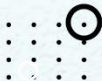


Important Waterfalls

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A waterfall is a stretch of river where, due to a strong unevenness in the bed or riverbed, the water falls vertically as a result of gravity.

Waterfalls are considered one of the most beautiful phenomena in nature. Some waterfalls are used to generate hydroelectric power.

Among the most famous waterfalls in the world are the

Iguazú Falls – located on the border of Argentina and Brazil

Niagara Falls – located on the border of USA & Canada

Yosemite Falls – in California

Angel Falls – Venezuela, which with a height of 979 m (807 m of uninterrupted fall), is the highest waterfall in the world.

Victoria Falls – on Zembezi river on the border of Zambia & Zimbabwe

Types of waterfalls

Plunge: Water descends vertically, losing contact with the bedrock surface.



Types of waterfalls

Chute: A large quantity of water forced through a narrow, vertical passage



Horsetail: Descending water maintains some contact with bedrock.

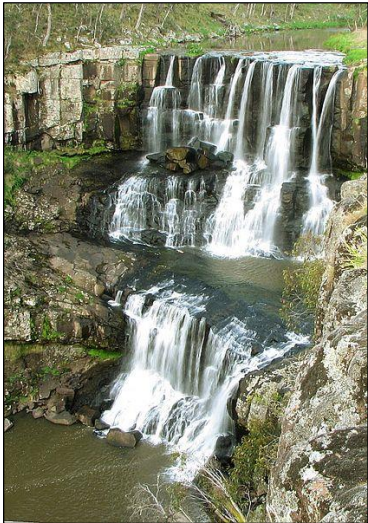


Cataract: A large, powerful waterfall.





Cascade: Water descends a series of rock steps



Tiered: Water drops in a series of distinct steps or falls



Fan: Water spreads horizontally as it descends while remaining in contact with bedrock

Segmented: Distinctly separate flows of water form as it descends.



Athirappilly Falls



Located at: Thrissur District in Kerala

It is the largest waterfall in Kerala, which stands tall at 80 feet (25m)

Type: Segmented

It is nicknamed as "The Niagara of India"

Watercourse: Chalakkudi River

Dhuandhar Falls



Located at : Jabalpur district, Madhya Pradesh

Watercourse: Narmada River

Height: 30m

Kapil Dhara – Narmada River, Amarkantak, -Anuppur

Gautam Dhara – Rarhu River, Ranchi (Jonha Falls)

Sahastradhara – Baldi river, part of Song river, Dehradun. The place has magnificent beauty of nature where water drips from the limestone stalactites, rich in sulphur

Dasong falls – Kanchi river, Ranchi

Teerathgarh Falls



Located at: Bastar district, Chhattisgarh.

Type: Block

Height: 91 m

Watercourse: Kanger River

Chitrakoot Waterfalls

Located at: Bastar district, Chhattisgarh.

Watercourse: Indravati River

Kunchikal Falls



Located at : Shimoga District,Karnataka

Type: cascade

Total height: 455 m

Watercourse: Varahi River

Barehipani Falls



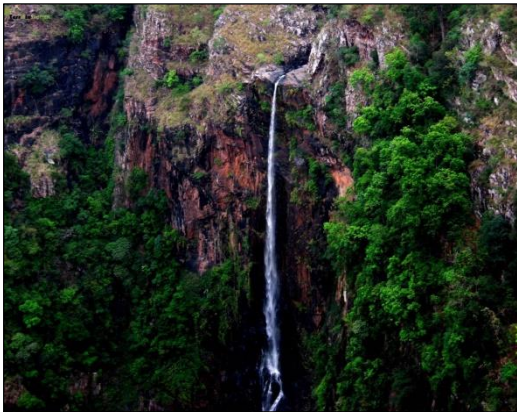
Located at: Simlipal National Park, Mayurbhanj district, Odisha

Type: Two tiered waterfall

Total Height: 399 metres

Watercourse: Budhabalanga River

Joranda Falls

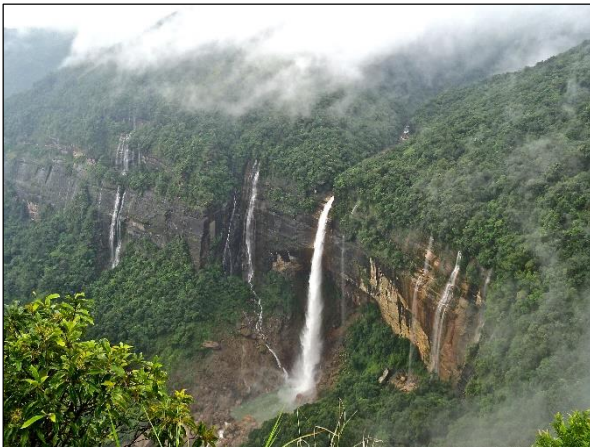


Located at: Mayurbhanj district, Odisha. It is located in the core area of Simlipal National Park.

