

# **Tawi Riverfront Project**

## Why in News?

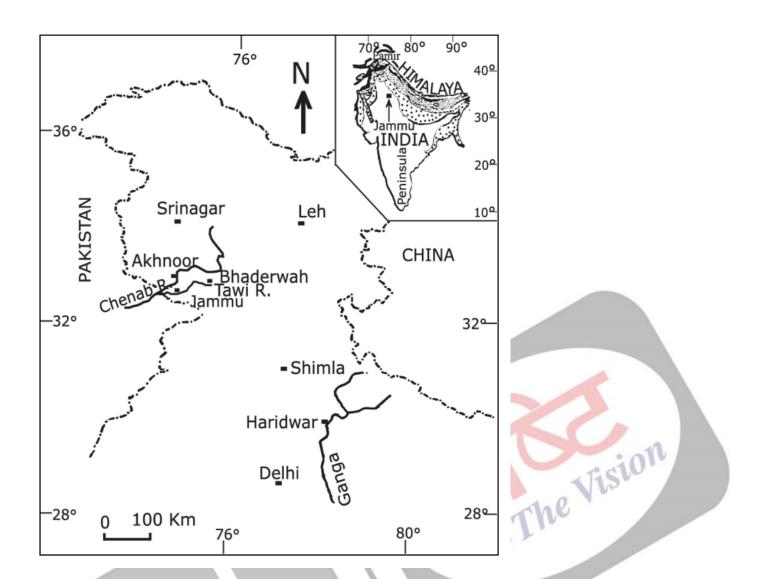
Recently, **Jammu and Kashmir** <u>Lieutenant Governor</u> Manoj Sinha conducted the on-site inspection and reviewed the progress of <u>Tawi Riverfront project</u>.

# **Key Points**

- Accelerating Project Completion:
  - The Lieutenant Governor (L-G) directed officers and implementing agencies to expedite the completion of the prestigious Tawi Riverfront project in a time-bound manner.
- Timeline and Significance of the Project:
  - Interacting with mediapersons, the L-G announced that the first phase of the flagship Tawi Riverfront project under <u>Jammu Smart City</u> is expected to be completed by January 2025.
  - The project aims to enhance Jammu's tourism potential and provide recreational spaces for residents and visitors.
- Completed Tourism Initiatives:
  - Several initiatives to boost Jammu's tourism have already been completed, including the Jambu Zoo, light and sound show, and the <u>Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam</u> <u>Temple.</u>
- Future Plans for Tourism Development:
  - Efforts are underway to create additional tourist destinations in Jammu city and the wider region with the support of the Government of India.

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## Location:

The Tawi River is a major tributary of the <u>Chenab River</u> in Jammu and Kashmir. It
originates from the Kali Kundi glacier in the Doda district and flows through the city of
Jammu. The river then crosses into Pakistan's Punjab province and merges with the Chenab
River.

#### Significance:

 The Tawi River is an important river in the Jammu region and was once the main source of drinking water for the city. It is also known as Surya Putri in ancient texts.

#### Challenges:

- The quality of the Tawi River has deteriorated due to pollution from solid waste and the dumping of sewage into the river.
- The **river's course also changes t**hroughout the year, causing erosion of fields and breaching embankments.

#### Catchment area:

• The Tawi River's catchment area is 2,168 square kilometers and falls within the districts of Jammu, Udhampur, and a small part of Doda.

# Length:

• The Tawi River is about 141 kilometers long.

