

Development of River Network to promote Inland Water Transport

To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, 111 waterways, have been declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016. Of these, 5 waterways were already recognized as National Waterways while 106 were declared later. The list of these NWs is as follows -

111 - NATIONAL WATERWAYS LIST

National Waterway Number	Name of National Waterways	Length	State
1.	Ganga – Bhagirathi - Hooghly	1620	UP, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal
2.	Brahmaputra	891	Assam
3.	West Coast Canal along with Champakara & Udyogmandal Canal	365	Kerala
4.	Kakinada Puducherry Canal alongwith Godavari & Krishna rivers	2890	Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telanagana
5.	East Coast Canal along with Brahmani& Mahanadi Delta	588	Odisha, West Bengal
6.	Aai	71	Assam
7.	Ajoy (Ajay)	96	West Bengal
8.	Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal	28	Kerala
9.	Alappuzha- Kottayam- Athirampuzha Canal	38	Kerala
10.	Amba River	45	Maharashtra
11.	Arunawati/ Aran River	98	Maharashtra
12.	Asi	5.5	UP
13.	AVM Canal (Kanyakumari to Kollam)	11	Tamil Nadu
14.	Baitarni River	49	Odisha
15.	Bakreswar/ Mayurakshi River	137	West Bengal
16.	Barak	121	Assam
17.	Beas	191	HP & Punjab
18.	Beki	73	Assam
19.	Betwa	68	UP
20.	Bhavani River	94	Tamil Nadu
21.	Bheema	139	Telangana Karnataka
22.	Birupa/ BadiGenguti/ Brahmani River System	156	Odisha
23.	BudhaBalanga	56	Odisha
24.	Chambal	60	UP
25.	Chapora	33	Goa
26.	Chenab	53	J&K & Punjab
27.	Cumberjua	17	Goa
28.	Dabhol Creek/ Vasishti river	45	Maharashtra
29.	Damodar	135	West Bengal
30.	Dehing	114	Assam
31.	Dhansiri/ Chathe	110	Assam
32.	Dikhu	63	Assam

33	Doyans	61	Assam
34	DVC Canal	130	West Bengal
35	Dwarekeswar	113	West Bengal
36	Dwarka	121	West Bengal
37	Gandak	300	Bihar & UP
38	Gangadhar	62	Assam & West Bengal
39	Ganol River	49	Meghalaya
40	Ghaghra River	340	Bihar & UP
41	Ghataprabha	112	Karnataka
42	Gomti	518	UP
43	Gurupur	10	Karnataka
44	Ichamati	64	West Bengal
45	Indira Gandhi Canal	650	Haryana, Punjab & Rajasthan
46	Indus	35	J&K
47	Jalangi	131	West Bengal
48	Jawai-Luni river & Rann of Kutch	590	Rajasthan & Gujarat
49	Jhelum	110	J&K
50	Jinjiram River	43	Meghalaya & Assam
51	Kabini	23	Karnataka
52	Kali	54	Karnataka
53	Kalyan – Thane – Mumbai Waterway, Vasai creek & Ulhas river	145	Maharashtra
54	Karamnasa	86	UP & Bihar
55	Kaveri/ Kollidam river	364	Tamil Nadu
56	Kherkai	23	Jharkhand
57	Kopili River	46	Assam
58	Koshi	236	Bihar
59	Kottayam- Vaikom Canal	28	Kerala
60	Kumari	77	West Bengal
61	Kynshi River	28	Meghalaya
62	Lohit	100	Assam
63	Luni	327	Rajasthan
64	Mahanadi	425	Odisha
65	Mahananda	81	West Bengal
66	Mahi	248	Gujarat
67	Malaprabha	94	Karnataka
68	Mandovi	41	Goa
69	Manimutharu	5	Tamil Nadu
70	Manjara	242	Maharashtra, & Telangana
71	Mapusa/ Moide river	27	Goa
72	Nag	60	Maharashtra
73	Narmada	227	Gujarat
74	Netravathi	78	Karnataka
75	Palar	141	Tamil Nadu
76	Panchagangavali (Panchagangoli)	23	Karnataka
77	Pazhyar	20	Tamil Nadu
78	Penganga/ Wardha	265	Maharashtra & Telangana
79	Pennar	29	Andhra Pradesh

