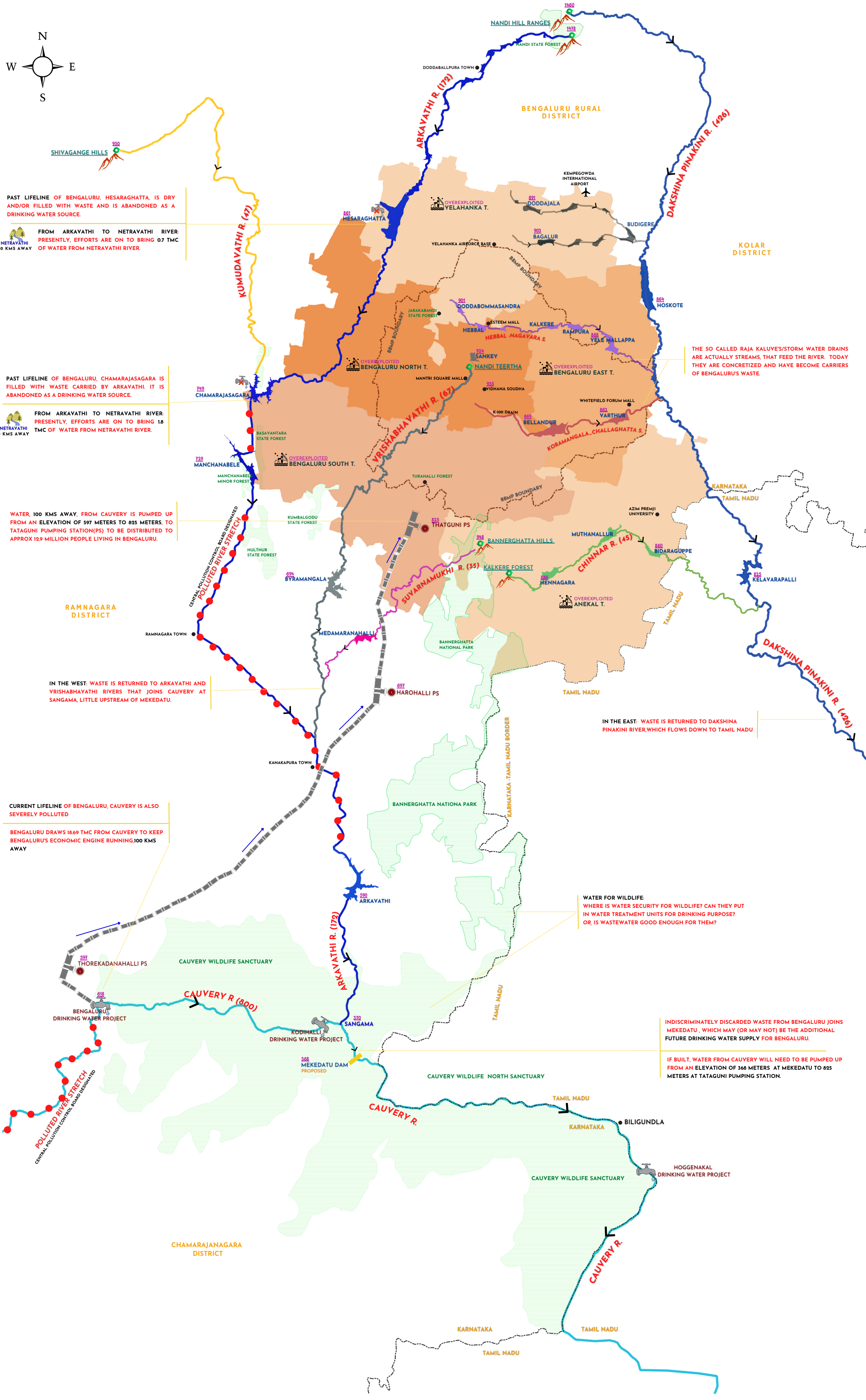
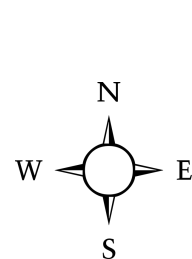




The objective of this map is to bring perspective on the *use and abuse* of rivers. Waste flows in natural river corridors without exception and water in man-made pipelines. Both devoid of life, flow in opposite directions. The situation is especially stark for the rivers passing through the district, Vrishabhavathi, Arkavathi, Dakshina Pinakini, Chinnar, Suvarnamukhi, as they are already converted into drains. Cauvery, the current drinking water source, is not spared either. Heavily polluted and altered, the river is in a dire state.



