

Tapti River

The **Tapti River** (or **Tapi**)^[2] is a river in central India between the Godavari and Narmada rivers. It flows westwards over a length of 724 km (449.9 mi) before draining through the Gulf of Khambhat into the Arabian Sea.^[3] It flows through Surat, and is crossed by the Magdalla ONGC Bridge.^[4]

On August 7, 1968, before the construction of the Ukai Dam to bring its waters under control and provide hydroelectric power, the Tapti River overflowed its banks during heavy rains during the monsoon season. More than 1,000 people drowned in the flood ^[5] and the city of Surat was submerged beneath 10 feet of water for several days ^[6]; after the floodwaters receded, at least 1,000 more people died in Gujarat state during a cholera epidemic from the contamination of the drinking water^[7]

Etymology

The river is supposedly named after the goddess Tapti, the daughter of Surya, the Sun god, who according to legend founded the Kuru Dynasty when she married King Samvarna.^[8]

See also

- Gulf of Khambhat
- Southern Gujarat

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Tapti (Tapi)	
Surya Putri River	
	
	
Country	 India
States	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat
Cities	Nepanagar, Betul, Burhanpur, Bhusawal, Surat
Source	
 - location	Betul District
Mouth	Gulf of Khambhat (Arabian Sea)
 - location	Dumas, Surat, Gujarat
Length	724 km (450 mi) approx.
Discharge	for Dumas Beach
 - average	489 m³/s (17,269 cu ft/s) ^[1]
 - max	9,830 m³/s (347,143 cu ft/s)
 - min	2 m³/s (71 cu ft/s)



Prakasha Barage on Tapi River, at Prakasha

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