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# River Teesta

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**Why is in news?** Ministry of Power reviews impact of flash floods in Teesta Basin, Sikkim on Central Hydro Power Projects

Teesta river is a **major right bank tributary of the Brahmaputra** (known as Jamuna in Bangladesh), flowing through India and Bangladesh.

It originates in the Himalayas **near the Tso Lhamo Lake, in Sikkim** and flows to the south through West Bengal before entering Bangladesh.

**Pahurni glacier, Khangse glacier and ChhoLhamo Lake** are also considered the **sources** of the Teesta River.

The **major portion** of the river basin **lies in India** and only 17% of it is in Bangladesh.

The river joins the Brahmaputra in Bangladesh before it flows into the Bay of Bengal after meeting with the Ganges and the Meghna.

Two major large barrages constructed on Teesta – Gajoldoba in West Bengal, India and Duani in Bangladesh.

**Left-bank Tributaries:** Lachung Chhu, Chakung Chhu, Dik Chhu, Rani Khola and Rangpo Chhu.

**Right-bank Tributaries:** Zemu Chhu, Rangyong Chhu and Rangit River.

**Teesta river water conflict** is one of the most **contentious issues between India and Bangladesh**.

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