

## Two people drowned in the Tons River

## Why in News?

Recently, Two people drowned in **Tons river** in a village in **Ballia district** of Uttar Pradesh.

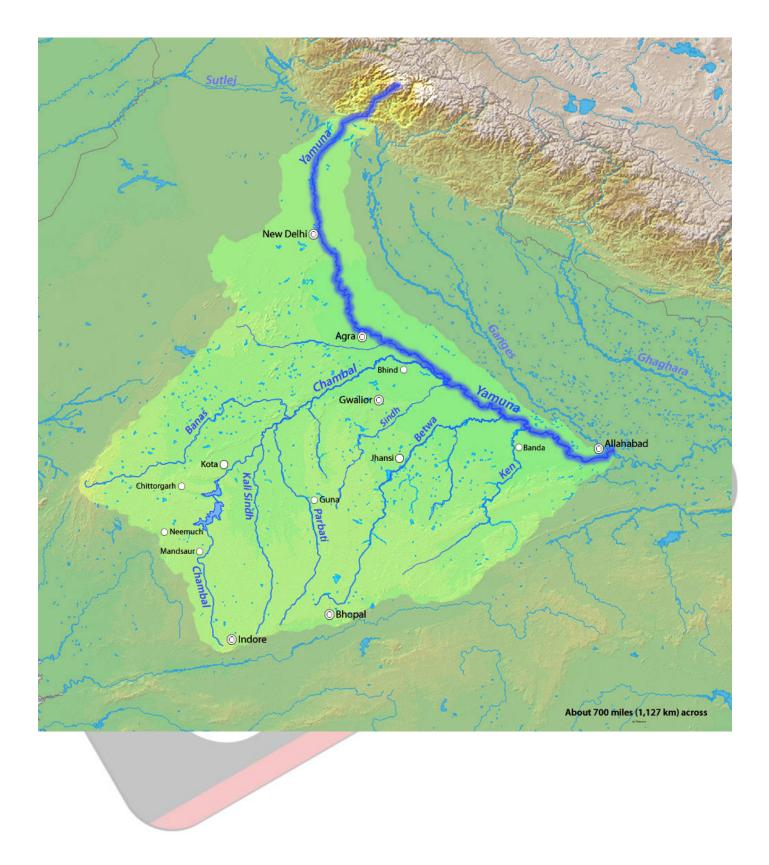
## **Key Points**

- The Tons is the largest tributary of the <u>Yamuna</u>. It flows through Garhwal region in Uttarakhand, touching Himachal Pradesh.
- It is one of the most major perennial Indian Himalayan rivers.
- It originates at a height of 6,315 metres from the Bandarpunch Mountain in Uttarakhand.
- It carries more water than the Yamuna itself, which it meets below Kalsi near Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- The Pabbar and Asan rivers are the main tributaries of the Tons River.
  - The Asan is a confluence of two small river systems, one comprising streams flowing south from the Himalayan range running from Vikas Nagar towards Tehri (with Mussorie in the centre), and the other comprising streams flowing north-west from the lower Shiwalik hills (that separate Dehradun and Saharanpur districts).

## Yamuna River

- The Yamuna River is one of the major tributaries of the Ganges in Northern India.
- It forms an integral part of the Yamuna-Ganga Plain, one of the world's most extensive alluvial plains.
- It has its source in the Yamunotri Glacier at an elevation of 6,387 meters on the southwestern sides of Banderpooch crests in the lower Himalayan ranges.
- It meets the Ganges at the Sangam (where Kumbh mela is held) in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh after flowing through Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi.
- Important dams are Lakhwar-Vyasi Dam (Uttarakhand), Tajewala Barrage Dam (Haryana) etc.
- Important Tributaries are Chambal, Sindh, Betwa and Ken.
- Government Initiatives Related to Yamuna River:
  - Yamuna Action Plan
    - Delhi Government's Six-Point Action Plan to Clean Yamuna by February 2025

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