Height: 150 metres

Type: Plunge

Nohkalikai Falls



Located at: near Cherrapunji

Type: Plunge. It is the tallest plunge waterfall in India

Fed by: rainwater collected on the summit of a comparatively small plateau and decrease in power during the dry season in December - February.

Height : 340 m

Nohsngithiang Falls



Other names: Seven Sisters Waterfalls or
Mawsmai Falls

Located at: East Khasi Hills district in the Indian
state of Meghalaya

Height: 315 metres

Type: Segmented

Dudhsagar Falls (Sea of Milk)



Located in: It is located at Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary and Mollem National Park in Goa.

Type: Tiered

Height: 320 metres

Watercourse: Mandovi River

Kynrem Falls



Located at: Cherrapunji in East Khasi Hills district
in **Meghalaya**. It is situated inside the
Thangkharang Park

Type: Tiered

Height: 305 metres

Meenmutty Falls



Located at: Wayanad District, Kerala.

Type: Tiered

Height: 300 metres

Thalaiyar Falls



Other Name: Rat Tail Falls

Located at: Theni District, Tamil Nadu

Height: 297 m

Type: Horsetail

Watercourse: Manjalar River

Vajrai Waterfall



Other Name: Bhambavli Vajrai Waterfall

Located at: Satara (city), Maharashtra, and near Sahyadri hill.

Height: 260m

Type: Plunge. It is the second highest plunge waterfall in India, after the Nohkalikai Falls in Meghalaya.

Watersource: Urmodi River

Barkana Falls



Located at: Sita River, Agumbe, Shimoga district of state of Karnataka.

Agumbe also has Onake Abbi, Bakarna and Jogi Gundi falls

Height: 259 metres

Abbey Falls – Kaveri River, Kodagu, in the Western Ghats in Karnataka.

Jog Falls



Located at: Shimoga district, Karnataka

Type: Cataract, segmented

Height: 253 m

Watercourse: Sharavati River

Khandadhar Falls



Located at: Sundargarh district Odisha.

Type: Horse tail

Total height: 244 metres

Watercourse: Kora Nala

Vantawng Falls



Other Name: Vantawng Khawhthla in Mizo language

Located at: Serchhip district Mizoram.

Height: 230 m

Watercourse: Vanva River

Type: Tiered

Kune Falls



Located at: Pune district, Maharashtra

Type: Tiered

Height: 200 metres

Thoseghar Waterfalls

Located at : Satara district
Maharashtra

Type: Cataract, segmented

Soochipara Falls



Located at: Wayanad, Kerala

Other name: Sentinel Rock Waterfalls

The water from Soochipara later joins
Chulika River or popularly known as Chaliyar
River

Magod Falls



Located at: Uttara Kannada district, Karnataka

Height: 198 metres

Type: Tiered

Watersource: Bedti River

Hebbe Falls



Located at: Chikkamagaluru district , Karnataka

Height: 168 metres

Type: Tiered.

Watercourse: River Bhadra

Duduma Waterfalls



Located at: Koraput (Odisha) and Visakhapatnam
(Andhra Pradesh)

Type: Horsetail

Height: 157 meter

River: Machkund river

Palani Falls

Located at: Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh

Height: 150 m

Lodh Falls



Located at: The Lodh Falls (also known as Budha waterFalls) is in Latehar district Jharkhand

Type: Tiered

Height: 143 metres

Watercourse: Burha River

Bahuti Falls



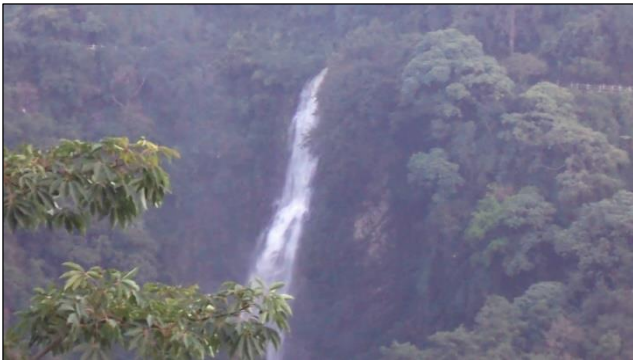
Located at: Rewa district, Madhya Pradesh

Height: 198 metres

Watercourse: sellar River

Type: Tiered

Bishop Falls



Located at: Shillong, Meghalaya

Type: Tiered

Height : 135 metres

Watercourse: tributary of the Umiam River

The Bishop' Falls is often referred to as the twin brother of the **Beadon Falls** since both tumble down the same escarpment into a yawning gorge

Chachai Falls



Located at: Rewa district, Madhya Pradesh.

