



River Devika Rejuvenation Project

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Why in News?

Recently, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology sheds light on the progress of the **River Rejuvenation Project, Devika**.

- The Devika Rejuvenation Project is **nearing completion as of August 2023**, with substantial progress achieved in restoring the Devika River's ecological and cultural vitality.
- This initiative, inspired by the [Namami Ganga campaign](#), aims to safeguard the **sacred Devika River's purity and health**.

What is the River Devika Rejuvenation Project?

- **Comprehensive Waste Management:**
 - Focuses on **Liquid Waste Management**.
 - Establishes a **network of pipes and manholes connecting households**.
 - The primary goal is to ensure the **efficient disposal of liquid waste**, preventing pollution and maintaining the river's sanctity.
- **Complementary Solid Waste Management:**
 - In addition to liquid waste, the project also encompasses the crucial aspect of [Solid Waste Management](#).
 - This entails the responsible **collection, disposal, and management of solid waste materials generated by local communities**.
 - Proper solid waste management is essential for preventing environmental degradation and maintaining the overall health of the river and its surroundings.
- **Financial Allocation Breakdown:**
 - The project receives **investments exceeding Rs 190 crores**.
 - Allocation is shared between **Central and Union Territory (UT) at a 90:10 ratio**.
- **Empowering Communities through PRIs:**
 - [Panchayati Raj Institutions \(PRIs\)](#) play a crucial role in ensuring the success of the project at the grassroots level.
 - The involvement of PRIs enhances community engagement, fosters ownership, and promotes sustainable development practices.

What are the Key Facts about the Devika River?

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- **Origin:**

- Devika River originates from the hilly Suddha Mahadev temple in the **Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir** and flows down towards **western Punjab (now in Pakistan)** where it merges with the **Ravi River**.

- **Cultural Significance:**

- The river **holds religious significance** as it is revered by **Hindus as the sister of the river Ganga**.
- It is believed that Devika River is a manifestation of the Goddess Parwati herself to benefit the people of **Mader Desha that covers areas between river Ravi and Chenab**.

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