



Two people drowned in the Tons River

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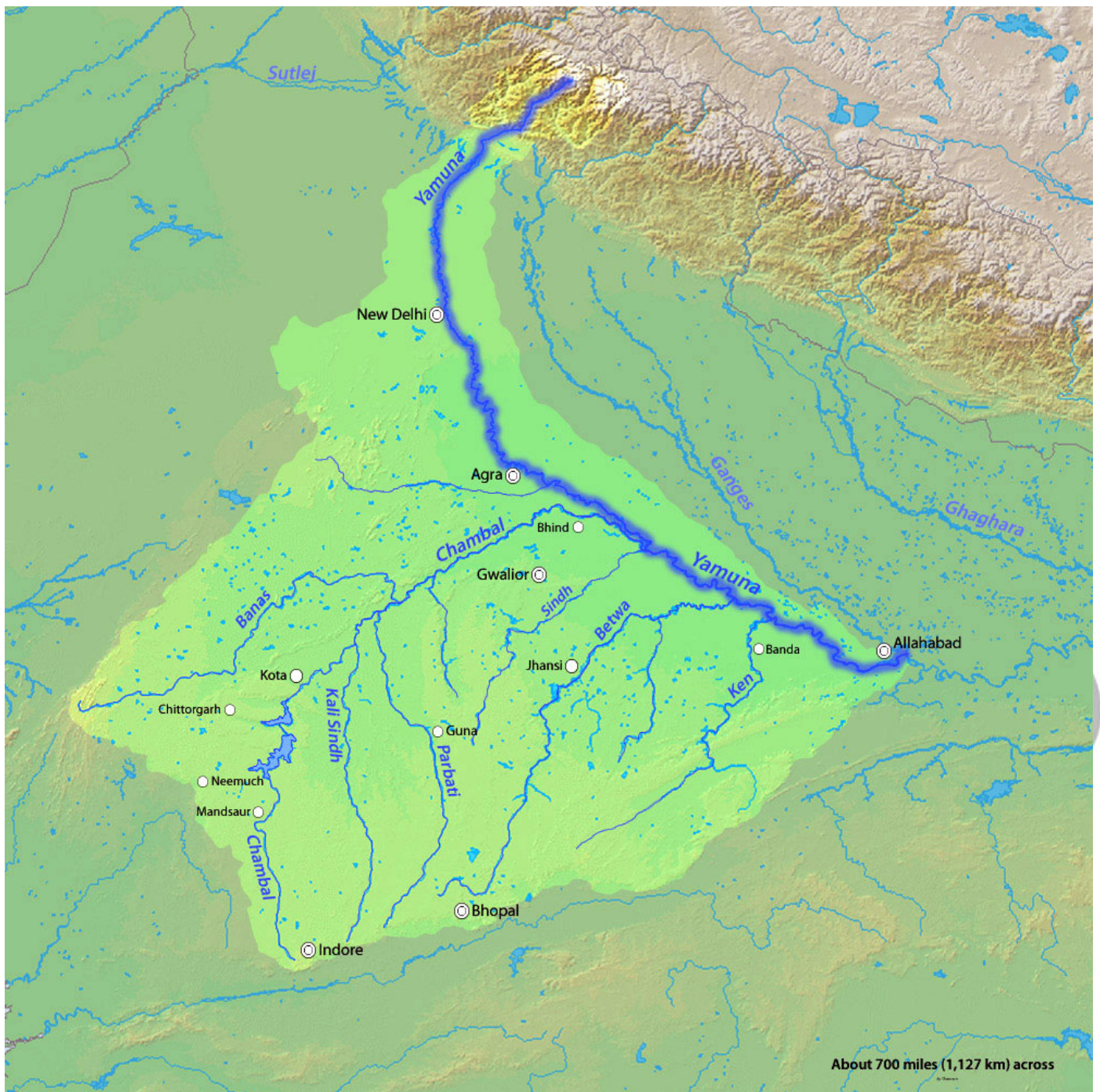
Recently, Two people drowned in **Tons river** in a village in **Ballia district** of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- The Tons is the **largest tributary of the Yamuna**. It flows through **Garhwal region** in Uttarakhand, touching Himachal Pradesh.
- It is one of the most **major perennial Indian Himalayan rivers**.
- It originates at a height of **6,315 metres** from the **Bandarpunch Mountain** in Uttarakhand.
- It carries more water than the Yamuna itself, which it meets below **Kalsi near Dehradun**, Uttarakhand.
- The **Pabbar and Asan** rivers are the main tributaries of the Tons River.
 - The **Asan is a confluence of two small river systems**, one comprising streams **flowing south from the Himalayan range running from Vikas Nagar towards Tehri** (with Mussorie in the centre), and the other comprising streams **flowing north-west from the lower Shiwalik hills** (that **separate Dehradun and Saharanpur districts**).

Yamuna River

- The Yamuna River is one of the major tributaries of the Ganges in Northern India.
- It forms an integral part of the **Yamuna-Ganga Plain**, one of the world's most extensive alluvial plains.
- It has its source in the **Yamunotri Glacier at an elevation of 6,387 meters** on the southwestern sides of **Banderpooch crests** in the lower **Himalayan ranges**.
- It meets the **Ganges at the Sangam (where Kumbh mela is held)** in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh after flowing through **Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi**.
- Important dams are Lakhwar-Vyasi Dam (Uttarakhand), Tajewala Barrage Dam (Haryana) etc.
- Important Tributaries are Chambal, Sindh, Betwa and Ken.
- **Government Initiatives** Related to Yamuna River:
 - Yamuna Action Plan
 - Delhi Government's Six-Point Action Plan to Clean Yamuna by February 2025



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