

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

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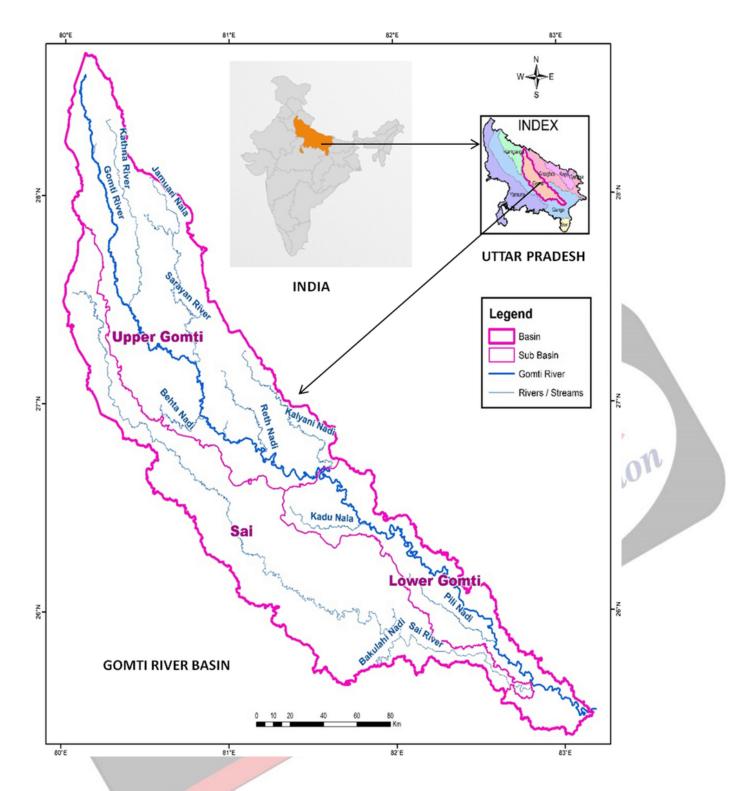
Recently, the Territorial Army established a new task force dedicated to the rejuvenation and protection of the Gomti River, named Ganga Task Force (GTF).

Key Points

- About GTF:
 - Objective and Focus:
 - The GTF aims to enhance <u>environmental preservation</u> and <u>sustainable</u> <u>development.</u>
 - 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 1st 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 Ial Shakti.**
 - Orders for its creation were issued by the Ministry of Defence in September 2024.
 - Significance:
 - This initiative reinforces the <u>Indian Army</u>'s role in nation-building and environmental sustainability.
 - The GTF aims to contribute significantly to the revitalization of the Gomti River and the broader <u>Clean Ganga Mission</u>.

Gomti River

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- 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.