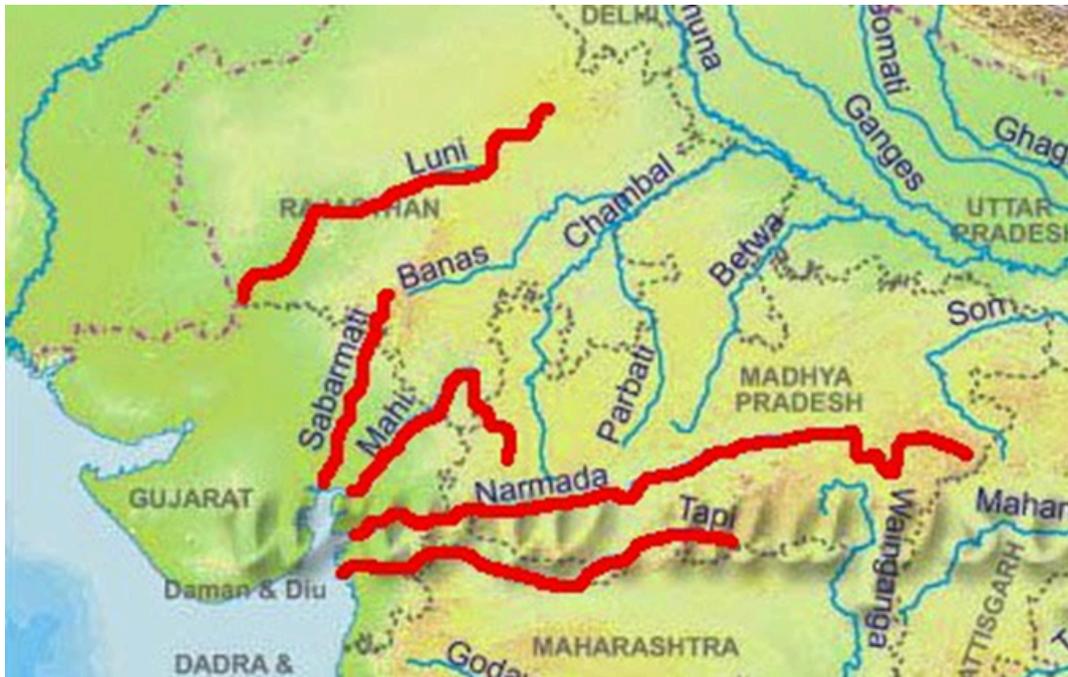




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**Context:** On 9 July 2025, a segment of the Gambhira bridge located near Mujpur in Vadodra, Gujarat, collapsed, leading to several vehicles plunging into the Mahisagar River, which resulted in nine confirmed fatalities.



## About the Mahisagar (Mahi) River:

### What Is It?

- The Mahisagar, also known as the Mahi River, is among the few rivers in peninsular India that flow westward, esteemed for its cultural and ecological importance.
- **Origin:** Close to Minda village in the Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh
- Approximately 500 meters above sea level within the Vindhya Range
- **States It Flows Through:** Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.



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### **Mouth of the River:**

- **Empties into:** Arabian Sea via the Gulf of Khambhat.
- **Mouth Type:** Wide estuary
- Length and Drainage Basin:
- **Total Length:** 583 km
- **Total Basin Area:** 34,842 sq. km
- **Major Dams on Mahi River:** Mahi Bajaj Sagar Dam (Rajasthan), Kadana Dam (Gujarat), and Wanakbori Weir.
- Cities and Districts Along the Course:
- Dhar, Ratlam (MP)
- Banswara (Rajasthan)
- Mahisagar, Vadodara, Kheda (Gujarat)

### **Uniqueness of the Mahi River:**

- **West-flowing River:** It is one of the rare rivers in peninsular India that flows westward into the Arabian Sea.
- Intersects the Tropic of Cancer twice – a rare geographic phenomenon unique to Indian rivers.
- **Cultural relevance:** Known as Mahisagar, it is venerated along its banks with numerous temples situated nearby.
- **Biodiversity hotspot:** It supports turtles, crocodiles, and island ecosystems in the backwaters of dams.