



Tawi Riverfront Project

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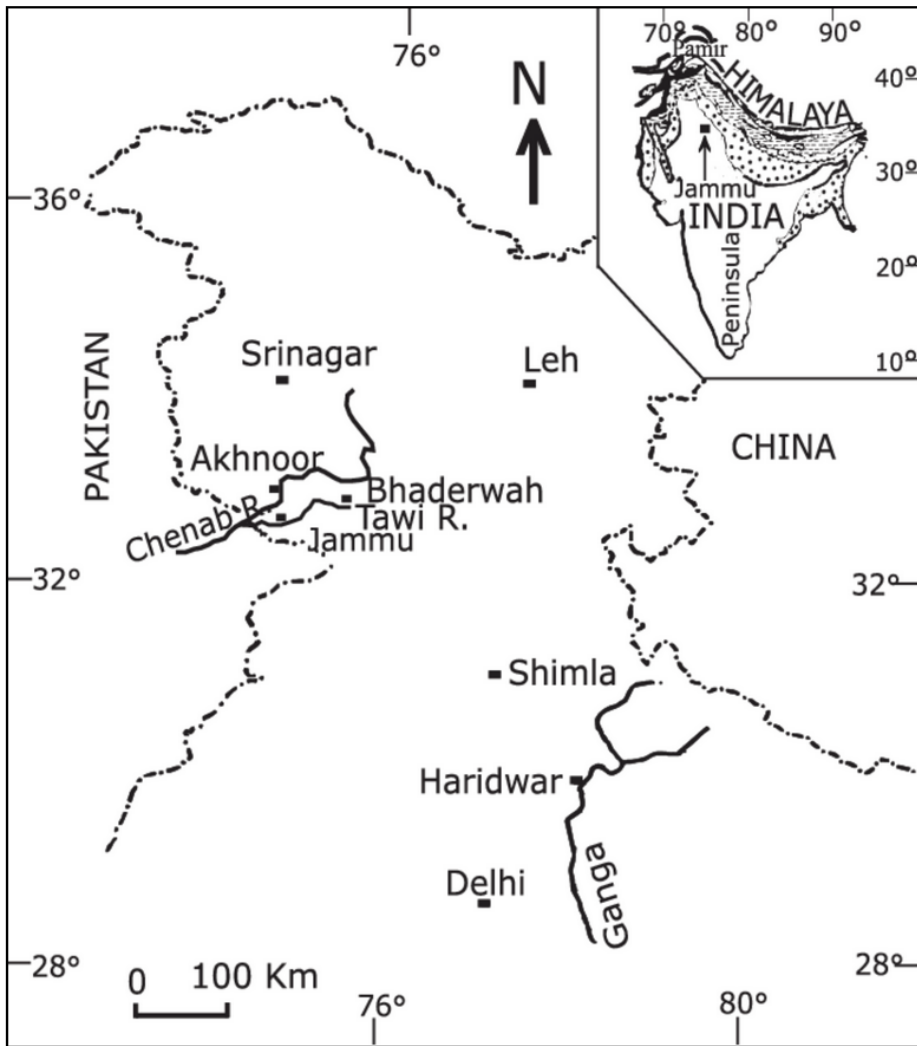
Recently, **Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor** Manoj Sinha conducted the on-site inspection and reviewed the progress of [Tawi Riverfront project](#).

Key Points

- **Accelerating Project Completion:**
 - The Lieutenant Governor (L-G) directed officers and implementing agencies to **expedite the completion of the prestigious Tawi Riverfront project** in a time-bound manner.
- **Timeline and Significance of the Project:**
 - Interacting with mediapersons, the L-G announced that the first phase of the **flagship Tawi Riverfront project** under [Jammu Smart City](#) is **expected to be completed by January 2025**.
 - The project **aims to enhance Jammu's tourism potential and provide recreational spaces** for residents and visitors.
- **Completed Tourism Initiatives:**
 - Several initiatives to boost Jammu's tourism have already been completed, including the **Jammu Zoo, light and sound show, and the [Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Temple](#)**.
- **Future Plans for Tourism Development:**
 - Efforts are underway to create additional tourist destinations in Jammu city and the wider region with the support of the Government of India.

Tawi River

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▪ **Location:**

- The Tawi River is a **major tributary of the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir**. It originates from the **Kali Kundi glacier** in the Doda district and flows through the city of Jammu. The river then crosses into Pakistan's Punjab province and merges with the Chenab River.

▪ **Significance:**

- The Tawi River is an important river in the Jammu region and was once the main **source of drinking water for the city**. It is **also known as Surya Putri in ancient texts**.

▪ **Challenges:**

- The quality of the Tawi River has **deteriorated due to pollution from solid waste and the dumping of sewage** into the river.
- The **river's course also changes** throughout the year, causing erosion of fields and breaching embankments.

▪ **Catchment area:**

- The Tawi River's **catchment area is 2,168 square kilometers** and falls within the **districts of Jammu, Udhampur, and a small part of Doda**.

▪ **Length:**

- The Tawi River is about **141 kilometers long**.

