

## 11. Belarus

- It is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe.
- It is bordered by Russia to the east and northeast, Ukraine to the south, Poland to the west, and Lithuania and Latvia to the northwest.



## 12. Cali

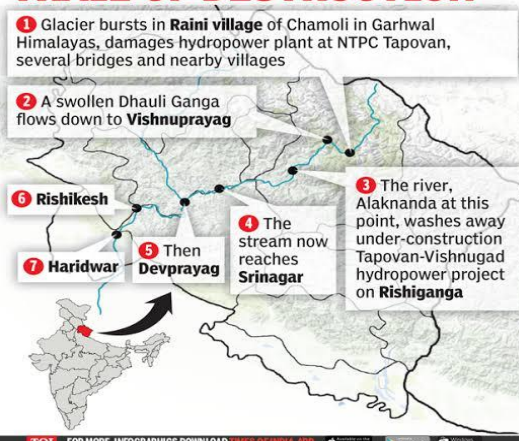
- Cali is the **second-largest city** in Colombia by area and the **third most populous**.
- It is the **only major Colombian city with access to the Pacific Coast**.
- Cali is located in the **Cauca Valley to the west of the Cauca River**.



## 13. Rishiganga

- It is a river in the Chamoli district, Uttarakhand, India.
- Sources:** It springs from the **Uttari Nanda Devi Glacier on the Nanda Devi mountain**. It is also fed from the Dakshini Nanda Devi Glacier.
- Continuing through the Nanda Devi National Park, it **flows into the Dhauliganga River near the village Rini**.

### TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION



### Disaster in 2021:

In February 2021, a flooding disaster occurred all along the river and its gorge following a landslide, avalanche or glacial lake outburst flood.

## 14. Red sea

- The Red Sea (also the Erythraean Sea) is a seawater inlet of the Indian Ocean, lying between Africa and Asia.
- The connection to the ocean is in the south through the **Bab el Mandeb strait and the Gulf of Aden**.
- To the north lie the **Sinai Peninsula, the Gulf of Aqaba, and the Gulf of Suez (leading to the Suez Canal)**.
- The sea is underlain by the **Red Sea Rift which is part of the Great Rift Valley**.



The salinity of the Red Sea is greater than the world average, approximately 4 percent. This is due to several factors:

- Lack of significant rivers or streams draining into the sea.
- Limited connection with the Indian Ocean, which has lower water salinity.
- High rate of evaporation and very little precipitation.

## 15. Cholistan desert

- Located in Pakistan.
- The place was in news because of recent shooting of two Great Indian Bustards (GIBs) here.