



## Flooding in Saryu River | Uttar Pradesh | 20 Sep 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, flooding in the [Saryu River](#) caused severe disruptions in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia district, affecting transportation and local communities.

### Key Points

- **Saryu River:**
  - The Saryu is a river that flows through **Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh**.
  - This river is of ancient significance as it is mentioned in the [Vedas](#) and the [Ramayana](#).
  - The river is formed at the confluence of rivers [Karnali and Mahakali](#). It is a tributary of River [Ganges](#).
- **Ballia District:**
  - Ballia is located in the extreme north-eastern part of Uttar Pradesh, bordered by **Mau, Deoria, Bihar, and Ghazipur**, and lies at the confluence of the **Ganges and Ghagra rivers**.
  - The city is 135 kilometers away from [Varanasi](#), with the Ganges separating **Ballia from Bihar, and the Ghagra separating it from Deoria**.
  - One belief is that the city is named after the sage [Valmiki](#), who is thought to have resided there, though his shrine no longer exists.
  - Another belief links the name to the local soil, "**Ballua**" (**sandy soil**), with the city's original name being "Balian," later transformed into "Ballia."

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