



Task Force for Gomti River Rejuvenation

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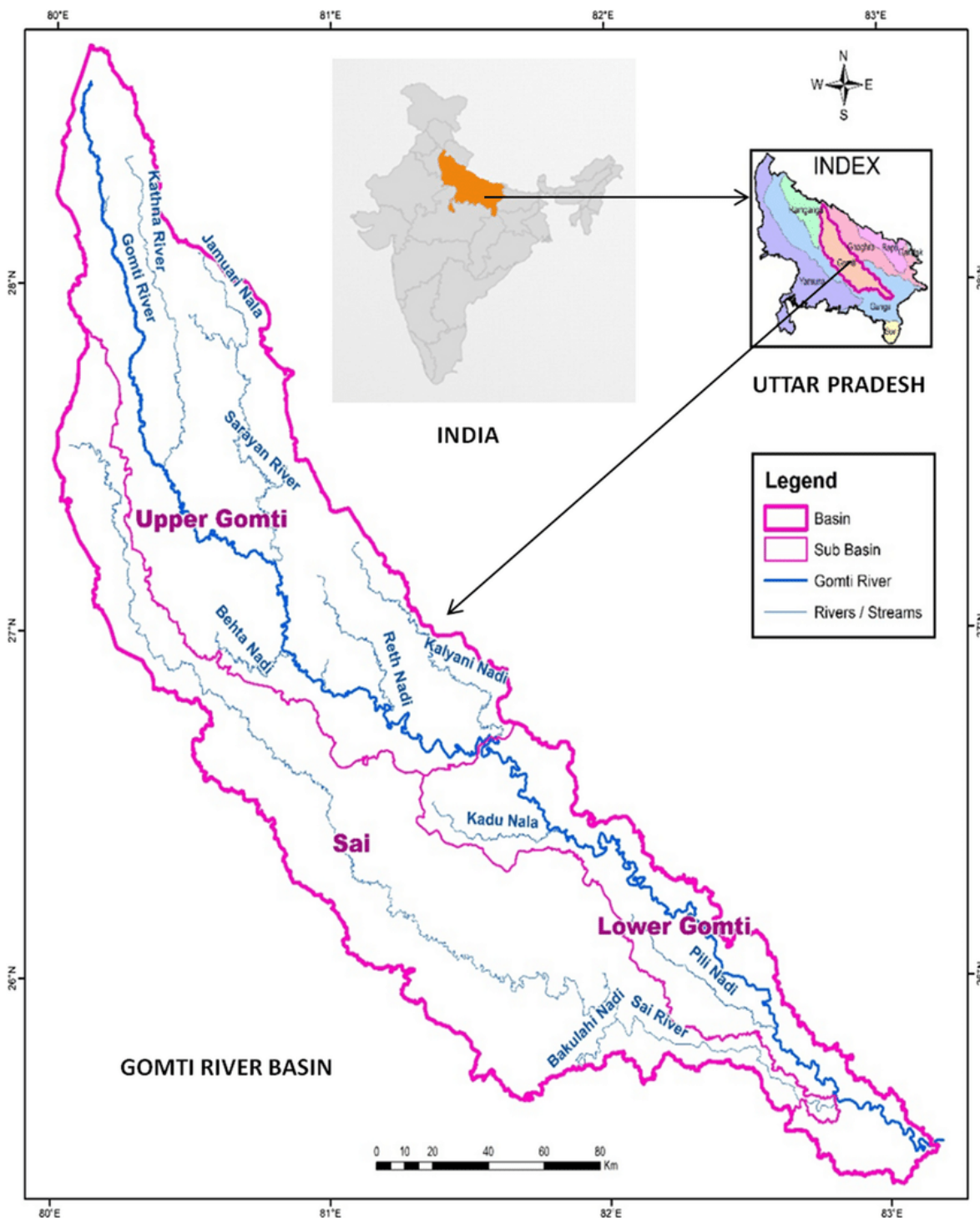
Recently, [the Territorial Army](#) established a **new task force** dedicated to the **rejuvenation and protection** of [the Gomti River](#), named **Ganga Task Force (GTF)**.

Key Points

- **About GTF:**
 - **Objective and Focus:**
 - The GTF aims to enhance [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 **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 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

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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.