



Kali Bein

Why in News?

Recently, Punjab's Chief Minister fell sick and was admitted to a hospital after drinking a glass of water directly from the **Kali Bein rivulet**.

What is Kali Bein?

▪ About:

- Its 165 km rivulet starts from Hoshiarpur, runs across four districts, and meets the **confluence of the rivers [Beas and Sutlej](#) in Kapurthala**.
- On its banks there are around 80 villages and half a dozen small and large towns.
- Wastewater from there as well as industrial waste used to flow into the rivulet via a drain, turning its waters black, hence the name Kali Bein (black rivulet).
 - Dense grass and weeds grew on the water until a cleaning project started.

▪ Significance:

- It has great significance in the **Sikh religion and history**.
- The first **[Guru Nanak Dev](#), is said to have got enlightenment here**.
- When Guru Nanak Dev was staying at Sultanpur Lodhi, he **would bathe in the Kali Bein**.
- He is said to have disappeared into the waters one day, before emerging on the third day.
- The first thing he recited was the Mool Mantra of the Sikh religion.

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