

# Dharla River

## The Destruction Behind the Beauty

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Seeing that the river water is so clear, local people compare it with the Bangla word 'dhola', which means white, and named the Dharla River. It is located in Kurigram district (northern part of Bangladesh), and comes from the river Torsa in India apparently mixing with the Brammaputra River in Lalmonirhat district. Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) is the official authority for proper maintenance of the Dharla Bridge. There is a flower garden to add to its beauty; local, national tourists visit the place especially for boat trips and to see the clear transparent water. The bridge over the river allows easy communication and its construction was started around 1998 ending up in 2002.

Once upon a time 150 boats used to pass the river everyday but now it is a rare sight because of the 'Dharla Shetu

