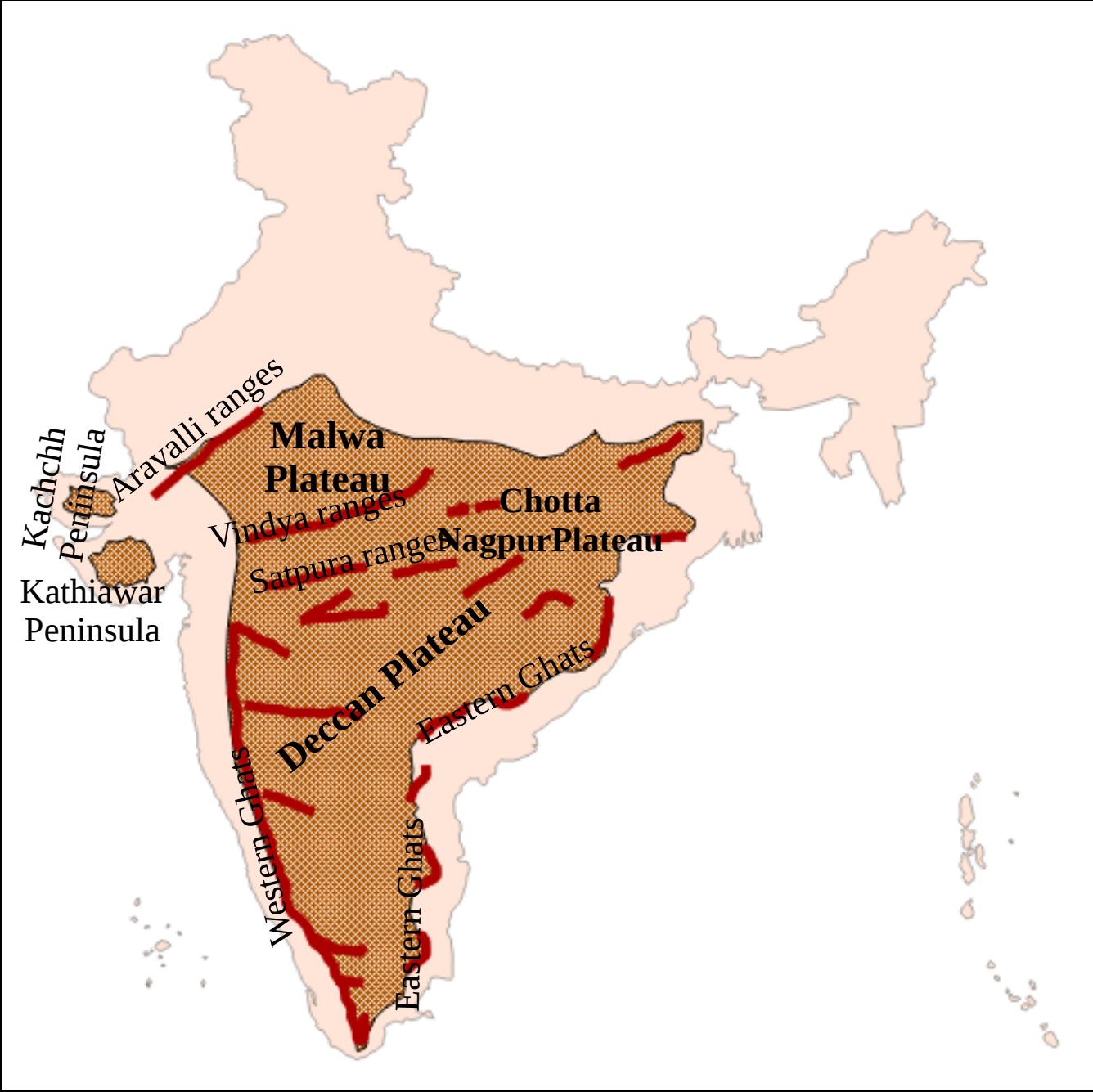


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India: The Land of Diversities



The Peninsular Plateau

-Entire portions of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh as well as parts of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telengana, Odisha and West Bengal together form a plateau known as the peninsular plateau.

-The peninsular plateau made of hard crystalline rocks forms the oldest and the most extensive physical division of India.

-It extends about 15 lakh square kilometres.

-It includes varied topography such as mountains, plateaus, and valleys.

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-The highest peak in this region is the Anamudi (2695 m) situated in the Idukki district of Kerala.

-As the peninsular plateau holds numerous deposits of diverse minerals, this region can be termed as the store house of minerals.

-The major vegetation of this region receiving seasonal rain is tropical deciduous.

-The trees found in this region are teak, sal, sandalwood, bamboo, etc.

-The rainy western slopes of the Western Ghats have tropical rain forests.

-A major portion of the deccan plateau, which is the southern part of the peninsular plateau, has been formed by the cooling of lava that spread over the region millions of years ago.

-Black soil is extensively found in this region made of igneous rocks, named basalt.

-As this soil is best suited for cotton cultivation, it is also called black cotton soil.

-Red soil also formed by the weathering of igneous and metamorphic rocks is comparatively less fertile.

-The presence of iron gives red colour to this soil.

-Laterite soil is formed in the regions with monsoon rains and intermittent hot seasons.

Peninsular Rivers

-The rivers originating from the elevated regions of the peninsular plateau are known as peninsular rivers.

-As these are rain fed rivers, the water flow in these rivers decreases in summer.

-Peninsular Rivers are divided in to two:-

.West flowing rivers- Narmada & Tapti

.East flowing rivers-Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna & Cauvery

-Godavari is the longest among the peninsular rivers.

-Waterfalls are common in most of the peninsular rivers.

-The highest among these is the Jog Falls (225 metres) in the Sharavathi River in Karnataka.

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