



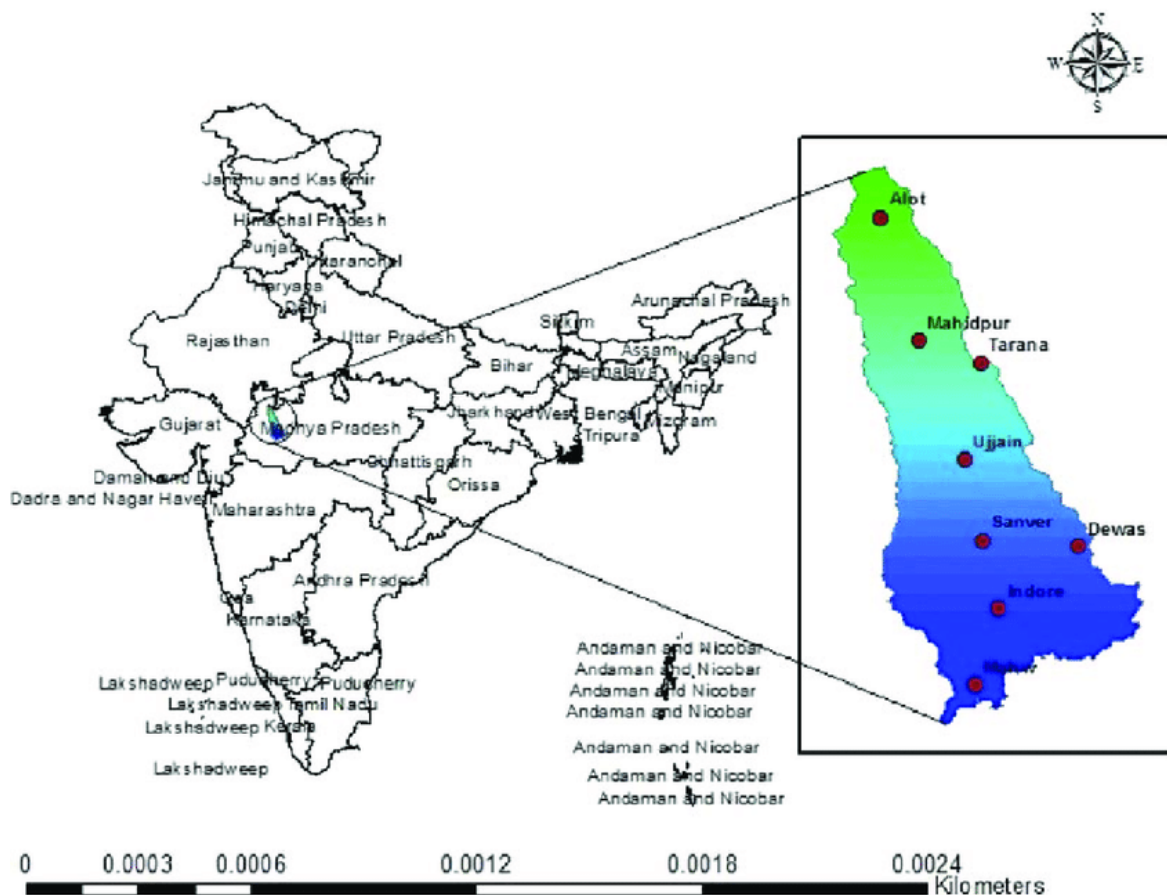
Shipra (Khipra) River

Recently, the [Comptroller and Auditor General of India \(CAG\)](#) conducted a **performance audit** (2016-17 to 2020-21) on the degradation of the **Shipra River**.

Shipra River:

- **Origin:** The Shipra (Kshipra), a **tributary of the Chambal River** in Madhya Pradesh, flows across the Malwa Plateau.
 - It **originates in the Vindhya Range** from a hill called Kakri-Tekdi, which is in the north of Dhar and situated near Ujjain.
 - **Major Tributaries:** Khan and Gambhir.
- **Cultural Significance:**
 - **Ujjain** is a sacred city on a river's east bank. It hosts the **Sinhastha fair (Kumbh Mela) every 12 years** and **yearly celebrations** for the river goddess Kshipra.
 - According to Hindu texts, the Shipra River originates from **Varaha**, an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Also, **Krishna**, another avatar of Vishnu, studied at Sage Sandipani's ashram by the river.
 - It is also mentioned in Buddhist and Jain scriptures.

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