

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: ZemChhu, Rangyong Chhand Rangit River.

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