

Focus Spot

Ch-13 (River's Tale)

Causes of River Pollution

River pollution is increasing day by day. In spite of various governmental projects going on in many rivers, there is no sign of water pollution being prevented or stopped. Whom do we blame? Lots of factors lead to water pollution and reducing overall quality of river water. Some of the most serious contributing factors are:

- Industrial wastes, mixtures of chemicals, heavy metals are all discharged in water and these are difficult to clean up.
- Agricultural wastes, chemicals, fertilisers, pesticides used in agriculture have made the river water bodies contaminated.
- Nature's rain also brings with it pollutants as it falls through polluted air. We call this acid rain, which when reached the soil, releases harmful substances.
- Domestic wastes from households and the sewage that we throw into rivers increases the pollution levels.
- Regular disposal of plastic bags and plastic objects, solid wastes, flowers, garlands is another cause of pollution.
- People responding to nature's call in open spaces near the water bodies also contribute to river pollution.
- Animals washing, car washing, clothes washing are other causes.
- Another cause of river pollution is the dumping of human remains, partially burned bodies, dead bodies, which pose serious health threats.