Six Nations:** The river flows through **China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam**.
 - **Mouth:** It eventually empties into the **South China Sea**.
 - **Meaning of the Name:** Its name is derived from the Khmer term '**Mae Kongkea**' (meaning '**Mother Ganges**'), reflecting deep cultural reverence.
- Geographical and Economic Significance**
- **Natural Border:** The river forms a long **international boundary** between Laos and Thailand.
 - **Mekong Delta (Vietnam):** In Vietnam, the river creates an incredibly fertile delta known as the '**Rice Bowl**,' as it is one of the world's largest rice-producing regions.
 - **Biodiversity:** It is one of the world's richest rivers in terms of **fisheries and biodiversity** (home to species like the Mekong Giant Catfish).
- Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC)**
- This point is particularly significant from an Indian perspective:
 - **Formation:** This organization was established in the **year 2000**.
 - **Member Countries:** It includes **India** along with 5 Mekong nations (**Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam**).
 - **Objective:** To enhance cooperation in **tourism, culture, education, and transportation** between the civilizations of these two great rivers (Ganga and Mekong).

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Saddle Peak

- **Saddle Peak: The Highest Peak of Andaman Island.**
- **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**
- Saddle Peak is the **highest peak** of the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**, a Union Territory of India located in the Bay of Bengal. It is a unique example of natural beauty and rich biodiversity.
- **Geographical Position:** The peak lies about **10 km south of Diglipur**, an important town of North Andaman.
- **Protected Area:** Saddle Peak is completely surrounded by **Saddle Peak National Park**, known for its rich flora and fauna.
- **Highest Elevation:** The height of Saddle Peak is approximately **732 meters (2402 feet)** above sea level, making it the highest point in the entire archipelago.
- **River Origin:** The only perennial river of the Andaman Islands, **Kalpong River**, originates from the slopes of this peak. The **first hydroelectric project of Andaman** is also located on this river.
- **Location:** It is situated on **North**

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