



River Linking Project | Madhya Pradesh | 01 Jul 2024

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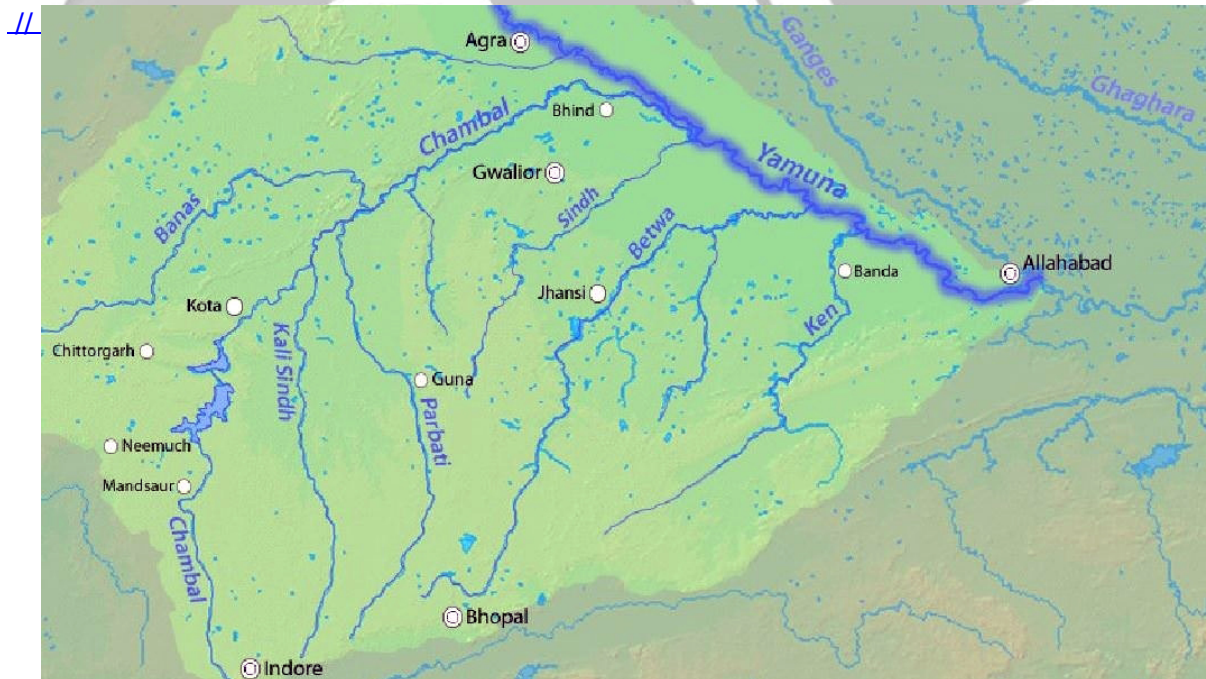
Recently, **Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan** Chief Ministers signed [Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) for the implementation of the Rs 72,000 crore **Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal river linking project in Bhopal**.

- This project aims to harvest surplus water available during the rainy season in **rivers in Southern Rajasthan** such as [Chambal](#) and **its tributaries, including Kunnu, Parvati, Kalisindh**, and use this water in south-eastern districts of the state, where there is scarcity of water for drinking and irrigation.

Key Points

- The project would **provide water to 13 districts in Rajasthan**, and [Malwa and Chambal regions in Madhya Pradesh](#).
 - It would also **aid in irrigating at least 2.8 lakh hectares in both states**, including supplementing rural tanks.
- Both the states would benefit from the river linking project, which would also strengthen the relations between the states.
- Efforts will also be made to **build a corridor from Khatu Shyam temple in Rajasthan to Mahakal Shiv temple in Ujjain** in Madhya Pradesh.

Chambal River



- It **originates at the Singar Chouri peak** in the northern slopes of the [Vindhya mountains](#)

(Indore, Madhya Pradesh). From there, it flows in the North direction in Madhya Pradesh for a length of about 346 km and **then follows a north-easterly direction for a length of 225 km through Rajasthan.**

- It **enters Uttar Pradesh** and flows for about 32 km before joining the [Yamuna River](#) in Etawah District.
- It is a rainfed river and its **basin is bounded by the Vindhyan mountain ranges and the [Aravallis](#).** The Chambal and its tributaries drain the Malwa region of northwestern Madhya Pradesh.
- The **Hadauti plateau in Rajasthan** occurs in the upper catchment of the Chambal River to the southeast of the **Mewar Plains**.
- **Tributaries:** Banas, Kali Sindh, [Sipra](#), [Parbati](#), etc.
- **Main Power Projects/ Dam:** [Gandhi Sagar Dam](#), [Rana Pratap Sagar Dam](#), [Jawahar Sagar Dam](#), and **Kota Barrage**.
- The [National Chambal Sanctuary](#) is located along river Chambal on the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
 - It is known for critically endangered [gharial](#), the [red-crowned roof turtle](#), and the endangered [Ganges river dolphin](#).

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