

India - Along the Ganges



A Hindu boat sailing along the Ganges River in Bengal, India, with a tattered square mainsail. A man wearing a dhoti is controlling the rudder. The sail is full of holes, and has clearly been patched. The Ganges is a major river in northern India and serves several major functions. The river is the main source of irrigation, making the Ganges Basin extremely fertile and capable of supporting up to 300 million people. The Ganges also provides transportation for goods, and is seen as sacred by Hindus, (1907).

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