Height: 130 m

Type:

Watercourse: Bihad River, a tributary of Tamsa or Tons River

Keoti Falls



Located at: Rewa district, Madhya Pradesh

Type: Segmented

Watercourse: Mahana River, a tributary of Tamsa or Tons River as it comes down from the Rewa Plateau.

Height: 98 metres

Kalhatti Falls



Located at: Chikmagalur district of
Karnataka.

Height: 122m

The fall is in the front of
Veerabhadreshwara temple dedicated to
Lord Shiva

Keppa Falls



Located at: Uttara Kannada District of
Karnataka.

Other Names : Unchalli Falls, Lushington Falls.

The falls are named for **J. D. Lushington**, a
District Collector for the British Government,

Height: 116m

Watercourse: Aghanashini

Type: Fan

Koosalli Waterfall



Located at: Near Koosalli village
in Karnataka

Type: Cascade

Height: 116m

Dabbe falls



Located at: Shivamogga District
in Karnataka

Height: 110 meters

Pandavkada Falls



Located at: Kharghar, a suburb of Navi
Mumbai

Height: 107m

Type: Plunge

Rajat Prapat



Located at: Pachmarhi, Hoshangabad district,
Madhya Pradesh

Type: horsetail

Height: 107m

When sunlight falls on it, it shines as silver, that is why it is known as Rajat Prapat or **Silver Fall**.

Shivanasamudra Falls



Located at: Mandya District, Karnataka

Type: Segmented

Height: 98 m

Watercourse: Kaveri. It is a perennial waterfall

Gaganachukki & Bharachukki

Lower Ghaghri Falls



Located at: Latehar district, Jharkhand

Height: 98 metres

Watercourse: Ghaghri River, a tributary of
Auranga River

Hundru Falls



Located at: Ranchi district, Jharkhand

Type: Segmented

Height: 98 metres

Watercourse: Subarnarekha River

Sweet Falls



Located at: Shillong

Othe name: Kshaid Weitden in the native dialect.

It is often termed as the "most beautiful" yet "most dangerous" waterfall in Shillong.

Agaya Gangai



Located at: Kolli Hills of the Eastern
Ghats, Tamil Nadu

Height: 91 m

Watercourse: Aiyaru river

Gatha Falls



Located at : Panna district, Madhya Pradesh

Height: 91 metres

Raneh Falls



Located at: Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.

Height: About 30 metres

Watercourse: Ken River

Kiliyur Falls



Located at: Shervaroyan hill range in the Eastern Ghats, Tamil nadu,

The waters overflowing the Yercaud Lake fall 91 m (300 ft) into the Kiliyur Valley.

Kudumari Falls



Located at : Udupi district, Karnataka

Type: horsetail type waterfall

Height: 91m

Muthyala Maduvu Falls



Located at: Anekal, Bangalore, Karnataka.

The place is also known as Pearl Valley

Height: 91 metres

Langshiang Falls



Located at: West Khasi Hills
district, Meghalaya

Type: Plunge

Height: 337 m

Watercourse: Kynshi River

Talakona falls



Located at: Sri Venkateswara National Park,
Chittoor District of Andhra pradesh

It is the highest waterfall in Andhra Pradesh
state

Height: 82 m

Kakolat Falls



Located at: situated on the Kakolat hill, located on the border of Bihar and Jharkhand.

Height: 50 metre

Type: Cataract, Segmented

Which one of the following waterfalls in India has the most height? [UP-PCS 2009]

- A) Barchi Pani Falls
- B) Jog Falls
- C) Meenmuttery Falls
- D) Kunchikal Falls

Which of the following pair of waterfall - river is not properly matched? [Jharkhand- PSC 2016]

- A) Hundru - Swamarekha
- B) Jonha - Rarhu
- C) Dasong - Kanchi
- D) Lodh - Barakar

Rajarappa waterfalls in Ranchi is situated on the confluence of which rivers? [Jharkhand-PSC 2016]

- A) Damodar - Bhera
- B) Damodar - Sheibukhi
- C) Damodar - Barakar
- D) Damodar - Konar

Which of the following waterfalls is located near Jhambughoda Sanctuary in Gujarat?

- A. Hathni Mata Falls
- B. Unchalli falls
- C. Hebbe falls
- D. Pebble falls

Ninai falls are located on the watercourse of which of the following rivers in Shoolpaneshwar wildlife sanctuary?

- A. Tapi
- B. Godavari
- C. Narmada
- D. Chambal

Which of the following waterfalls are located on Bihad river, a tributary of Tons river?

- A. Chachai falls
- B. Keoti falls
- C. Hebbe falls
- D. Kalhatti falls

Where will you find the famous Abbey falls?

- A. Western Ghats
- B. Eastern Ghats
- C. Malwa Plateau
- D. Chhotanagpur Plateau

Which of the following waterfalls is located on the Aghanashini River in Karnataka?

- A. Lushington falls
- B. Unchalli falls
- C. keppa falls
- D. All of the above

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