**Physical Geography Of India**

**Class XI**

**Chapter 3**

**Drainage System**

Terminologies related to Drainage

**Source:** The place from where a river originates.

**Mouth**: The place where a river drains it’s water.

**Tributary**: Small stream or river which joins the main river.

**Distributary**: Before draining it’s water into sea or ocean a river gets divided into several channels, known as distributary.

**Delta**: Derived from Greek letter delta. It is a triangulated shaped depositional landform formed by the river before draining it’s water into the sea. Eg sundarban

**Drainage system**: Main river along with its tributaries is known as rivet system or drainage system.

**Drainage Basin:** The area drained by a river and it’s tributaries.

**Water divide:** An upland which separates two river system

**Perennial river:** River which has water throughout the year , eg Ganga.

**Non perennial or seasonal river:** A river which doesn’t have water throughout the year ie water is available only during the monsoon times