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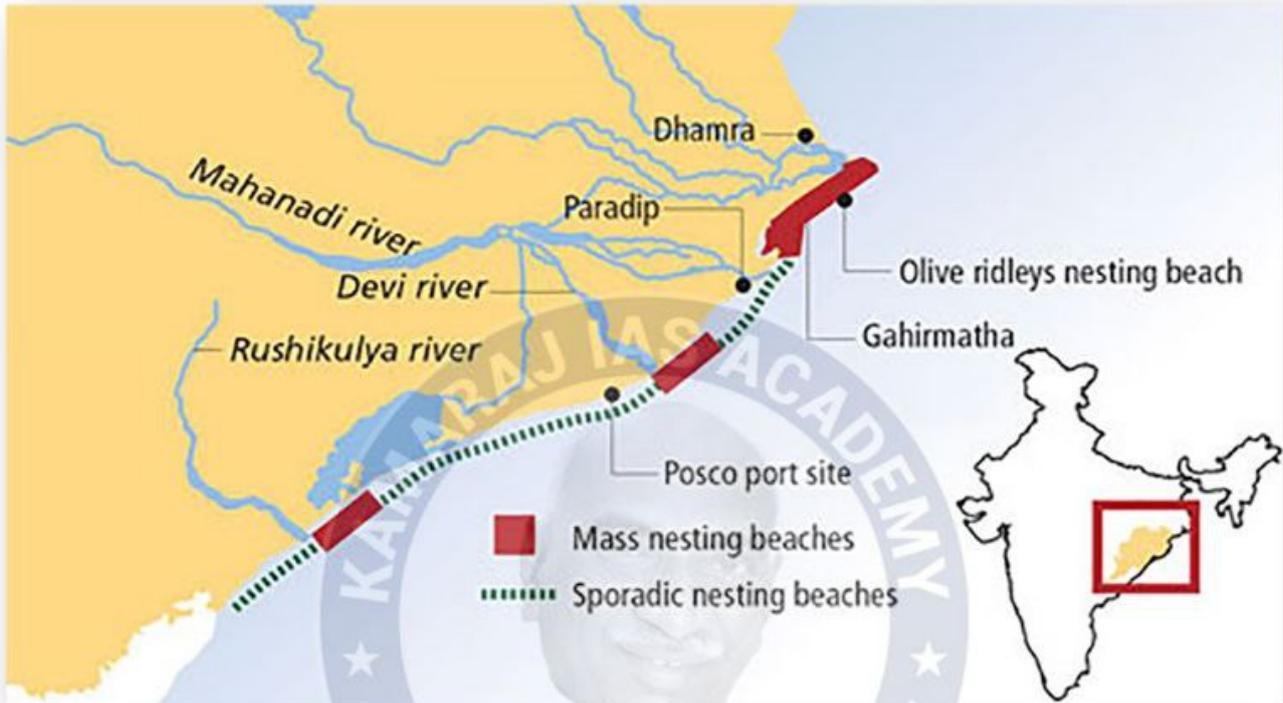
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## Rushikulya River

- Rushikulya is a **east-flowing river** located entirely in **Odisha state**.
- Its drainage basin spreads across **Kandhamal district** and **Ganjam district**.
- The source lies near **Rushimala Hills** in the **Daringbadi hills** of the Eastern Ghats.
- The origin elevation is about **1000 metres** above **mean sea level**.
- Daringbadi is popularly called "**Kashmir of Odisha**" because of its **cool climate**.
- Total length of the river is **about 165 km** with a **catchment area of 7,700 km<sup>2</sup>**.
- The river empties into the **Bay of Bengal** near **Buruga Bendha village** in Ganjam.
- Unlike Mahanadi or Godavari, it forms **no delta** at the **river mouth**.
- Major tributaries include **Baghua, Dhanei, Badanadi**, and several seasonal streams.
- Important towns along its course are **Surada, Asika, Purusottampur, and Chhatrapur**.
- The river basin also contains the major urban centre **Brahmapur city** and the historic **Taratarini shrine**.
- The river system is prone to **flash floods** during the **southwest monsoon**.
- Rushikulya is one of Odisha's few rivers whose **entire course** lies within **one state**.

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