



## PM offering to Ajmer Sharif Dargah | Rajasthan | 03 Jan 2025

### Why in News?

Recently, the Prime Minister **presented a 'chadar'** to Minorities Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju to **offer** at the **Ajmer Sharif Dargah** of **Sufi Saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti** on the occasion of **'Urs'**.

- The Urs festival is an **annual festival** held at Ajmer in Rajasthan which **commemorates the death anniversary** of Sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti.



### Key Points

- **Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti:**
  - Moinuddin Hasan Chishti was **born in Sijistan (modern-day Sistan) in Iran** in 1141-42 CE.
  - After Muizuddin Muhammad bin Sam of Ghor had already defeated **Prithviraj Chauhan** in the **Second Battle of Tarain (1192)** and established his rule in Delhi, **Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti started living and preaching in Ajmer.**
  - His instructive discourses, full of spiritual insights, soon drew the local populace as well as kings and nobles and peasants and the poor from far and wide.

- **His shrine in Ajmer** has been visited by rulers like [Muhammad bin Tughlaq](#), [Sher Shah Suri](#), [Akbar](#), [Jahangir](#), [Shah Jahan](#), [Dara Shukoh](#) and [Aurangzeb](#).
- **Chishti Order (Chishtiya):**
  - Chishtiya Order was **founded in India by Khwaja Moin-Uddin Chishti**.
  - It emphasised the **doctrine of the unity of being with God** (waḥdat al-wujūd) and members of the order were also pacifists.
  - They **rejected all material goods** as distractions from the contemplation of God.
  - They abstained from connection with the [secular state](#).
  - **Recitation of the names of God**, both **aloud and silently (dhikr jahri, dhikr khafi)**, formed the cornerstone of Chishtī practice.
  - The Chishty teachings were carried forward and popularized by **disciples** of Khwaja Moin-Uddin **Chishti like Khwaja Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki, Fareeduddin Ganj-e-Shakar, Nizam uddin Auliya and Naseeruddin Charagh**.

## Sufism

- Sufism is **a mystical form of Islam**, a school of practice that focuses on the spiritual search for God and shuns materialism.
- It is a form of Islamic mysticism which **stresses on asceticism**. There is a lot of emphasis on devotion towards God.
- In Sufism, **self discipline** is considered an essential condition to gain knowledge of God by sense of perception.
- Unlike orthodox Muslims which emphasise on external conduct, the Sufis **lay stress on inner purity**.
- Sufis believe **service to humanity** is tantamount to service to God.

## Task Force for Gomti River Rejuvenation | Uttar Pradesh | 03 Jan 2025

### Why in News?

Recently, [the Territorial Army](#) established a **new task force** dedicated to the **rejuvenation and protection** of [the Gomti River](#), named **Ganga Task Force (GTF)**.