80	Ponniyar	125	Tamil Nadu
81	Punpun	35	Bihar
82	Puthimari	72	Assam
83	Rajpuri creek	31	Maharashtra
84	Ravi	42	HP & J&K
85	Revdanda Creek/ Kundalika river	31	Maharashtra
86	Rupnarayan River	72	West Bengal
87	Sabarmati	212	Gujarat
88	Sal	14	Goa
89	Savitri River (Bankot creek)	46	Maharashtra
90	Sharavati River	29	Karnataka
91	Shastri River/ Jaigad creek	52	Maharashtra
92	Silabati	26	West Bengal
93	Simsang River	62	Meghalaya
94	Sone	160	Bihar
95	Subansiri	111	Assam
96	Subarnrekha River	314	Jharkhand, West Bengal & Odisha
97	Sunderbans Waterway	654	West Bengal
	Bidya river		West Bengal
	ChhotaKalagachi (ChhotoKalergachi) river		West Bengal
	Gomar		West Bengal
	Haribhanga river		West Bengal
	Hogla (Hogal) – Pathankhali river		West Bengal
	Kalindi (Kalandi) river		West Bengal
	Katakhali river		West Bengal
	Matla river		West Bengal
	Muri Ganga (Baratala) river		West Bengal
	Raimangal river		West Bengal
	Sahibkhali (Sahebkhali) river		West Bengal
	Saptamukhi river		West Bengal
Thakurran river	West Bengal		
98	Sutlej	377	Punjab & HP
99	Tamaraparani	64	Tamil Nadu
100	Tapi	436	Maharashtra & Gujarat
101	Tizu / Zungki Rivers	42	Nagaland
102	Tlawng (Dhaleswari)	86	Mizoram
103	Tons	73	UP
104	Tungabhadra	230	Telangana, Karnataka & AP
105	Udayavara	16	Karnataka
106	Umngot (Dawki) River	20	Meghalaya
107	Vaigai	45	Tamil Nadu
108	Varuna River	53	UP
109	Wainganga / Pranahita River	164	Maharashtra &Telangana
110	Yamuna	1089	Haryana, UP & Delhi
111	Zuari	50	Goa
	TOTAL	20,275	

Out of the 106 newly declared NWs, 32 NWs have been found technically feasible and 20 NWs found unviable for development for navigational purposes as per feasibility reports. Out of the 32 viable NWs, the development process has been initiated on 7 NWs and the status of development of these NWs is as follows:-

S. No.	Status of Development of Seven new National Waterways	
1	River Barak (NW 16):	Dredging work for development of fairway has been awarded. Consultant has been engaged for preparation of DPR for upgradation of terminals at Badarpur, Karimganj and construction of new floating terminal at Silchar.
2	03 (Three) Waterways in Goa (NW- 27:Cumberjua, NW 68 – Mandovi, NW 111 – Zuari):	A proposal for development of these NWs at a cost of Rs.22.65 crores has been approved on 02.06.2017. Work would be executed through Government of Goa with the assistance of Mormugao Port Trust.
3	Alappuzha–Kottayam–Athirampuzha Canal (NW-9) :	Proposal for development of the fairway at a cost of Rs.1.60 crores has been approved on 02.06.2017.
4	River Gandak (NW-37) :	Proposal for development of the fairway and two floating terminals at a cost of Rs.12.91 crores has been approved on 02.06.2017.
5	River Rupnarayan (NW-86) :	Proposal for development of fairway and one floating pontoon at a cost of Rs.24.00 crores has been approved on 02.06.2017.

Feasibility studies on the remaining 52 waterways are being done by IWAI and studies for 2 NWs have been taken up by the respective State Governments separately.

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