

## The Ganges River

India faces catastrophic problems with pollution of their most loved river and with the aid of global warming; the Gangotri Glacier is receding faster than ever.

The Ganges River is the result of melting ice from the Gangotri Glacier. The Ganges River is the source of bathing and drinking water for 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the world population.

Many children and women die or become seriously ill from drinking the polluted water. The Hindu, however, believe water is blessed and sanctified, regardless of how polluted the water is.

## Call for Change

The melting Gangotri Glacier is proof that Americans need to take immediate action and invest in finding clean, renewable energy. Glaciers all over the world are melting, and the more fossil fuels we burn the faster they recede. We must make changes or change will be forced upon us by nature.

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## The Ganges River An Ailing Goddess

“Though holy,  
the Ganges  
River is less  
than pure.”



## Life in India



Everybody that lives along the trash-filled Ganges River faces permanent changes, willing or not. Indians have polluted the river with trash, and bodies of their loved ones. The pollution damage is reversible but it has long-term effects. However, the receding Gangotri Glacier will cause many to permanently abandon farms and homes in India's breadbasket when it melts.

## Indian Government

The Indian Government has no bite. It is corrupt, operating on a stamp system that is not consumer protected. The stamp collector is only authorized to use the stamp on behalf of the government. They are not a paid government official. Having the tool, they are able to charge any price to any person that needs a stamp, and in India you need a stamp for everything.

The electrical grid is not dependable when it fails; millions of tons of raw sewage is dumped into the Ganges River. India does not enforce employment taxes on local businesses, leaving a gap in revenue to fund the failing infrastructure. The Indian government has other local problems such as poverty at 37.2 %; officials struggle to make ground on any front.

## Melting Gangotri Glacier



Scientists and sadhus agree that the Gangotri Glacier will disappear by 2035, leaving 1/10<sup>th</sup> the world population without food, water, and irrigation. The most sobering fact is that the people of India face climate changes that will leave many dead or displaced when the river eventually dries up. No change will slow the melting of the Gangotri Glacier.