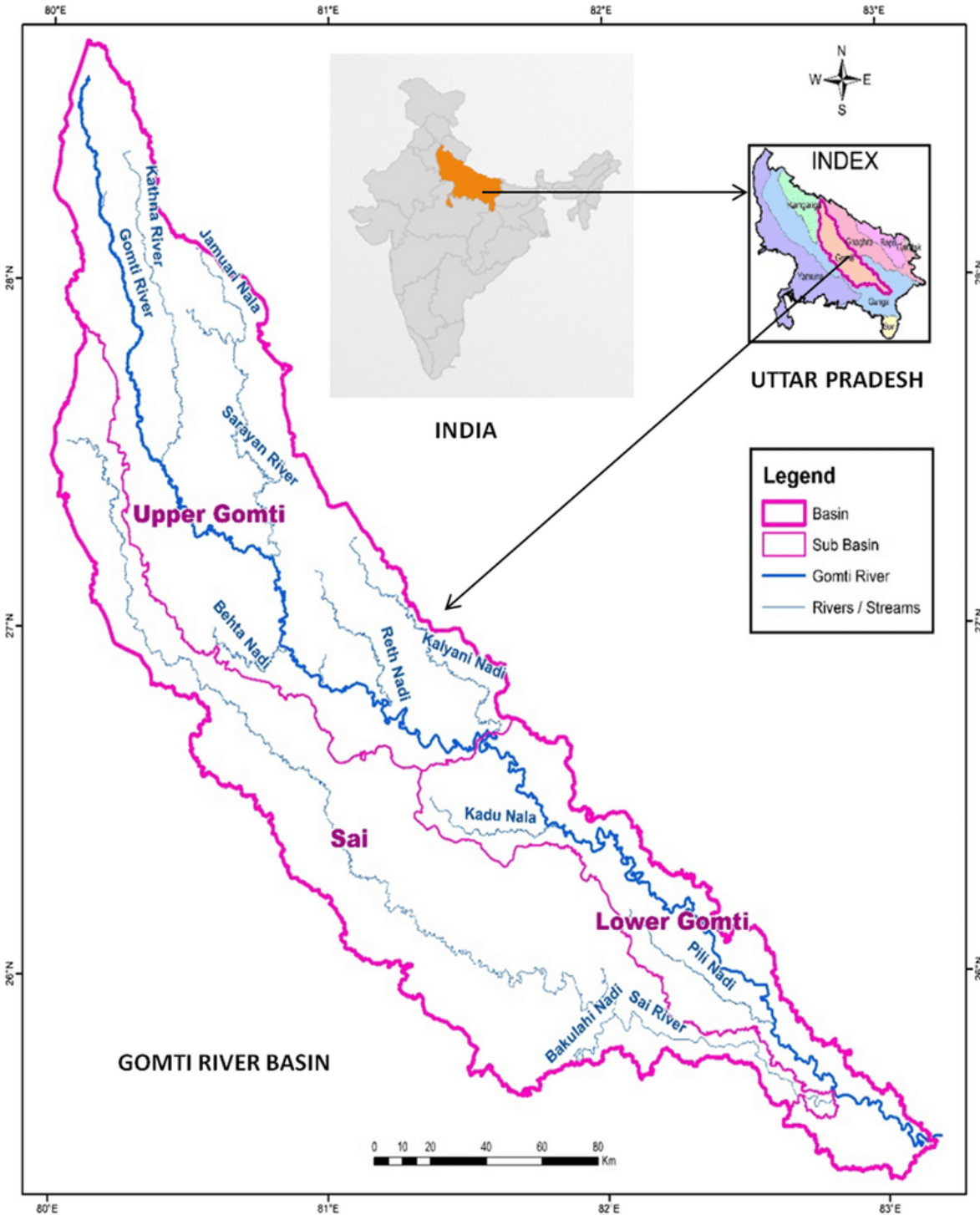
### Key Points

- **About GTF:**
  - **Objective and Focus:**
    - The GTF aims to enhance [environmental preservation](#) and [sustainable development](#).
    - Key responsibilities include [pollution](#) monitoring, riverbank and ghat patrolling, public awareness campaigns, and riverbank stabilization.
  - **Composition:**
    - The GTF primarily **comprises ex-servicemen**, reflecting the Territorial Army's tradition of utilizing experienced personnel for national missions.
  - **Inauguration:**
    - The **formal raising ceremony** occurred on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at Lucknow Cantonment**.
  - **National Mission Alignment:**
    - The GTF was **established under** the [National Mission for Clean Ganga](#)

([NMCG](#)), an initiative of the [Ministry of Jal Shakti](#).

- **Orders for its creation** were issued by **the Ministry of Defence in September 2024**.
- **Significance:**
  - This initiative reinforces the [Indian Army](#)'s role in nation-building and environmental sustainability.
  - The GTF aims to contribute significantly to the revitalization of the Gomti River and the broader [Clean Ganga Mission](#).

## Gomti River



- The Gomati River is a **tributary of the Ganga River** in central Uttar Pradesh.
- It **originates east of Pilibhit**, Uttar Pradesh.

- The **Sai River, a right-bank tributary**, joins the Gomati near Jaunpur.
  - The **Gomati River merges with the Ganges near Saidpur**, Uttar Pradesh.
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## 42nd Governor of Bihar | Bihar | 03 Jan 2025

### Why in News?

Recently, **Arif Mohammad Khan** was sworn in as the **42<sup>nd</sup> Governor of Bihar**.

### Key Points

- **Oath Administration:**
  - **Patna High Court Chief Justice** administered the oath at **the Raj Bhawan**.
  - The ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, his deputies, and Leader of Opposition.
- **Governor:**
  - The Governor's appointment, his powers and everything related to the office of Governor have been discussed under **Article 153 to Article 162 of the Indian Constitution**.
  - The role of the Governor is quite similar to that of the President of India. He stands as **executive head of a State** and under the Constitution of India, the governing machinery is the same as that of the Central Government.
  - It is stated that the Governor has a dual role.
    - He is the **constitutional head** of the state, bound by the advice of his council of ministers.
    - He functions as a **vital link between the Union Government and the State Government**.