PAST LIFELINE OF BENGALURU, HESARAGHATTA, IS DRY AND/OR FILLED WITH WASTE AND IS ABANDONED AS A DRINKING WATER SOURCE.

FROM ARKAVATHI TO NETRAYATHI RIVER. PRESENTLY, EFFORTS ARE ON TO BRING 07 TMC OF WATER FROM NETRAYATHI RIVER.

PAST LIFELINE OF BENGALURU, CHAMARAJASAGARA IS FILLED WITH WASTE CARRIED BY ARKAVATHI. IT IS ABANDONED AS A DRINKING WATER SOURCE.

FROM ARKAVATHI TO NETRAYATHI RIVER. PRESENTLY, EFFORTS ARE ON TO BRING 18 TMC OF WATER FROM NETRAYATHI RIVER.

WATER, 100 KMS AWAY, FROM CAUVERY IS PUMPED UP FROM AN ELEVATION OF 597 METERS TO 825 METERS, TO TATAGUNI PUMPING STATION(PS) TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO APPROX 12.9 MILLION PEOPLE LIVING IN BENGALURU.

IN THE WEST, WASTE IS RETURNED TO ARKAVATHI AND VRISHABHAVATHI RIVERS THAT JOINS CAUVERY AT SANGAMA, LITTLE UPSTREAM OF MEKEDATU.

CURRENT LIFELINE OF BENGALURU, CAUVERY IS ALSO SEVERELY POLLUTED

BENGALURU DRAWS 18.69 TMC FROM CAUVERY TO KEEP BENGALURU'S ECONOMIC ENGINE RUNNING 100 KMS AWAY

INDISCRIMINATELY DISCARDED WASTE FROM BENGALURU JOINS MEKEDATU, WHICH MAY (OR MAY NOT) BE THE ADDITIONAL FUTURE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY FOR BENGALURU.

IF BUILT, WATER FROM CAUVERY WILL NEED TO BE PUMPED UP FROM AN ELEVATION OF 366 METERS AT MEKEDATU TO 825 METERS AT TATAGUNI PUMPING STATION.

LEGEND

- RIVER ORIGIN
- HILLS NEAR THE ORIGIN OF THE RIVERS
- RIVER LENGTH IN KMS
- ELEVATION IN METERS
- RIVER/STREAM FLOW DIRECTION
- FLOW DIRECTION OF PIPED WATER
- LANDMARKS
- CENTRAL GROUND WATER BOARD'S DESIGNATED STATUS OVEREXPLOITED
- DRINKING WATER PROJECTS
- NOT USED FOR DRINKING WATER ANYMORE
- PIPELINE FOR BRINGING CAUVERY WATER TO BANGALORE
- PIPED WATER PUMPING STATIONS
- RIVER & STREAM LINES
- RESERVOIRS/LAKES
- THE DIFFERENT SHADES OF ORANGE REPRESENTS THE 5 TALUKS
- THE DOTTED LINE REPRESENTS IN THE BBMP AREA
- STATE FORESTS AND PROTECTED AREAS
- CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD DESIGNATED POLLUTED RIVER STRETCHES

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ABBREVIATIONS

- R. - River
- T. - Taluk
- S. - Stream
- BBMP - Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
- PS. - Pumping Station
- BWSSB - Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board
- TMC - Thousand Million Cubic-feet / year

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Like all our maps, this is built to scale using GIS, a Free and Open-Source Geographic Information System. Geo-spatial data on administrative and forest boundaries is from Karnataka State Remote Sensing Application Centre's (KRSRAC) Karnataka Geographic Information System (K-GIS). We have also referred to Survey of India Toposheets, [Indiawis.gov.in](#), [bhuvan.nrsc.gov.in](#) along with google earth engine's JRC Global Surface Water Mapping Layers for validating hydrology. While most datapoints are from government reports, the rainfall and population are from Google earth engine datasets. Most important is ground truthing, that allowed us to understand the nature and magnitude of human activities.