

# Flooding in Saryu River

### Why in News?

Recently, flooding in the <u>Saryu River</u> caused severe disruptions in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia district, affecting transportation and local communities.

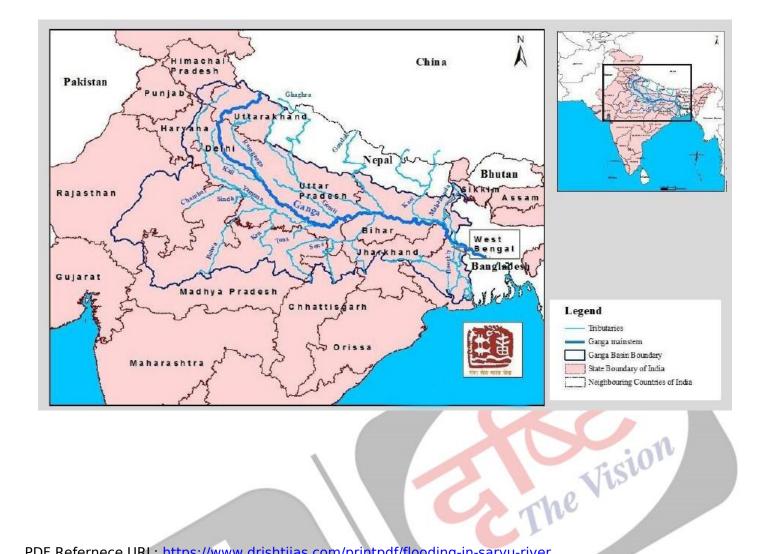
## **Key Points**

#### 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 <u>Karnali and Mahakali</u>. It is a tributary of River <u>Ganges</u>.

#### 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 <u>Varanasi</u>, 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 <u>Valmiki</u>, 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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