# Governor

## (Part - III)

President - Article 52 -78 in (Part V); Governor - Article 153 -167 (Part VI)

### Governor and President - Similarities

Point of Similarity	Characteristics
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both are <b>nominal executive heads</b> (constitutional/ titular heads) at their level</li> </ul>
Promulgating Ordinances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both are empowered (under <b>Article 123/213 - President/Governor</b>)</li> </ul>
Civil and Criminal Proceedings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both are <b>immune from any criminal proceedings during tenure</b>; cannot be arrested or imprisoned</li> <li><b>Civil proceedings can be instituted</b> after giving a 2-months' notice</li> </ul>
Re-appointment/Re-election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both are <b>eligible for reappointment/re-election</b> to the same office</li> </ul>
Appointing Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What President appoints at National level, Governor appoints at state level (members of Public Service Commission, Judges of courts, Election Commissioners etc.)</li> </ul>
Role in Legislature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power to <b>summon or prorogue the State/Union Legislature</b> and <b>dissolve the State LA/Lok Sabha</b></li> </ul>
Financial Powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constituting <b>Finance Commission</b> at State/Union level</li> </ul>
Situational Discretionary Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Appointing PM/CM</b> (in case of PM/CM's death or when no party has clear majority)</li> <li><b>Dismissal of Council of Ministers</b></li> <li><b>Dissolution of Lok Sabha/ State LA</b></li> </ul>

### Governor v/s President - Differences

Point of Difference	President	Governor
Election	Indirectly elected	<b>Appointed</b> by President
Pleasure Doctrine	No concept of Pleasure doctrine	Serves at the <b>Pleasure of the President</b>
Declaring Scheduled Area	Can declare any area as scheduled area	Role is <b>limited to consultation</b>
Amending Constitution	His assent to the bill is required	<b>No role</b> in a Constitutional Amendment Bill
Pardoning Power	Can pardon a death sentence/punishment by a court-martial	<b>Can't pardon</b> a death sentence, no role in affairs of military
Constitutional Discretionary Power	No Constitutional Discretion	Constitutional Discretion in <b>reserving a bill</b> , imposition of <b>President's rule &amp; administrating an adjoining UT</b>
Condition of Impeachment	Violation of the Constitution	<b>No grounds laid</b>

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## 10-minute Ambulance Service in Gurugram | Haryana | 03 Jan 2025

### Why in News?

Blinkit is launching a 10-minute [ambulance service](#) in Gurugram and plans to expand it to other Indian cities within the next two years.

### Key Points

- **Medical Equipment and Staff:**
  - Each ambulance is equipped with essential medical tools, including [oxygen cylinders](#), **Automated External Defibrillators (AED)**, stretchers, monitors, suction machines, **emergency medicines, and injections**.
    - The service **does not provide** [neonatal or ventilator care](#).
  - The ambulance team consists of a paramedic, an assistant, and a trained driver.
- **Service Launch and Accessibility:**
  - Initially, five ambulances will operate in Gurugram.
  - Users can book a [Basic Life Support \(BLS\)](#) ambulance through the Blinkit app.
- **Affordability and Vision:**
  - Blinkit aims to offer the service at an **affordable fee of Rs 2,000**.
  - The initiative focuses on **solving a critical problem rather than profit-making**.

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## Winter Carnival in Jammu and Kashmir | Jammu & Kashmir | 03 Jan 2025

### Why in News?

Recently, the Chief Minister **inaugurated the 'Winter Carnival' at Pahalgam**, celebrating **Jammu & Kashmir's** rich [cultural heritage](#).

- It will **continue through the winter season**, offering ongoing entertainment and cultural experiences.

### Key Points

- **Celebration of Culture and Beauty:**
  - The event highlighted the **region's picturesque beauty and vibrant cultural landscape**, providing a magical experience for both tourists and locals.
  - The Winter Carnival serves as a platform for **showcasing the talent of local artists and performers**.
- **Focus on Cultural Heritage:**
  - The 2025 edition emphasizes **traditional music, [dance](#), [handicrafts](#), and culinary**

**delights** unique to the region.

- The carnival aims to **promote J&K's cultural fabric to a broader audience**, boosting the visibility of local artisans and fostering economic growth.

▪ **Tourism and Economic Impact:**

- The Winter Carnival plays a key role in boosting J&K's tourism industry, positioning Pahalgam as a major tourist destination.
- The event is **expected to boost local businesses, including hotels, restaurants, and souvenir shops, benefiting the local economy.**

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