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India-Bangladesh Joint Water Commission

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Why in News

The **India-Bangladesh** Joint Rivers Commission's (JRC) technical-level talks have been cancelled recently.

- The JRC was expected to draft the framework agreement of the interim sharing of the **Feni river's waters with Tripura**.
 - Bangladesh had agreed to share 1.82 cusecs of water with Tripura.
 - The Feni river forms part of the India-Bangladesh border. It originates in the South Tripura district and meets the Bay of Bengal after it flows into Bangladesh.
- The meeting cancellation is also expected to delay the preparation of a **draft framework for the interim sharing agreements regarding several other rivers like the Manu, Muhuri, Khowai, Gomati, Dharla and Dudhkumar**.

Indo-Bangladesh Joint Water Commission

- An Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) is functioning since **1972**.
- It was established to ensure the most effective joint efforts in maximizing the benefits of common river systems. India and Bangladesh share **54** rivers.
- The JRC is **headed by Water Resources Ministers of both the countries**.
- It also includes **a system of transmission of flood forecasting data** on major rivers like Ganga, Teesta, Brahmaputra and Barak during the monsoon season from India to Bangladesh.

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