

PM Inaugurates Projects in Rajasthan

Why in News?

Recently, the **Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 24 projects** worth over Rs 46,300 crore **in Rajasthan.**

Projects span sectors like energy, roads, railways, and water resources.

Key Points

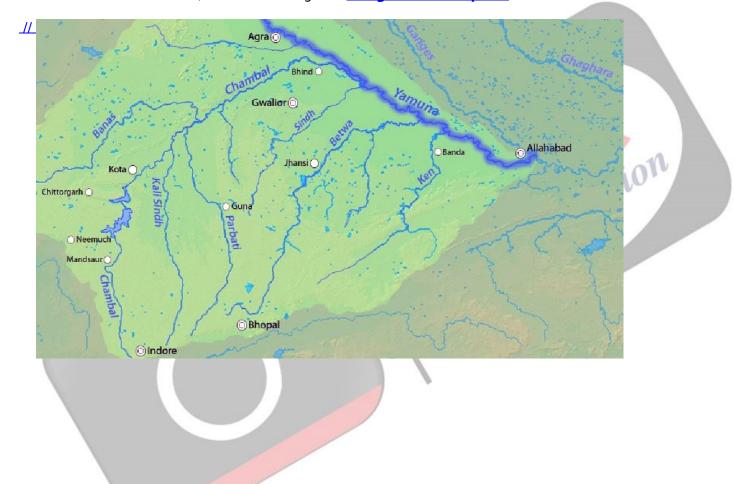
- Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal Project:
 - It is an inter-state river linking initiative designed to divert surplus water from the Parbati, Newaj, and Kalisindh rivers to the Chambal River in Madhya Pradesh to the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) in Rajasthan.
 - This integration aims to address issues like water sharing, cost-benefit distribution, and water exchange between the concerned states.
 - The project aims to provide irrigation and drinking water to 21 districts in Rajasthan.
 - Expected to boost development in both Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
 - Rivers Involved in the Project:
 - Chambal River:
 - Origin: Singar Chouri Peak, Vindhya Mountains, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
 - · Major Tributaries: Banas, Kali Sindh, Sipra, Parbati.
 - Parvati River:
 - Origin: Vindhya Range, Sehore District, Madhya Pradesh.
 - · Significant Tributaries: None.
 - Kali Sindh River:
 - Origin: Bagli, Dewas District, Madhya Pradesh.
 - Major Tributaries: Parwan, Newaj, Ahu.
- Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP):
 - The state government approved and expanded the ERCP to address water issues.
 - The <u>Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP)</u>, an <u>ambitious drinking and irrigation</u> water project, was announced by the state government in the state budget 2017-18 as a permanent solution to the problem of drinking and irrigation water in 13 districts of eastern Rajasthan.
 - The districts included Jhalawar, Baran, Kota Bundi, Sawai Madhopur, Ajmer,
 Tok, Jaipur, Dausa, Karauli, Alwar, Bharatpur and Dholpur.
 - ERCP aims to harvest surplus water available during rainy season in rivers in Southern
 Rajasthan such as <u>Chambal and its tributaries</u>, including **Kunnu, Parvati, Kalisindh**,
 and use this water in south-eastern districts of the state, where there is scarcity of water
 for drinking and irrigation.
 - ERCP is planned to meet drinking and industrial water needs of the southern and south eastern Rajasthan, for humans and <u>livestock</u> till the year 2051.

Chambal River

- About:
 - It originates at the Singar Chouri peak in the northern slopes of the Vindhya mountains

(Indore, Madhya Pradesh). From there, it flows in the North direction in Madhya Pradesh for a length of about 346 km and then follows a north-easterly direction for a length of 225 km through Rajasthan.

- It **enters UP** and flows for about 32 km before joining the **Yamuna River** in Etawah District.
- It is a rainfed river and its **basin is bounded by the Vindhyan mountain ranges and the Aravallis.** The Chambal and its tributaries drain the Malwa region of northwestern Madhya Pradesh.
- The **Hadauti plateau in Rajasthan** occurs in the upper catchment of the Chambal River to the southeast of the Mewar Plains.
- **Tributaries:** Banas, Kali Sindh, Sipra, Parbati, etc.
- Main Power Projects/ Dam: <u>Gandhi Sagar Dam</u>, <u>Rana Pratap Sagar Dam</u>, Jawahar Sagar Dam, and <u>Kota Barrage</u>.
- The <u>National Chambal Sanctuary</u> is located along river Chambal on the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. It is known for critically endangered gharial, the red-crowned roof turtle, and the endangered <u>Ganges river dolphin</u>.



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